

MINUTES  
June 15, 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: Jeff Becker, Sue Hunsbarger, Linda Plitt, Marisa Gamboa, Pam Coronado, Ken Campbell, Patty Salinas, Jesse Bloodworth, Kathy Ramirez, Donna Ellis, Betty Thompson, Audrey Tarvin, Mimi Nino, Laurie Gabriel, Diane Ladd, Maria Rodriguez, Claudia Lopez, Judy Dorn, Ruth Lara, Jim Goodwin, Jennifer Quinn, Maria Williams, Shoufie Rusli, Rosalba Maritano, Jeannie Tomasetti, Marie Gerten, Daniel Flores, Mac Souvannasane, Charlotte Nunn, Lisa Rocha, Rhonda Lodridge, and Mary Marshall.
- AGENDA**  
Approved Member Tannenbaum moved to approve the June 15, 2006 revised agenda as presented; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.
- MINUTES**  
Approved Member Eubanks moved to approve the May 18, 2006 minutes; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.
- EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH** It is with extreme pleasure that we recognize Debbie Cleland as the July 2006 Employee of the Month. Debbie began her FCOE career over 5 years ago in the Human Resources Department as the Personnel/Payroll Technician for the After School Program. In this position she was responsible for the recruitment, orientation, employee maintenance and payroll for approximately 350 employees. In 2002, she was selected for a position in Internal Finance as the Classified Payroll Technician and in 2004 Debbie was promoted to her current position as the Senior Payroll Technician.
- These promotional advancements were a natural for Debbie as her talents and abilities are recognized by all those she works with. Debbie's current responsibilities include preparing FCOE's certificated payroll and direct oversight of the payroll process for certificated, classified and supplemental employees which is approximately 1200 employees each month. Debbie is highly accountable when it comes to ensuring the timing and accuracy of her payroll and her best skill is making it look easy.
- Debbie handles her responsibilities with ease and a smile. Even on those payroll due dates you can find her in great spirits with energy to spare! Debbie is the rare combination of a "people person" with great technical skills, a sense of humor and a cooperative spirit. She goes out of her way to make sure that employees have what they need and the ability to explain the payroll processes in a thorough and understanding way. When approached with numerous complicated payroll situations, she works out all the possible scenarios and returns with that can-do attitude and an "I got it" spirited response and she makes it happen.
- In addition to all the support Debbie offers the Internal Finance Department and FCOE at large she is also the Business Department's Goodwill representative. She has served as the Goodwill Treasurer for the last few years and has energetically participated in numerous events. With her love for football she

has assisted in making Super Bowl Sunday an event that we all look forward to. Whether she is calculating an employees pay, balancing her payroll or planning a Goodwill event, Debbie gives her best in everything she does. FCOE is truly fortunate to have such a caring and conscientious employee.

For all that she does it is a pleasure to honor Debbie Cleland as the July 2006 Employee of the Month. Thank you for making a difference!

Ms. Cleland introduced those of her family members present: her son Brian, daughter Ashley, brother Robert and father Chris. She stated that she is grateful for the opportunity to work for an organization that does so much for the children of Fresno County, and was also thankful to work with so many wonderful people whom she can call her friends. She thanked the Board and Superintendent for the recognition.

Board Members thanked Ms. Cleland for her patience and care in dealing with them on their payroll issues.

**RECESS**

The Board recessed at 1:37 pm for the employee of the month reception and reconvened at 1:50 pm.

**MOVED TO:  
COURT &  
COMMUNITY  
SCHOOLS**

Approval of Consolidated Application Part I, 2006-07  
Approved  
Member Eubanks moved to approve the Consolidated Application Part I, 2006-07; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

WASC Self-Study Update for Court Schools  
Marisa Gamboa, Court & Community Schools Teacher on Special Assignment, reported on the WASC Action Plan progress. The following are the items reported on:

- Transitioning & Assisting students back to the community or a Court & Community School.
- Instructional Time
- Curriculum
- Assessments

The Board discussed the possibility of Board Members personally contributing to a monetary scholarship for graduates of the Violet Heintz Academy.

