

MINUTES
October 19, 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 Sally Tannenbaum and Members Barbara Thomas, Keith Eubanks and Dr. Allen Clyde.
- Participating staff: Superintendent Larry L. Powell; Deputy Superintendents Jim Yovino and Richard A. Martin; Armen D. Bacon, Senior Director to the Superintendent, External Communications; Robert Piacente, Legal Counsel, Legal Department; and Elizabeth Torres, Board Secretary.
- Visitors: Ken Campbell, Sue Hunsbarger, Kevin Otto, Valerie Vuicich, David Swain, Mike Robinson, Bill Johnson, Ron Cruz, Tom Read, Kent Ashworth, Tammy Frates, Alecia Paliughy, and Jeff Becker.
- AGENDA
Approved Member Tannenbaum moved to approve the October 19, 2006 agenda with the addition of a brief presentation from the Wellness & Nutrition staff; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.
- MINUTES
Approved Member Thomas moved to approve the September 21, 2006 minutes; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.
- EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH It is with great pleasure that we recognize Ron Cruz as the November 2006 Fresno County Office of Education Employee of the Month.
- Ron was hired in October 2003 as a Court Schools Teacher. From that day forward, Ron has been an outstanding person and teacher; he puts his heart and soul into his teaching. When you walk into Ron's classroom, you will see that his students are actively learning.
- Ron's ability to connect with the student population of high-risk youth at the Violet Heintz Education Academy is exceptional. Ron is respected by all students, staff, and agency personnel. He utilizes a variety of teaching methodologies and strategies to reach his students personally and academically, thereby ensuring their success. Ron goes beyond his normal teaching duties by coming in early to tutor students who are struggling academically.
- Ron has taken advantage of many math workshops offered by FCOE and is always actively searching for professional development activities that will enhance his teaching. Ron is to be commended for his unselfish nature; he sincerely cares about his students and colleagues.
- Ron is truly a catalyst for student success, and we are fortunate to have him as a part of our FCOE team. Congratulations Ron for all you do for the students and for Fresno County!
- We are very proud to honor you!
- Mr. Cruz stated he is fortunate to work with a great group of educators and administrators and appreciates the team of people he collaborates with to help boot camp student succeed.
- RECESS The Board recessed at 1:45 p.m. for the employee of the month reception and reconvened at 1:55 p.m.
- Wellness & Nutrition Update Linda Shelton, Coordinator of Wellness and Nutrition reported that a list of names of students had been compiled and that she was waiting on parents to sign a release of information in order to provide the board with the academic progress students may have made resulting from their involvement in last

year's board project. She also reported that new Harvest of the Month contracts are being established with districts. Many After School programs have started using the Harvest of the Month program. They are approaching 14,000 students involved in the program.

Cyndi Kirby distributed invitations the October 28th Scout Island Adventure Challenge and reported that 30 teams would be participating this year.

MOVED TO:
PUPIL PERSONNEL
SERVICES

Adoption of Resolution
No. 2006-30, School
Psychology Week,
November 6-10, 2006

Adopted

Dave Swain, Director of Pupil Personnel, introduced Tammy Frates and Alecia Paliughy, School Psychologists, who presented on Early Intervention Pre-Schools and Emotionally Disturbed Classrooms projects.

Ms. Paliughy also presented on the progress toward developing an Equine Therapy program.

Board members asked questions regarding the program.

Member Eubanks moved to adopt Resolution No. 2006-30, School Psychology Week, November 6 – 10, 2006; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
FRESNO ROP

Fresno ROP Report Card
2004-05

Valerie Vuicich, Administrator of the Fresno ROP, presented information regarding the ROP Report Card for 2004-05.

Ratify the Approved
Minutes of the May 17,
2006 ROP Advisory
Board of Management
Meeting

Ratified

Member Thomas moved to ratify the approved minutes of the May 17, 2006 ROP Advisory Board of Management Meeting; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

Adoption of Resolution
No. 2006-32, Capital
Outlay Expenditures,
Revising Amount Set
Aside for FMROC/P

Adopted

Member Eubanks moved to adopt Resolution No. 2006-32, Capital Outlay Expenditures, Revising Amount Set Aside for FMROC/P; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
SUPPORT SERVICES

Adoption of Resolution
No. 2006-36,
Authorization of the
Contract for Emergency
for Repairs for the
Teague Portable

Member Tannenbaum moved to adopt Resolution No. 2006-36, Authorization of the Contract for Emergency Repairs; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

ROLL Call:

Member Clyde	Yes
Member Thomas	Yes
Member Tannenbaum	Yes
Member Eubanks	Yes

President Cederquist Yes

MOVE TO:
BUSINESS SERVICES

Receipt of Annual
Disclosure of FCOE's
Retiree Health Benefits
Received

Member Tannenbaum moved to receive the Receipt of Annual Disclosure of FCOE's Retiree Health Benefits; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

Adoption of Resolution
No. 2006-33, 2005/06
Actual & 2006/07
Estimated Appropriate
Limits (Gann)
Adopted

Member Tannenbaum moved to adopt Resolution No. 2006-33, 2006-06 Actual & 2006-07 Estimated Appropriate Limit (Gann); seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

Adoption of Resolution
No. 2006-34, Selma
Learning Academy
Charter School Revocation
**Adopted to provisional
revoke until October
25, 2006**

Deputy Superintendent of Business Services Rick Martin, reported that Selma Learning Academy Charter School (SLACS) has not been able to attract a sufficient number of students to their school. As a result, the County Office Administration has recommended the Board adopt a resolution to revoke the charter. On October 18, 2006 the SLACS Board voted to close the school voluntarily on October 31, 2006. Considering the recent SLACS Board vote, the Administration is now recommending that SLACS be given provisional revocation until October 25, 2006 in order for them to provide the County Office with a fully signed resolution for voluntary closure.

