

MINUTES
May 18, 2006

- CALL TO ORDER President Cederquist called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag and an inspirational reading led by Armen Bacon.
- ATTENDANCE Members present: President Delbert Cederquist, Vice President Dr. Sally Tannenbaum, and Members Barbara Thomas, Keith Eubanks and Dr. Allen Clyde.
- Participating staff: Superintendent Peter G. Mehas; Deputy Superintendents Larry L. Powell and Richard A. Martin; Armen Bacon, Senior Director to the Superintendent, External Communications; Jan Biggs, Senior Administrator to the Superintendent, Legal Services; and Elizabeth Torres, Board Secretary.
- Visitors: Teresa Trevino, Susan Halbert, Michelle Roman, Pat Simms, Rita Contreras, Marian Romero, Dave Halpern, Jeanie Tomasetti, Laurie Gabriel, Jake Bloodworth, Virginia Waring, Rhonda Dieter, Stephen Bock, Ruth Lara, Marie Gerten, Shirley Hargis, Patty Salinas, Charlene Samuelian, Linda Shelton, Kathy Ramirez, Barbara , Trina Frazier, Karla Chandler, Maria Rodriguez, Sue LaHargoue, Mary Crichley, Claudia Flores, Randy Reed, Linda Shelton, Belinda Meyer, Patty Salinas, Linda Sibel, and Stephen Bock.
- AGENDA Approved Member Eubanks moved to approve the May 18, 2006 revised agenda as presented; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.
- MINUTES Approved Member Clyde moved to approve the April 20, 2006 minutes as corrected by Member Thomas; under Comments by Board Members, Member Thomas' comment should instead read: Member Thomas attended the Chamber of Commerce Education Committee meeting that finalized the career fair.; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.
- EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH Linda Sibel is no stranger to education. She joined the Fresno County Office of Education family after working very successful for California State University, Fresno in the Teacher Preparation and Services Department. Linda was the receptionist at CSUF for four years and FCOE was very fortunate to hire Linda in October of 2000 in the Curriculum and Instruction Department. Initially, Linda was hired as a clerical assistant for the Mathematics component, but after two short weeks in this assignment, it became very obvious that her skills and abilities warranted a secretary position.
- As the Curriculum and Instruction Department grew, Linda began to work exclusively for the Language Arts Program. Linda quickly took on the responsibilities surrounding staff development, special events set-ups, organization and facilitation of clerical needs, technology troubleshooting and purchase orders. She then gained two more programs instantaneously.
- Practically over night Linda added History/Social Science and the Liberal and Performing Arts to her workload. She successfully juggled the work load that one coordinator, two consultants, one clerical assistant and the Mock Trial, History Day and Martin Luther King can generate. Linda worked unwaveringly helping to make everyone's lives on the team run a little smoother by helping to create new documents for added programs, revising old ones and keeping the over 25 projects straight and functioning on time.
- Linda's greatest qualities are her loyalty to FCOE and her reliability and trustworthiness in getting the job done. When the Humanities Block hands a project over to Linda it is the last time anyone needs to worry about it as the job will be completed and in a timely fashion.

Another outstanding quality is Linda's sense of humor. Through her humor, Linda can take what looks like a potentially overwhelming, unsolvable, situation and turn it into a manageable task. She never says "no"; instead she accepts the task and figures out how to solve the problem at hand. She needs very little direction. In other words, she is a self-starter, which is an asset to any department.

With sincere gratitude for her enthusiasm and dedication, we are very proud to honor Linda Sibel as the Employee of the Month. Linda represents the very best of FCOE and the Curriculum and Instruction Department. Congratulations!

Ms. Sibel thanked Superintendent Mehas and the Board for honoring her as employee of the month. She also thanked her friends in Curriculum and Instruction and the various other County Office departments that assist her in managing her work at FCOE.

MOVED TO:
SPECIAL EDUCATION
SELPA

Special Education/SELPA Department
"A Year in Review" Charlene Samuelian, Administrator of Special Education, acknowledged all of the Special Education and SELPA staff for their hard work over the last year. She then introduced Pat Sims, Director of Special Education. Ms. Sims presented a PowerPoint presentation on the following:

- Transportation
- Employees
- Services – New autism course
- Parent Involvement – Development of IEP
- Site Visitations by Superintendent Mehas
- Students perform at All Staff Day 2005
- Circles Classes – Intensive services to autistic students
- Elizabeth Ramacher site visitation by Deputy Superintendent Larry Powell
- Grand Openings for New Playgrounds – Sutherland & Monte Vista
- Physical Education Specialist's Programs
- Power Camp
- Accessing the Curriculum
- Come to the Zoo – Special Event at FCOE Library
- Visit to Chaffee Zoo
- Working with students with more severe disabilities
- Assisted Technology and Adaptive Devices
- Community reaches out to Monte Vista students
- Orientation & Mobility visit to the Children's Museum in Stockton
- Encouraging Student Volunteerism
- Building Modernizations
- Pelco Kids Day a success
- ATP Retreat at Wonder Valley

On behalf of Special Education, Asia Smith, Teacher at Beth Ramacher, sang a special song in honor of Superintendent Mehas.

