

MINUTES
January 18, 2007

- CALL TO ORDER** Vice President Thomas 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 Sally Tannenbaum, Vice President Barbara Thomas, and Members, Keith Eubanks, Dr. Allen Clyde, and Delbert Cederquist.
- Participating staff: Superintendent Larry L. Powell; Deputy Superintendent Richard A. Martin, Business Services; Armen D. Bacon, Senior Director to the Superintendent, Communications/PR; Linda Bacon, Lead Counsel, Legal Services; and Elizabeth Torres, Board Secretary.
- Absent: Deputy Superintendent Jim Yovino, Educational Services
- Visitors: Sue Hunsbarger, Shirley Hargis, Patty Lehman, Charlene Samuelian, Lawrence Tyler, Brian Bishop, Vicki Stotts, Tom Read, Ken Campbell, Pam Coronado, Isela Gutierrez, Isela Montano, and Amparo Medina.
- AGENDA**
Approved Member Clyde moved to approve the January 18, 2007 agenda as presented; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.
- MINUTES**
Approved Member Eubanks moved to approve the December 14, 2006 minutes; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.
- EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH** It is with great pleasure that we honor Maria Isela Gutierrez as the February Employee of the Month for the Fresno County Office of Education. Isela joined the FCOE family seven years ago and is currently assigned to the Migrant Health Department as a Staff Secretary. Isela has many duties and responsibilities in her position as a support staff member which include working directly with fourteen health staff members in order to provide much needed services to migrant children of Fresno County.
- During the past six months, the Migrant Department staff was reduced by two positions due to promotions within other FCOE programs. During this transition, there was a backlog of work and an increase of demands on the department. Isela took it upon herself to share the load and jumped in to assist in processing the health data entries. Her proactive approach, combined with her positive attitude, dedication to the department, and knowledge of the job, were an asset to the Migrant team in a time of need. When the vacancy was filled, Isela was just as happy to train the new member of the Migrant Health family and has continued to provide technical assistance when needed.
- Just recently, another position was vacated in the parent component of the Migrant program. Again, Isela jumped right in and provided support for the department. Her dedication and motivation was further evident when she attended multiple Saturday Regional Parent Advisory meetings to take minutes and translate the agendas and minutes into Spanish. Isela was more than willing to provide the additional support, and, of course, managed to keep up with her regular duties. I believe this is a great example of an employee going above and beyond the call of duty.
- It is for these reasons that we proudly acknowledge and congratulate Maria Isela Gutierrez as the FCOE Employee of the Month!
- Ms. Gutierrez stated that it was an honor to receive recognition and thanked everyone for his support.
- RECESS** The Board recessed at 1:40 p.m. for the Employee of the Month reception and reconvened at 1:55 p.m.

MOVED TO:
COURT &

COMMUNITY SCHOOL
Approval of Consolidated
Application Part II
2006- 07

Member Clyde moved to approve the Consolidated Application, Part II, for 2006-07; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

Approved

Tom Read, Coordinator of Court & Community Schools, requested the approval of the County Superintendent to electronically submit the Consolidated Application, Part II, for 2006-07. Superintendent Powell approved electronic submission of the application.

Approval of Court &
Community School Site
Plans 2006-07

Member Eubanks moved to approve the Court & Community School Site Plans 2006-07 as submitted; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Approved

Court Schools Report

Ken Campbell, Administrator of Court & Community Schools, introduced Vicki Stotts, School Psychologist. Ms. Stotts is also an Explorer Scout Advisor at Forward Bound Academy. She, Brian Bishop, and various student Explorer Scouts, provided information regarding a recent field trip taken by the Explorer Scouts, Post 600, to Angel Island in San Francisco Bay.

MOVED TO:
CURRICULUM &
INSTRUCTION

Adoption of Resolution
No. 2007-01, Observance
of Dr. Martin Luther
King, Jr. Day

Shirley Hargis, Consultant, invited the Board to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art Exhibition and Reception.

Approved

Member Cederquist moved to adopt Resolution No. 2007-01, Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

Adoption of Resolution
No. 2006-2, Observance
of Black History Month

Member Thomas moved to adopt Resolution No. 2007-02, Observance of Black History Month; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

Approved

Adoption of Resolution
No. 2006-3, Observance
of Cesar E. Chavez Day

Venancio Gaona and Ramiro Muñoz, representatives of the consortium, El Concilio de Fresno, invited the Board to future events honoring the legacy of Cesar E. Chavez. Mr. Gaona and Mr. Muñoz informed the Board about other venues that educate Adult School students about the contributions Cesar E. Chavez made toward non-violence and equality for impoverished farm workers.

