

MINUTES
November 16, 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.
- Absent: Vice President 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; Linda Bacon, Lead Counsel, Legal Department; and Elizabeth Torres, Board Secretary.
- Visitors: Marisa Gamboa, Melissa, Sue Hunsbarger, Kevin Otto, Shirley Hargis, Dr. Lou Telesmanic, Ken Campbell, Jake Bloodworth, Nick Hustedde, and Rob Postler.
- AGENDA**
Approved Member Thomas moved to approve the November 16, 2006 agenda; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.
- MINUTES**
Approved Member Eubanks moved to approve the October 19, 2006 minutes as presented; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.
- EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH** We are proud to honor Melinda Engelman as the December 2006 Employee of the Month. Research shows that at-risk youth struggle with complex issues and scenarios that are brought on by peers, mentors, family members, and difficult social environments. The Fresno County Office of Education is privileged to have a true ambassador for this difficult student population working in our Community School programs.
- Melinda is a dedicated, enthusiastic teacher currently assigned to the Forward Bound Program. Forward Board is an after care program for students who have completed their program at Violet Heintz Education Academy.
- Since Melinda's initial date of hire with FCOE back in 2001, she has diligently worked with numerous Community School students in a variety of situations. Melinda is organized and meticulous to detail; she is loyal, flexible and always has the best interests of her students in mind.
- Melinda's positive energy on the Teilman campus is contagious for staff and students alike. She builds valuable partnerships with fellow teachers, the probation and mental health staff creating an environment that reinforces the highest standards for student achievement. Melinda is currently teaching English, Career Education and Personal Social Development utilizing teaching strategies that maximize student learning.
- Melinda is always willing to go the "extra mile" to help her students reach success. She displays outstanding skills in the areas of curriculum, rapport building and classroom management. Her diplomacy and professionalism make Melinda an excellent representative of the Court, Community Schools and Fresno County Office of Education.
- Melinda is truly a catalyst for student success and a reflection of the Pillars of Character. We are fortunate to have Melinda as a part of our FCOE team. Congratulations for all you do for the students and for Fresno County! We are very proud to honor you!

Ms. Engelman thanked the administration and her co-workers for their contributions in her success, and was thankful for being recognized as the employee of the month.

RECESS

The Board recessed at 1:36 p.m. for the employee of the month reception and reconvened at 1:50 p.m.

MOVED TO:
COURT &
COMMUNITY
SCHOOLS

Court & Community
School Handbooks
Adopted

Member Eubanks moved to adopt the Court & Community Schools handbooks; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

Court Schools Report

Ken Campbell, Administrator of Court & Community Schools, introduced Nick Hustedde, Coordinator at Teilman Education Center, who reported on the Teilman Parent Teacher Association.

MOVED TO:
MEDIA SERVICES

Media for Consideration

Randy Reed, Coordinator of Media Services, presented audio/visual media for consideration and discussion. The Board acknowledged the audio/visual media as presented.

MOVED TO:
CURRICULUM &
INSTRUCTION

High Priority School
Grant: Edison-Bethune
Charter

Dr. Kathryn Catania, Director of School Improvement & Williams Compliance, reported on the Edison- Bethune Charter High Priority School Grant. Edison-Bethune Charter has chosen not to accept the High Priority School Grant.

Annual & Quarterly
Williams Compliance
Report

Dr. Catania reported there were no complaints received during the July 1, 2006 – September 30, 2006 quarter. She also presented the Annual Williams Compliance report.

MOVED TO:
SUPPORT SERVICES

Award Bid #C2006-02,
Purchase and/or Lease of
DSA Approved Modular
Buildings and Alternates
Approved

Member Clyde moved to approve Bid#C2006-02 Purchase and/or Lease of DSA approved Modular Buildings and Alternates to the lowest responsible bidder, Modtech Holdings, Inc.; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

Approval of Addition of
Special Education Re-
locatable Classroom
Approved

Member Clyde moved to approve the addition of special education re-locatable classroom; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
BUSINESS SERVICES

2005/06 FCOE Budget to
Actual Comparison

Sue Hunsbarger, Senior Director of Financial Services, presented the 2005/06 FCOE Budget to Actual Comparison. The Board acknowledged the report.