**MOVED TO:  
FRESNO ROP**

Ratify the Approved Minutes of the March 15, 2006 ROP Advisory Board of Management Regular Meeting  
Ratified  
Member Tannenbaum moved to ratify the minutes of the March 15, 2006 ROP Advisory Board of Management Regular Meeting; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

Adoption of Resolution No. 2006-20, Capital Outlay and Equipment Replacement  
Member Thomas moved to adopt Resolution No. 2006-20, Capital Outlay and Equipment Replacement Expenditures; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.

Expenditures

Adopted

MOVED TO:

LEGAL/CREDENTIALIAL/

HUMAN RESOURCES

Adoption of Resolution  
No. 2006-18, Early  
Retirement (PERS)  
Riverdale Joint Unified  
School District,  
06/19/06 – 09/17/06  
Adopted

Member Eubanks moved to adopt Resolution No. 2006-18, open window for two additional years of service credit to qualified classified employees of the Riverdale Joint Unified School District, 6/19/06 – 9/17/06; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Adoption of Resolution  
No. 2006-19, Early  
Retirement (PERS)  
Washington Colony  
School District,  
06/19/06 – 09/17/06  
Adopted

Member Tannenbaum moved to adopt Resolution No. 2006-18, open window for two additional years of service credit to qualified classified employees of the Washington Colony School District, 6/19/06 – 9/17/06; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

County Office  
Superintendent of  
School's Initial Proposal  
to Certificated Bargaining  
Unit for 2006-07  
School Year

President Cederquist moved to acknowledge the opportunity for public discussion on the County Superintendent of School's 2006-07 Initial Proposal to the Certificated Bargaining Unit and read the following statement: "Let the record show that the required sunshine period has been met, and a hearing opportunity was given for the Superintendent's opening position." Due to no one from the public being present, the hearing was closed.

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

President Cederquist moved to acknowledge the opportunity for public discussion on the Certificated Bargaining Unit's 2006-2007 Initial Proposal and 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." Due to no one from the public being present, the hearing was closed.

MOVED TO:

BUSINESS SERVICES

Approval of 2005-06  
FCOE Budget Revisions  
Approved

Member Thomas moved to approve 2005-06 FCOE Budget Revisions; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Public Hearing and  
Adoption of FCOE  
2006-07 Budget  
Adopted

President Cederquist moved to acknowledge the opportunity for public discussion on the Adoption of FCOE's 2006-07 Budget and read the following statement: "Let the record show that the required sunshine period has been met, and a hearing opportunity was given for the adoption of FCOE's 2006-07 Budget. Due to no one from the public being present, the hearing was closed.

Board Members asked questions regarding the budget.

Member Clyde moved to adopt the FCOE 2006-07 Budget; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

Acknowledgement of

Member Clyde moved to acknowledge the Quarterly Disclosure of the Fresno County Office of

Receipt of the Quarterly Disclosure of FCOE's Investment Policies Acknowledged	Education's Investment Policies; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.
Adoption of Resolution No. 2006-21, Various State Funding Applications Adopted	Member Clyde moved to adopt Resolution No. 2006-21, Various State Funding Applications; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.
Authorize Bidding Various Construction & Maintenance Projects Authorized	Member Thomas moved to authorize going to bid for Various Construction & Maintenance Projects; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.
Recommend Appointment of Deputy Superintendent Larry L. Powell as Fresno County Schools Interim-Superintendent, Effective August 1, 2006 Appointment Granted	Superintendent Mehas recommended changing the language of the recommendation to the following: The Administration recommends the board appoint Deputy Superintendent Larry L. Powell as the Interim-Superintendent upon the resignation of the Superintendent of Schools. Member Clyde moved to approve the change in language and appointment; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.
<b>MOVED TO: TRUSTEES ACTIVITIES</b>	
Approval of Meetings to Attend Approved	Barbara Thomas requested permission to attend the CSBA Policy Platform Committee on July 11, 2006 and stated that expenses should be paid by CSBA. In the event that expenses are not paid by CSBA, Member Thomas will submit meeting expenses to the County Board. Member Tannenbaum moved to approve travel and expenses; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.
Approval of Mileage Reimbursement Approved	Member Eubanks moved to approve the following Mileage Reimbursements: Member Tannenbaum \$319.27 for 1/06-6/06; Member Eubanks \$272.79 for 1/06-6/06; Member Cederquist \$720.01 1/06-6/06; Member Clyde \$320.40 1/06-6/06; and Member Thomas \$26.70 1/06-6/06; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.
Approval of Conference Expense Reimbursement	Member Thomas moved to approve conference reimbursements for the following: Member Cederquist \$3050.67 for CCBE Annual Spring, CSBA Annual Education, and CSBA Delegate Assembly; Member Thomas \$1150.30 for CCBE Annual Spring and CSBA Annual Education; and the Trustees Association for ½ of the expenses for the 2005 Trustees reception co-hosted by the Fresno County Office of Education \$371.74; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.
Adoption of Resolution No. 2006-22, In Support of Additional Above Ground Water Storage and Expressing Outrage at Assembly Speaker's Treatment of Assembly Member Juan Arambula Adopted	Member Clyde moved to adopt Resolution No. 2006-22, In Support of Additional Above Ground Water Storage and Expressing Outrage at Assembly Speaker's Treatment of Assembly Member Juan Arambula; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