Approved

Member Eubanks moved to adopt Resolution No. 2007-03, Observance of Cesar E. Chavez Day; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
MEDIA SERVICES

Media for Discussion

Superintendent Larry L. Powell presented a list of audio/visual media for discussion. The Board acknowledged receipt of the audio/visual media as presented.

MOVED TO:
SAFE & HEALTHY
KIDS

Board Project Update
Childhood Obesity

Michelle Roman, Wellness and Nutrition Program Consultant, reported on the growth of the Harvest of the Month program in Fresno County.

Awareness & Reduction Linda Shelton, Wellness and Nutrition Coordinator, reported on and compared the academic and physical fitness results of the students in school districts that have been participants in the Board Project, Childhood Obesity Awareness & Reduction.

Superintendent Powell introduced Tou Her, Coordinator of Migrant Parent Service Center. Mr. Her shared regarding the importance of parent involvement and its impact on student success.

BUSINESS SERVICES

Receive Audit Report 2005-06 Deputy Superintendent Rick Martin introduced Bill Williams, Auditor, Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co. Mr. Williams reviewed the annual audit report for fiscal year 2005-06, noting that there were no exceptions except for one regarding the holding of a public hearing on the sufficiency of instructional materials.

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

MOVED TO:
EXPULSION APPEAL
HEARING
Fresno USD
(Closed Session)

The expulsion appeal hearing was called to order at 3:00 p.m. Those present at the hearing included: the student and parent; Dr. Kevin Torosian, Hearing Specialist, Fresno Unified School District; and Linda Bacon, Lead Counsel, Fresno County Office of Education.

Board members sought responses from those present.

Deliberations The Board moved into deliberations at 3:20 p.m. and reconvened into closed session at 3:25 p.m. Member Clyde moved to uphold the expulsion; seconded by Member Cederquist;

ROLL CALL

Vice President Thomas	Y
Member Eubanks	Y
Member Tannenbaum	Y
Member Clyde	Y
President Tannenbaum	Y

Decision Motion carried. The board upheld the expulsion of the student.

The board reconvened into open session at 3:30 p.m.

MOVED TO:
TRUSTEES ACTIVITIES
Approval of Meetings to
Attend

Member Clyde moved to approve Member Thomas' attendance at the Annual Spring Conference; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

Member Thomas moved to approve Member Clyde's attendance at a constituent meeting with Senator Barbara Boxer regarding Childhood Obesity; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

Approval of Committee Appointments Member Eubanks moved to approve the Committee Appointments as provided below; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried. The Committee Appointments are as follows:

- A. ROP Advisory Board of Management Committee – Delbert Cederquist and Allen Clyde
- B. SARB – Keith Eubanks
- C. Trustees Association – Delbert Cederquist
- D. California County Board of Education Liaison – Barbara Thomas
- E. Fresno Chamber of Commerce – Barbara Thomas
- F. Facilities – Delbert Cederquist and Allen Clyde
- G. Charter Review Committee – Keith Eubanks
- H. Board Project – All Board Members
- I. Special Project Committees will be appointed as the need arises.

CCBE Call for Nominations of Legislator Of the Year 2006 There was discussion on possible nominees for Legislator of the Year 2006. The item died for lack of motion.

Receipt of Correspondence None.

Comments by Board Members Member Clyde asked Superintendent Powell to provide the Board with an update on Parlier USD during the Superintendent’s report.

Member Eubanks reported on a call he received regarding an issue at the Central USD that was then routed to Deputy Superintendent Jim Yovino. He complimented Mr. Yovino’s handling of the matter.

Member Cederquist reported positively on the Trustees Dinner Meeting at the Juvenile Justice Center.

Member Clyde commended Deputy Superintendent Jim Yovino for his prompt response in providing Member Clyde with information needed for a parent in the American Union area.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Superintendent Powell reported on the following:
- Swearing In Ceremony
 - Parlier USD Update
 - Technical Service Center: FCOE will not apply
 - Support Questionnaire Form
 - “Thought You Would Like to Know”
 - Superintendent’s Schedule
 - Board-Cabinet Seminar
 - Impact on Schools Due to Fruit Damage
 - Golden Plains USD Update
 - One Step Up 2 Success Charter Petition
 - Superintendent Powell commends all FCOE staff

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS None.

COMMUNITY INPUT None.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

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