Member Clyde moved to adopt Resolution 2006-34, Administration's petition to provisionally revoke SLACS until October 25, 2006, in order to allow SLACS time to provide the County Office with a signed resolution stating they will voluntarily close the charter; and, in the event the County Office does not receive the signed resolution by October 25, 2006, they will then revoke the charter; seconded by Member Eubanks;

ROLL CALL

Member Clyde Yes
Member Thomas Yes
Member Tannenbaum Yes
Member Eubanks Yes
President Cederquist Yes

Decision

Motion carried. The board unanimously voted to provisionally revoke the Selma Learning Academy Charter School until October 25, 2006 with the above conditions.

MOVED TO:
TRUSTEES ACTIVITIES

Approval of Meetings to
Attend
Approved

Member Eubanks moved to approve Member Thomas' request to attend a CCBE meeting November 6, 2006 in Sacramento, CA; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Adoption of Resolution
No. 2006-35, October as
Voter Education and
Participation Month
Adopted

Member Clyde moved to adopt Resolution No. 2006-35, October as Voter Education Month; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

Receipt of
Correspondence

None

Comments by Board
Members

Member Thomas expressed interest in the new CSBA Delegate position for Region X B. The board agreed to place the item on the November 2006 board agenda.

Member Clyde asked about the future of Forest Reserve funds. Superintendent Powell provided him recent information he received from Congressmen George Radanovich and Jim Costa.

Member Clyde asked about progress in the County Office's request that probation officers in Court & Community schools use ear mikes.

Member Clyde reported on his recent communications with the department of Fish and Game with regard to the use of Scout Island.

Member Eubanks asked that the media be invited to the Juvenile Justice Campus graduation.

RECESS

The Board recessed for a brief break at 2:50 p.m. and reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

MOVED TO:
INTERDISTRICT
TRANSFER APEAL
HEARING

Anacleto Gutierrez III and
Richard N. Gutierrez of
West Fresno School
District to American
Union Elementary District

The Board discussed the request for an Interdistrict permit. Those present at the hearing included: Anacleto and Mary Gutierrez, parents; Mike Robinson, FCOE Interdistrict Liaison; Kent Ashworth, State Administrator of West Fresno. The Board sought information from the parents and the district.

Member Eubanks moved to approve the interdistrict transfer request for Anacleto Gutierrez III and Richard N. Gutierrez to attend American Union Elementary School District from the district of residence, West Fresno School District; the motion died for lack of a second.

Member Clyde move to have further discussions on the issue; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

Board members sought more information from the parents and the district.

State Administrator Ashworth asked for the following consideration: approve the current transfer request with the condition that the parents make quarterly visits to their school of residence.

Member Eubanks moved to amend the first motion and instead approve the interdistrict transfer appeal for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year with the condition that the parents make quarterly visits to their school of residence; seconded by Member Clyde;

ROLL CALL

Member Clyde	Yes
Member Thomas	Yes
Member Eubanks	Yes
Member Tannenbaum	Absent
President Cederquist	Yes

Decision Motion carried. The interdistrict transfer appeal was approved with the conditions stated above.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent Powell reported on the following:

- Superintendent Powell reported to Board members that they would receive "Thought You'd Like to Know" approximately every four weeks.
- Board/Cabinet Seminar: Superintendent Powell requested the Board President delegate two board members to the Board/Cabinet Committee. Member Thomas reminded the group about the request last year to have a facilitator meet with the Cabinet and Board to discuss goals and objectives for the County Office. President Cederquist delegated Members Eubanks and Tannenbaum for the Committee.
- 2006 Agriculturist Luncheon Reminder
- Dedication of the Naming of the Building: December 14, 2006 is a possible date for the event and would immediately follow the board meeting. All board members were in favor of the date.
- January 8 is the swearing in for superintendent and Trustees 5:00 p.m.
- Swearing in for the County Superintendent & Trustees, January 8, 2007, 5:00 p.m.
- Educator of the Year at Saroyan on Tuesday October 24, 2006
- Proposition 1D Update
- Torlakson Bill Update: FCOE applied to be one of two tech services in the state of California.
- Golden Plains Update: Deputy Superintendent Rick Martin reported that FCOE disapproved the district's budget. FCOE requested a budget review waiver of the State of California. The State has given us until November 3rd to come up with a recovery plan. If by November 30th FCOE does not receive an acceptable budget from Golden Plains, then FCOE will have to give them a budget.
- Superintendent Powell introduced Robert Piacente as a new attorney on staff. He also reported the possibility of hiring another part-time attorney in the near future and eventually having a total of four full-time attorneys on staff at the County Office.
- Parlier USD Update: They are continuing to make progress.

FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS

CSBA call for nominations for Delegate Assembly.

COMMUNITY INPUT

None.

ADJOURNEMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

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