

MINUTES  
July 20, 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; Superintendent-Elect Larry L. Powell; Richard A. Martin, Deputy Superintendent of Business Services; Armen Bacon, Senior Director to the Superintendent, External Communications; Jan M. Biggs, Senior Administrator to the Superintendent, Legal Services; and Elizabeth Torres, Board Secretary.
- Visitors: Teresa, Helaina and Michael Trevino, Sonia Gonzalez, Teresa's Mother Emily, Al and Gloria Trevino, Kathy Ramirez, Maria Rodriguez, Claudia Lopez, Susan Halbert, Linda Sibel, Char Nunn, Sophia Martinez, Jennifer Quinn, Peggy Stathem, Susan Bailey, Angela Bowlin, Susie Barela, Patty Salinas, Dr. Kathryn Catania, Dr. Don Holder, Gail Zuniga, Wendee Winters, Cris Allen, Keri Ervin, Sue LaHargoue, Mary Crichley, Patty Lehman, Diane Ladd, Rita Contreras, Pat Sims, Jake Bloodworth, Anna Maldonado, David Halpern, Susan Hamp, Marie Gerten, Enedelia Perea, Daniel Flores, Randy Reed, Karla Chandler, Lori Hamada, Laurie Gabriel, Ken Campbell, Virginia Waring, Steve Bock, Josh Espinoza, Jeannie Tomasetti and Irma Hicks.
- AGENDA**  
**Approved** Member Eubanks moved to approve the July 20, 2006 revised agenda as presented; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.
- MINUTES**  
**Approved** Member Thomas moved to approve the June 15, 2006 minutes; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.
- EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH** Teresa Martinez-Trevino first joined the Fresno County Office of Education as a temporary employee in December 1994. It did not take long for her to move quickly into a full time position within the PASS program. Over the ensuing years, Teresa's skills and abilities afforded her advanced opportunities as an Administrative Assistant to the Administrator of Curriculum and Instruction followed by an Administrative Assistant position to the Assistant Superintendent of Governmental Relations and the Board secretary.
- While working full time in a high level administrative assistant position, Teresa enrolled in college and last year earned her Bachelor's Degree. This is just another example of her drive and perseverance. While earning her degree, Teresa began the next step in her career with FCOE as she was promoted to the Administrative Assistant III position to the Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services Department.
- Teresa's nearly 12-year work history at FCOE illustrates how she gained the diverse and valuable experience she possesses as she steps into her new role as Executive Assistant to the Superintendent to Superintendent-Elect Larry Powell.
- What this work history does not show is Teresa's heart and soul...both of which she puts into her daily job. Teresa is held in the highest regard by the support staff in Educational Services. Teresa is defined by her peers as possessing wonderful characteristics, suffice it to say, the word "professional" is used over and over. Additional comments include:

“...she encourages the support staff to take on new roles, use their talents, and take ownership of the event” (referring to the Support Staff Conference). “She encourages teamwork and sets the example.” “She not only talks the talk, but walks the walk.” “I enjoy working with Teresa because she is not only organized and structured, but she has the ability to pull together the necessary resources, and handles any unexpected circumstances with poise and professionalism.” “She can join in and have fun with the rest of us. She keeps tense moments light, always listens to everyone’s input, and makes judgment calls based on what will serve the whole group best rather than just one or two, or her own agenda.” She is a caring and compassionate person...always goes the extra mile to assist with any concern, no matter how big or how small.”

“Teresa is truly a blessing to call a colleague and a friend.” For these reasons and many, many more we are extremely proud to recognize and honor Teresa as the August 2006 Fresno County Office of Education Employee of the Month. Congratulations Teresa on a job well done and thank you for making such an incredible impact in support of the County Office!

Ms. Martinez-Trevino expressed gratitude for being honored as employee of the month. She also thanked her family, friends and co-workers for being supportive of her and attributed her success to being surrounded by supportive family and friends.

RECESS

The Board recessed at 1:40 pm for the employee of the month reception and reconvened at 2:00 pm.

MOVED TO:  
COURT &  
COMMUNITY  
SCHOOLS

Approval of Carl D.  
Perkins Grant  
Application for Program  
Year 2006-07  
**Approved**

Member Clyde moved to approve the Carl D. Perkins Grant Application as submitted; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

Member Tannenbaum asked whether Court & Community Schools would utilize FCOE’s Library Media Services Department to create a Court & Community Schools training video. Superintendent Mehas explained the possibilities of working with the Library Media department.

Superintendent Mehas asked Court & Community Schools Administrator Ken Campbell to brief the Board on the progress of the expansion of career technical programs at Court and Community Schools.