Special Education students Cher Yang, Teng Vang and Raul Ramirez presented gifts to Superintendent Mehas.

Superintendent Mehas shared special sentiments regarding special education students and thanked the Special Education department for the dedication of the song.

The Board recessed at 1:55 pm for an employee of the month reception and reconvened at 2:12 pm.

MOVED TO:
HEALTH SERVICES

Fresno County Child Care
Centralized Eligibility
List

Mary Arriaga, Coordinator for the Local Planning Council for Child Care, recognized her staff for all of the hard work they do, and also for preparing the day's presentation. She then introduced Marian Romero, who presented the following:

- Brief History
- Development Team
- Program Administration
- Fresno County's Child Care Needs
- CEL Aims To – Improve child care services for families, provide a web based system, and create a secure system to guarantee confidentiality.
- Partnering Agency Benefits
- Data Analysis
- Parent Benefits
- Partnering Agency Participation
- Application Process
- Placement Process
- Termination from CEL
- Record Archives
- Benefits of Full Participation

Superintendent Mehas thanked Ms. Romero for her report.

Board Members asked questions of Ms. Arriaga and thanked her for the presentation.

Adoption of Resolution
No. 2006-16, School
Nurses Day, May 10,
2006

Adopted

Member Eubanks moved to adopt Resolution No. 2006-16, School Nurses Day, May 10, 2006; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.

Member Clyde asked questions of Judy Dorn, Director of Health Services regarding program development for school nurses to obtain a school nurses credential. Ms. Dorn stated that the most recently developed programs require a master's level education.

MOVED TO:
SAFE & HEALTHY
KIDS

FCOE Board Project-
"Childhood Obesity
Awareness & Reduction"

Michelle Roman, Wellness & Nutrition Consultant asked Board Members if they had questions regarding the Local School Wellness Policy Action Plan. She reported that several school boards in Fresno County have already adopted their own Local School Wellness Policy. In addition, Ms. Roman reported on the following:

- School District Fitness Gram recognitions
- Local Nutrition and Health PSAs – they will be shown to the Board at a future board meeting.
- County Office Wellness & Nutrition Committee developments
- 2006 Pentathlon Adventure – Good turn out for a rain date - over 500 participated.
- Harvest of the Month serving over 10,000 students a month

Ms. Wendee Winter, School Nurse reported that the FCOE Mobile Unit went to Break the Barriers to work with Special Education students.

MOVED TO:
COURT &
COMMUNITY

SCHOOLS
Adoption of Resolution
No. 2006-14, Capital
Outlay Expenditures
Adopted
Member Clyde moved to adopt Resolution No. 2006-14, Capital Outlay Expenditures; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

Approval of Fresno
County Plan for
Expelled Youth
Approved
Member Clyde moved to approve the Fresno County Plan for Expelled Youth; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

Superintendent Mehas reported that he received many positive remarks regarding naming a plaza at the Juvenile Justice Center the "Kenneth R. Campbell Character Counts Plaza". Mr. Campbell thanked the Board and the Superintendent for honoring him in this way.

A member of the public reported concerns regarding the West Fresno school district. As the State Administrator is the authority in West Fresno, Superintendent Mehas referred the individual back to the State Administrator or the State Superintendent.

MOVED TO:
MIGRANT EDUCATION
Emergency Closure
Request- Infant Center
Only at Parlier Migrant
Child Care Center
Granted
Member Thomas moved to grant Emergency Closure of the Infant Center Only at Parlier Migrant Child Care Center; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
INSTRUCTIONAL
MEDIA SERVICES
Media for Adoption
Approved
Randy Reed, Media Coordinator of Instructional Media Services, presented audio/visual media for adoption.

Member Tannenbaum moved to adopt audio/visual media as presented; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Superintendent Mehas commended Mr. Reed and his staff for their work on the B'nai B'rith video.

MOVED TO:
CURRICULUM &
INSTRUCTION
Quarterly Williams
Compliance Report
Deputy Superintendent Larry Powell presented the Annual and Quarterly Williams Uniform Complaint Report. No complaints were filed during the April 2006 quarter.

MOVED TO:
HUMAN RESOURCES/
LEGAL/CREDENTIALS
Declaration of Need of
Fully Qualified Educators
Member Tannenbaum moved to approve the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

County Office
Superintendent of
President Cederquist read the following statement: "Let the record show that the required sunshine period has been met, and a hearing opportunity was given for the Board/Superintendent's opening position."

School's Initial Proposal
to Classified Bargaining
Unit for 2006-07 School
Year

Accepted

President Cederquist read the following statement: "Let the record show that the required sunshine period has been met, and a hearing opportunity was given for the classified Bargaining Unit's opening position."