Receipt of  
Correspondence

None.

Comments by Board  
Members

Member Eubanks asked to whom he should make a check out to for scholarship donation to Violet Heintz Academy graduates. Superintendent Mehas stated checks should be made out to the Fresno County Office of Education.

Member Tannenbaum commended the FCOE staff for wonderfully coordinating all recent events.

President Cederquist commended FCOE staff as well for their hard work in the coordination of all FCOE events. In addition, he commended FCOE for their foresight in allocating funds over the last five years toward the project development of the Juvenile Justice Center.

Superintendent thanked the Board for their attendance at all FCOE functions and explained that it pleases FCOE staff that they attend.

Member Cederquist commended the Board Members for exemplary conduct during the County Superintendent of Schools election.

Superintendent Mehas reported that FCOE staff was also very professional in their conduct.

Member Clyde asked permission to give Deputy Superintendent Larry Powell information he recently acquired regarding a teaching credential program at CSU Fresno that is geared toward getting registered nurses to teach in K-12 education. Superintendent Mehas consented.

MOVED TO:  
SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT

Superintendent Mehas reported on the following:

- Fresno County Map: Superintendent Mehas commended Dr. Art Serabian, Executive Director of Information Systems & Technology, for the expertise he has brought to FCOE over the years. He invited Dr. Serabian to report on the development of the Fresno County Schools Boundary Map. After reporting, Dr. Serabian thanked the Board and County Office for the support he received and opportunities he was afforded while employed by FCOE.
- PACE Charter School Litigation: Superintendent Mehas briefed the board on the trial.
- Gateway Charter Hearing: Superintendent Mehas commended the FCOE Business Services department for their meticulous preparation for the hearing.
- Parlier USD Update: Interim-Superintendent Elizondo will soon be leaving. Deputy Superintendent Powell reported on FCOE's involvement in the Parlier Superintendent search. The goal is to hire a Superintendent by July 15, 2006. Senior Administrator Jan Biggs reported on negotiations with the classified bargaining unit. There will soon be a meeting with the certificated bargaining unit. Mr. Biggs commended FCOE Legal Counsel Linda Bacon for her commitment and quality work she has produced while working with Parlier USD.
- FCOE Transition Plan: Superintendent Mehas stated that he was pleased with the voters of Fresno County for electing Larry Powell as County Superintendent of Schools. He reported that the transition is progressing well and that many changes are soon to come. He is very pleased with what is turning out to be a smooth the transition. Mr. Powell announced Jim Yovino, Assistant Superintendent at Central Unified, as his appointment to Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services, and that Teresa Trevino will move with him to the Superintendent's desk to be his Executive Assistant. Mr. Powell complimented Superintendent Mehas for the behind the scenes work and effort in managing a smooth

transition. Superintendent Mehas assured the Board that things will only get better as we transition. Mr. Powell ended by thanking the Board for the interim-appointment. Superintendent ended by stating that he is confident in the sound budget that he is leaving to the next Superintendent.

- COMMUNITY INPUT      None.
  
- FUTURE AGENDA  
ITEMS                      None.
  
- ADJOURNMENT           Meeting adjourned meeting at 3:09p.m.

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