

MINUTES
August 17, 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 and Members Barbara Thomas, Keith Eubanks and Dr. Allen Clyde.
- Members Absent: Member Sally Tannenbaum.
- Participating staff: Superintendent Larry L. Powell; Deputy Superintendents Jim Yovino and Richard A. Martin; Armen D. Bacon, Senior Director to the Superintendent, External Communications; Jan M. Biggs, Senior Administrator to the Superintendent, Legal Services; and Elizabeth Torres, Board Secretary.
- Visitors: Tammy Frates, Brad Frates (husband), Tony Frates (son) and Ann Grundmann (mother), Dwight Miller, Sue Hunsbarger, Jeff Becker, Kevin Otto, Maria Rodriguez, Claudia Lopez, Wendee Winters, Don Holder, Virginia Waring, Gloria Ferrer, Shirley Hargis, Mike Robinson, Dave Swain, Rita Contreras, Linda Bacon, Alesha Moreno-Ramirez, Patty Lehman, Randy Reed, Charlene Samuelian, and Jim Monreal.
- AGENDA**
Approved Member Clyde moved to approve the August 17, 2006 agenda as presented; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.
- MINUTES**
Approved Member Clyde moved to approve the July 20, 2006 minutes; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.
- EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH** It is with great pleasure that we recognize and honor Tammy Frates as the September 2006 Employee of the Month for the Fresno County Office of Education. Tammy has been a School Psychologist in the Pupil Personnel Services Department for the past eight years. During this time, Tammy has worked a variety of assignments, including Caruthers Unified, Community Schools, Emotionally Disturbed programs, Foster Youth Services, and the Pre-School Assessment Team.
- Along with providing exceptional services to the school districts, she has written several grants, participated in staff development, trained many paraprofessionals, and is currently pursuing her Administrative Credential. Tammy also is one of only two County Office School Psychologists that is certified to teach behavior intervention plan strategies.
- Tammy works collaboratively with all those she comes into contact with. The following saying very appropriately characterizes Tammy; "If you could have anyone in the foxhole with you...you would want someone like Tammy".
- Tammy serves the students, staff and community with the utmost professionalism. Her compassion, coupled with her expertise in the field of School Psychologist is a tremendous asset day in and day out.
- For these reasons, and many more, we are proud to honor Tammy Frates as Employee of the Month. Congratulations Tammy on a job well done!
- Ms. Frates thanked the County Office, Mike Robinson, Dave Swain, friends, family and co-workers for making her job enjoyable and easy.

RECESS

The Board recessed at 1:37p.m. for the employee of the month reception and reconvened at 1:47 p.m.

On behalf of the entire Board, President Cederquist formally welcomed Larry Powell as Interim-Superintendent.

Superintendent Powell introduced Jim Yovino as the new Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services.

MOVED TO:

ADMINISTRATION

Ratification of Resolution No. 2006-24, Naming of the 1111 Van Ness Avenue Property, "The Dr. Peter G. Mehas Education Center"

Approved

Board members discussed the re-naming of the Fresno County Office of Education.

Member Eubanks moved to ratify Resolution No. 2006-24, the Naming of the 1111 Van Ness Avenue Property: "The Fresno County Office of Education" lettering should be place above the letter "Dr. Peter G. Mehas Center" and the "Dr. Peter G. Mehas Center" lettering should be smaller than the "Fresno County Office of Education" lettering; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

MOVED TO:

CURRICULUM &
INSTRUCTION

Quarterly Williams Compliance Report

Dr. Kathryn Catania reported there were no complaints from January 1, 2006 – June 30, 2006. She also reported on a favorable visit from A.C.L.U. Lawyers.

The A.C.L.U. representatives reported that the County Office's review procedures were in compliance, and they were pleased with the completeness of our documentation. They also stated that the Fresno County Office was one of the most complete documentations organized by County Offices, and that we are a model for how Williams Compliance should be conducted.