Classified Bargaining
Unit's Initial Proposal for
the 2006-07 School Year

MOVED TO:
EXPULSION APPEAL
HEARING
(Closed Session)

The scheduled time for the expulsion appeal hearing was 3:00 p.m. The Board waited until 3:15 p.m. and neither the student nor the parents appeared for the hearing. The hearing was then cancelled.

MOVED TO:
TRUSTEES ACTIVITIES
Approval of Meetings to
Attend
Approved

None.

Approval of Mileage
Reimbursement
Approved

None.

Adoption of Resolution
No. 2006-15, Support of
West Hills Community
College – Measure B
Denied

Member Eubanks moved to decline adoption of Resolution No 2006-15, Support of West Hills Community College – Measure B; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Adoption of Resolution
No. 2006-17, In Support
of Fully Funding IDEA as
Enacted in 2004

Member Thomas recently attended the Coalition for Adequate Funding for Special Education forum in Washington D.C. and reported on the discussions regarding increasing federal funding for children with disabilities.

Member Clyde moved to adopt Resolution No. 2006-17, In Support of Fully Funding IDEA as Enacted in 2004; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

Scout Island

Member Clyde reported a phone call conversation he had with Dale Mitchell of the Department of Fish and Game. Dale Mitchell will contact Dr. Gary Sells, Director of the Scout Island Education Center regarding Pirates Cove.

Member Tannenbaum shared her concerns regarding the need to make sure our curriculum offerings at Scout Island are attractive, and that we are marketing them effectively.

Receipt of
Correspondence

Elizabeth Torres informed Board members that the location for the Elkhorn Graduation was changed from the cafeteria to the multi purpose room. She also asked Board members to take note of the Jack L. Boyd Outdoor School visitation itinerary in the table packets and asked who planned to attend.

Comments by Board
Members

Member Clyde commented about the following:

- Juvenile Justice Center Gala was excellent

- Court & Community Schools Spaghetti Luncheon was profitable
- Fitness Gram Awards in Sierra Unified went well
- Parents concerned about Special Education in Sierra Unified

Member Thomas attended the most recent Fresno Chamber of Commerce Educational Committee meeting. There were discussions on the success of the career fair. They would like to expand the fair next year. Ms. Thomas also commended FCOE employee Valerie Vuicich for doing an excellent job representing the County Office on the Committee.

Member Thomas reported that the CCBE leadership would like to have its own conference in October. Member Thomas asked if any County Board members would be interested in attending a CCBE conference in October 2006. None of the County Board members were interested.

Member Clyde granted permission for funds to be moved from his budget allowance to other board member's budgets as needed to cover ongoing expenses.

Board Members asked to be invited to future May budget review sessions.

MOVED TO:
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent Mehas reported on the following:

- State Water Bonds – Implications on the Central Valley & County Schools: If the legislature ignores the Valley on the issue of water it will critically impact school districts. Superintendent Mehas asked board members to take note of the sample resolution in their table packets regarding the water issue and mistreatment of Juan Arambula. Board members asked that the resolution be placed on June 2006 agenda.
- PACE Charter School Court Hearing Update: Senior Administrator Jan Biggs briefed the board on the outcome of the hearing.
- H.S. Exit Exam Court Ruling: Superintendent Mehas was disappointed with the ruling.
- Selma Learning Academy Charter: Deputy Superintendent Richard Martin briefed the board on location changes of the Charter since approved by the Board in 2005.
- State Art & Music Education Funds: Fresno County will not receive funding.
- Recruitment and Retention of Math Teachers: State Secretary of Education will designate which counties will receive funding.
- Governor Schwarzenegger's Education Commission: Superintendent Mehas was asked to serve as the State Wide Co-Chair of the Education Commission.
- Governor Schwarzenegger Requests FCOE's Help: Superintendent Mehas was asked by State Board of Education Member Bonnie Ruiz to review and give recommendations on legislation regarding supplemental materials for limited English speakers. Superintendent Mehas immediately delegated the request to Dr. Don Holder and Dr. Katherine Catania. Their ability to turn quality work around quickly proved FCOE's credibility and ability to influence state policy. Superintendent Mehas commended FCOE staff for their expertise and professionalism.
- 2006 Superintendent Election: Superintendent Mehas commended the Board and FCOE staff for remaining professional in this Superintendent election.
- Goodwill Committee FCOE Picnic will be held at Scout Island June 10th. The Superintendent and the Board agreed to invite certain non-FCOE individuals who helped in the Wagon Train and present them with certificates thanking them for their contributions to the Wagon Train Sesquicentennial Event.
- Sesquicentennial Celebration Projects & Events: FCOE is compiling a Sesquicentennial book which will include several pages on the history of FCOE. We will also enter a float for the September 30th Sesquicentennial Parade. In addition, we will be involved in the

Sesquicentennial kick off at the 2006 Fresno Fair.

COMMUNITY INPUT None.

FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS None

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned meeting at 4:15 p.m.

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