2006/07 Budget Revisions

Member Eubanks moved to approve the 2006/07 FCOE Budget Revisions as presented; seconded by

Approved Member Clyde; motion carried.

FCOE's First Interim Financial Report for 2006/07 Kevin Otto, Senior Accountant, presented the FCOE First Interim Financial Report for 2006/07. The Board acknowledged the report.

MOVED TO:
TRUSTEES ACTIVITIES

Approval of Meetings to Attend Member Clyde moved to approve Member Thomas' attendance to the Legislative Committee meeting on January 12, 2007; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

Approved

Call for Nominations for CSBA Delegate Assembly Member Clyde moved to nominate Member Thomas for Region 10B on the CSBA Delegate Assembly; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

Receipt of Correspondence None.

Comments by Board Members

Member Thomas reported the need for representation in the C.C.B.E. election. The board unanimously agreed to have Member Thomas represent the Fresno County Board in the election.

Member Eubanks reported on his attendance to the Dairy Bowl and encouraged other board members to attend in the future.

Member Cederquist reported receipt of many positive comments from districts regarding Superintendent Powell's service oriented approach in dealing with districts.

RECESS The Board recessed 2:55 p.m. and reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

MOVED TO:
EXPULSION APPEAL HEARING
(Closed Session)

The hearing was called to order at 3:00 p.m. Those present at the hearing included: student, parent, family advocate Jose Castro, and translator Norma Leal, County Office employee; Kevin Torosian, District Hearing Specialist, Fresno USD; Linda Bacon, Legal Counsel, Fresno County Office.

Board members sought responses from those present.

Deliberations The Board moved into deliberations at 3:31 p.m. and reconvened into closed session at 3:37 p.m.

Member Clyde moved to uphold the expulsion of the student; seconded by Member Eubanks;

ROLL CALL:

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

Decision Motion carried. Expulsion upheld by a 4-0 vote with one member absent.

The Board reconvened into open sessions at 3:40 p.m.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Superintendent reported on the following:

- Congratulations to newly elected Fresno County Trustees.
- Congratulations to Delbert Cederquist regarding CSBA's recognition of him for the number of years he has been a school board trustee.
- Parlier USD Update: Superintendent Powell plans to meet with new board members to discuss FCOE's stay and rescind status over the district and the money the district still owes the County Office. Deputy Superintendent Rick Martin reported on the district's current financial status.
- Golden Plains USD Update: The County Office has drafted a letter to the State regarding their financial status.
- FCOE Winter Office Hours: 12/1/06-2/28/06 official office hours will be 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Quality Education Grant: FCOE plans to submit an application.
- Kenneth Campbell Character Counts Plaza Dedication January 16, 2007.
- Scout Island Update: The Island will be closed for two weeks in the summer for maintenance purposes. The Superintendent has met with the Fresno Art Museum regarding the development of an archaeological dig at the Island. User fees for the Island are being discussed and developed. A master plan for the Island is also underway.
- Superintendent Powell commended FCOE staff for their attitude of service toward districts. He also personally commended Linda Bacon and her staff for the work they have been doing for districts.
- Superintendent Powell extended an invitation to board members for a holiday celebration at his home on December 15, 2006.
- Summit on Violence Prevention: FCOE would like to work with districts to develop a template for changing the culture of schools. The goal is to create a culture where students would be more apt to share information with school administrators regarding the potentially risky behaviors of other students. Following this summit the plan is to call for a policy summit.

**FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS** None.

COMMUNITY INPUT None.

ADJOURNEMENT Meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

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