The Board asked questions and Superintendent Powell and Dr. Catania responded.

Adoption of Resolution No. 2006-25, Observance of Constitution Day

Approved

Patty Lehman, Coordinator of K-12 English Language Arts & Humanities, reported that the County Office has complied with federal legislation with regard to creating educational programming pertaining to the U.S. Constitution. The educational program has been placed on DVD and will be distributed throughout the County. Each of the Board Members was given a copy of the DVD.

Member Eubanks moved to adopt Resolution No. 2006-25, Observance of Constitution Day; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

MOVED TO:

BUSINESS SERVICES

Approval of 2006-07 FCOE Budget Revisions

Approved

Deputy Superintendent of Business Services, Rick Martin, introduced Sue Hunsbarger, Director of Internal Finance, who presented the FCOE Budget Revisions.

Member Clyde moved to approve the 2006-07 Budget Revisions; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

Approval of Comprehensive Facilities Maintenance Plan

Approved

Deputy Superintendent of Business Services, Rick Martin, introduced Jeff Becker, Assistant Director of Facilities, who presented on the Comprehensive Facilities Maintenance Plan.

Member Thomas moved to approve the Comprehensive Facilities Maintenance Plan; seconded by

Member Eubanks; motion carried.

MOVED TO:

TRUSTEES ACTIVITIES

Approval of Meetings to Attend None.

Call for County Nominations for the CCBE President-Elect and Vice President Member Thomas moved to nominate the following people for seats on the California County Board of Education: Lynn Craig, Riverside County, for Vice President, and Jack Bedell, the current C.C.B.E. Vice President, for President-Elect; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Adoption of Resolution No. 2006-26, In Support of School Medicaid Services Member Clyde moved to adopt Resolution No. 2006-26, In Support of School Medicaid Services; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.
Superintendent Powell introduced Barbara Miller as the new County Office Health Services Director.

Approved

Approval of Co-Sponsorship of Trustees Association Reception Member Thomas moved to approve the Fresno County Office of Education's co-sponsorship of the Trustees Reception at the 2006 CSBA Annual Education Conference in San Francisco, California on December 1, 2006; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Approved

CSBA Call for 2006 Outstanding Legislator of the Year Nominations The item died for lack of motion.

Call for Nominations for Directors at Large-at-Large, Asian/Pacific Islander and Hispanic The item died for lack of motion.

Board-Project 2006-07 President Cederquist asked Board Members to consider extending the current board project through a second year. Members agreed and asked that the item be placed on the September 2006 agenda for action.

Receipt of Correspondence None

Comments by Board Members Member Clyde reported on the development of discussions with the Department of Fish and Game with regard to the water rights at Scout Island. He asked Board Secretary Liz Torres to contact Robin Madrid of the Department of Fish & Game to coordinate an update to be given to the Board at the September 2006 County Board.

Member Thomas spoke on behalf of Member Tannenbaum and requested that the Scout Island website be updated. Superintendent Powell stated that FCOE will launch a new website by October 1st and that all County Office department websites will be updated by then.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Powell reported on the following:

- All Staff Day August 25, 2006 – Focus will be on embracing change.
- Parlier USD Update – Rick Rodriguez is the new Superintendent. The County Office is

- hopeful as they work with the new Superintendent on the budget.
- Re-Organization of County Office Leadership – Superintendent Powell updated the Board on various changes in leadership. He will distribute the new organizational chart once it is completed.
 - Negotiations with CTA & CSEA – The County Office has a tentative agreement with CTA and has settled with CSEA. Thank you to Senior Administrator Jan Biggs and his staff.
 - Invitation to Central USD Deran Koligian Stadium Grand Opening

FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS None.

COMMUNITY INPUT A member of the West Fresno School District Advisory Board presented her issues regarding the name of the West Fresno School District.

ADJOURNEMENT Meeting adjourned at 2:58

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