MOVED TO:  
SAFE & HEALTHY  
KIDS

Special Recognition of  
Bella Frutta/P-R Farms

Michelle Roman, FCOE Wellness & Nutrition Consultant thanked Bella Frutta/P-R Farms Owner Pat Ricchiuti and General Manager Loren Werth for going “above and beyond the call of duty” in their participation with the Harvest of the Month program. Their willingness to provide fruits and vegetables, their availability to assist in presenting to students the benefits of eating healthy, and their readiness to travel anywhere in Fresno County, has increased the effectiveness of the goals of the Harvest of the Month program.

Linda Shelton reported on the results of the Harvest of the Month school surveys. A recurring question asked on the surveys is, “When will the Harvest of the Month team visit our school site again?” Ms. Shelton agreed that the success of the program was due to their partnership with Bella Frutta and she thanked Mr. Ricchiuti and Mr. Werth for their partnership.

Mr. Ricchiuti and Mr. Werth thanked the County Office for the opportunity to partner on the Harvest

of the Month program. Mr. Ricchiuti stated that the only conditions he gave his staff for participating in the program was that they provide a great product and great service. He thanked Mr. Werth and the rest of the Bella Frutta/P-R Farms staff for all of their hard work. He added that touring students at the farm and connecting with them in the classroom had afforded Bella Frutta the opportunity to also connect with the students parents. He also reported that he shared testimonies of their partnership with the County Office and the Harvest of the Month program with Fresno County Farm Bureau and the California Secretary of Agriculture. He stated that the kind of collaboration Bella Frutta has had with the County Office, along with the testimonials of success from other groups participating in education and nutrition programs, is having an affect on the farm bill, which has traditionally only focused on major commodities. The California Secretary of Agriculture plans to report in Washington on the partnerships and testimonials, and will request that the farm bill include a focus on specialty crops, education, and nutrition.

The Superintendent and Board also expressed their gratitude for Bella Frutta/P-R Farm's partnership.

Ms. Roman and Ms. Shelton presented Mr. Ricchiuti and Mr. Werth with a certificate of appreciation.

FCOE Board Project  
"Childhood Obesity  
Awareness & Reduction"

Ms. Roman reported on the meetings of the Wellness & Nutrition Committee. The following are the Committees future plans:

- Health and Benefits Fair in August or September of 2006
- Health Bulletin Board in the Staff Lounge
- Possible contracts with local health clubs for memberships at discounted prices
- Farmers Market either across Van Ness or on the Plaza
- Walking Meetings
- Caterer Surveys: Caterers willing to provide healthy food choices when catering for FCOE
- FCOE Club Fitness: Cyndi Kirby will be the instructor. A location is still being discussed.
- Brown Bag Lunch: Health & Nutrition presentation to be given at lunch once a month.

FCOE School Nurse Wendee Winters updated the Board on the progress of the Mobile Health Center. She reported BMI reductions in students, parents and families. She also reported that FCOE Medical Consultant, Dr. Helen Rockas, had been working on promoting the program and made contact with an organization willing to donate bikes in order to reward the boy and girl who have had the greatest success in lowering their BMI. Ms. Winters distributed new program brochures to the Board, Superintendent, and Cabinet.

Ms. Shelton showed a DVD of PSAs created by Washington Union High School students. She reported that the program plans to utilize the PSAs for health and nutrition education. She distributed copies of the PSAs to the Superintendent, Superintendent-Elect, and Board Members.

The board thanked the Wellness and Nutrition team, Pat Ricchiuti, and Loren Werth for making the board project a success.

MOVED TO:  
LEGAL/CREDENTIALS/  
HUMAN RESOURCES

Adoption of Resolution  
No. 2006-23, Board  
Member Elections

**Adopted**

Member Tannenbaum moved to adopt Resolution No. 2006-23, Board Members Elections; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

MOVED TO:

TRUSTEES ACTIVITIES

- Approval of Meetings to Attend None.
- Approval of Conference Expense Reimbursements  
**Approved** Member Thomas moved to approve the following Conference Expense Reimbursements: Member Thomas CCBE Annual Spring conference for \$1,210.47 and CSBA Delegate Assembly meeting for \$375.20; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.
- Approval of Mileage Reimbursements  
**Approved** Member Thomas moved to approve the following Mileage Reimbursements: Member Eubanks June 2006 mileage \$56.96; Member Cederquist June 2006 mileage \$64.08; and Elizabeth Torres January-June 2006 mileage \$54.07; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.
- Call for County Nominations for the CCBE President-Elect and Vice President  
**Item Tabled until the August 17, 2006 County Board Meeting** Member Thomas moved to table the item, Call for County Nominations for CCBE, until the next regularly scheduled County Board meeting August 17, 2006. Board members unanimously supported the motion.
- Approval of Payment of the 2006-07 CSBA Membership Dues  
**Approved** Member Thomas moved to approve payment of CSBA 2006-07 Membership Dues as submitted; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.
- Adoption of Resolution No. 2006-24, Naming of the 1111 Van Ness Avenue Property as the “Dr. Peter G. Mehas Education Center”  
**Item Tabled until the August 17, 2006 County Board Meeting** Member Thomas moved to table the item, Adoption of Resolution No. 2006-24, Naming of the 1111 Van Ness Avenue Property as the “Dr. Peter G. Mehas Education Center” until the next regularly scheduled County Board meeting August 17, 2006; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.
- In Support of School Medicaid Services  
**Item to be placed on the August 17, 2006 Agenda for action** Member Thomas asked Superintendent Mehas to explain why the item “In Support of School Medicaid Services” was presented as a discussion item on the July agenda rather than as an action item. Following the Superintendent’s response Member Thomas moved to direct Superintendent Mehas to send a letter on behalf of the Fresno County Office of Education indicating that FCOE supports the continuance of School Medicaid Services. Board members unanimously supported the motion.
- Superintendent Elect Powell stated he had a draft letter prepared and would mail it out.
- Board members also unanimously agreed that a resolution “In Support of School Medicaid Services” be placed on the August 17, 2006 agenda for action.
- Receipt of Correspondence A letter of resignation from Superintendent Mehas was distributed to all County Board members. Member Thomas moved to accept the resignation of Superintendent Mehas; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried. The resignation takes effect August 2, 2006.
- Charlotte Nunn, Sophia Martinez, Teresa Trevino, Peggy Stathem, Jennifer Quinn, Susan Halbert and

Armen Bacon collectively presented a special farewell presentation to Superintendent Mehas. Board Members made complimentary remarks to Superintendent Mehas and thanked him for his commitment to the children of Fresno County.

Superintendent Mehas thanked the Board for their professionalism, expressed gratitude for the hard work of all FCOE staff, and thanked everyone for their kind words and the memory of friendships.

Comments by Board  
Members

Member Clyde reported on his recent meeting with Dale Mitchell of the California Department of Fish and Game and other contacts in Forest Service with respect to the water issues at Scout Island's Pirates' Creek. He also reported that the Huell Houser Production Company is interested in doing a California Gold story on Scout Island.

MOVED TO:  
SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT

Superintendent Mehas reported on the following:

- Art Project Grant: Jennifer Quinn, Coordinator of Special Projects reported on Fresno County's participation in the project.
- Math Teacher Recruitment Center: Dr. Don Holder, Administrator of Curriculum & Instruction reported to the Board on FCOE's involvement in the County Office pilot program focusing on the recruitment and retention of math teachers.
- Truancy Prevention Agreement: Mike Robinson, Child Welfare & Attendance Coordinator reported on the TIP (Truancy Intervention Program) pilot program.
- Court Judgments on PACE & Gateway: Superintendent Mehas commended Jan Biggs, Senior Administrator, Linda Bacon, Legal Counsel and Rick Martin, Deputy Superintendent of Business Services for their trial preparation. Mr. Biggs briefed the board on the outcome of both court cases.
- Equalization for County Offices Failed: Superintendent Mehas explained his disappointment as equalization for County Offices was once again excluded in the state budget.
- Superintendent Mehas requested of President Cederquist that the July 20, 2006 agenda be amended to include an emergency board item for action by the Board. Rick Martin, Deputy Superintendent of Business Services explained the reason for the emergency item "Short Term Loan to Kingsburg Joint Union High School District." Mr. Biggs explained the proper procedures needing to be taken in order for the Board to consider the request. He also distributed copies of the California Government Code that cited the required procedures.

July 20, 2006 Agenda  
**Amended**

Member Clyde moved to amend the July 20, 2006 agenda by adding item "Short-Term Loan to Kingsburg Joint Union High School District" (KJUHSD); seconded by Member Thomas;

ROLL CALL

Member Thomas	Y
Member Clyde	Y
Member Tannenbaum	Y
Member Eubanks	Y
President Cederquist	Y

Motion carried. Board members unanimously agreed to amend the agenda.

Approval of Short-Term Loan to Kingsburg Joint Union High School District

**Approved**

- Member Clyde moved to approve a Short Term Loan to KJUHSD; seconded by Member Eubanks;  
ROLL CALL
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| Member Thomas        | Y |
| Member Clyde         | Y |
| Member Tannenbaum    | Y |
| Member Eubanks       | Y |
| President Cederquist | Y |

Motion carried. Board members unanimously agreed to approve the loan to KJUHSD.

**COMMUNITY INPUT**

None.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- CCBE Nominations for action
- Resolution No. 2006-24, Naming of the Van Ness Facility
- Interim Superintendent's Contract
- Resolution In Support of Medicaid

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

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