

MINUTES
February 15, 2007

- CALL TO ORDER** President Tannenbaum called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag, followed by an inspirational reading by Armen Bacon.
- ATTENDANCE** Members present: President Sally Tannenbaum, Vice President Barbara Thomas, and Members Allen Clyde, Keith Eubanks, and Delbert Cederquist.
- Participating staff: Superintendent Larry L. Powell; Deputy Superintendents Jim Yovino, Educational Services, and Richard A. Martin, Business Services; Armen Bacon, Senior Director to the Superintendent, External Communications; Linda Bacon, Lead Legal Counsel, Legal Department; and Elizabeth Torres, Board Secretary, Support Services.
- Visitors: Shirley Hargis, Ken Campbell, Tom Read, Terry Allen, Charlene Samuelian, Rita Contreras, Pat Sims, Randy Reed, Kathryn Catania, and Kevin Otto.
- AGENDA**
Approved Member Thomas moved to approve the amended February 15, 2007 agenda; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.
- MINUTES**
Approved Member Cederquist moved to approve the January 18, 2007 minutes; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.
- EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH** It is with sincere admiration and appreciation that the Fresno County Office of Education recognizes Pat Sims, Director of Special Education, as the March 2007 Employee of the Month.
- Pat is a highly skilled administrator, who has been a devoted FCOE employee since September 1, 1975. Over the past 30 years, Pat's contributions to the education profession have been evident in everything she does, beginning with her first assignment as a classroom Special Day Class Teacher. During Pat's tenure with FCOE, she has moved from a teaching position to a coordinator and is currently the Director of Special Education.
- Pat has been instrumental in the expansion of special education programs for students with exceptional needs. She was the first program manager to serve the adult student population, ages 18 through 21. Pat is a committed professional often contributing time and energy to local agencies supporting special education programs. Pat is actively involved in Special Olympics and has also served on the Board for Break the Barriers.
- Pat's expertise in technology has been utilized in countless projects. Specifically, Pat prepares all the video presentations for Special Education. She also personally develops and edits the slide presentation for the ATP graduation which is enjoyed by students, staff and parents every year. Her musical expertise serves the students well in her role as "DJ" for special education dances and school functions.
- Pat is extremely well liked and respected by special education teachers, the administrative team and support staff. Her personal character, enthusiasm and eagerness to improve program and services to students are a tremendous asset to the County Office.
- It is obvious that Pat is a true professional in every way. Her passion and dedication to special education students and the field of education is exemplary. Pat, we thank you for your commitment to the success of the FOCE and its programs. Congratulations!

Ms. Sims thanked the Board for the honor of being chosen as the employee of the month. She thanked Charlene Samuelian, Member Barbara Thomas, and all the Special Education staff for their support of her. She also thanked the students for whom she works for the valuable lessons they teach her every day.

Member Thomas commended Ms. Sims for her “can do” attitude in all that she does.

Superintendent Powell thanked Ms. Sims for all her efforts.

RECESS

Recess at 1:40 p.m. for a reception in honor of the employee of the month. The meeting was reconvened at 1:50 p.m.

MOVED TO:
CURRICULUM &
INSTRUCTION

Adoption of Resolution
No. 2007-04, Arts
Education
Adopted

Mr. Terry Allen presented the Arts Education Resolution for adoption.

Member Thomas moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-07, Arts Education; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Quarterly Williams
Compliance Report

Coordinator of Williams Compliance Dr. Kathryn Catania reported there were no complaints from October 6, 2006 – December 31, 2006.

Media for Adoption
Adopted

Media Services Coordinator Randy Reed presented audio-visual media for adoption.

Member Cederquist moved to adopt the audio-visual media as presented; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
FRESNO ROP

Ratification of the
Approved Minutes of the
September 20, 2006 ROP
Advisory Board of
Management Meeting
Ratified

Fresno ROP Administrator Valerie Vuicich presented the Approved Minutes of the September 20, 2006 ROP Advisory Board of Management Meeting for ratification.

Member Cederquist moved to ratify the Approved Minutes of the September 20, 2006 ROP Advisory Board of Management Meeting; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Fresno ROP Update

Ms. Vuicich reported to the Board regarding Fresno ROP’s active engagement in promoting partnerships with local businesses. She briefed the Board on ROP’s program development plans and business partner activities.

MOVED TO:
SPECIAL EDUCATION

Special Education School
Accountability Report
Card

Special Education Administrator Charlene Samuelian presented the Special Education School Accountability Report Card for approval.

Member Eubanks moved to approve the Special Education School Accountability Report Card; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Superintendent Powell commended Ms. Samuelian for her expertise in the field of Special Education.

MOVED TO:
COURT &
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Approval of Local
Educational Agency
Program Improvement
Plan - Addendum
Approved

Coordinator Tom Read presented the Addendum to the Local Educational Agency Program Improvement Plan for approval.

Member Cederquist moved to approve the Local Educational Agency Program Improvement Plan Addendum; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
BUSINESS SERVICES
Approval of 2006-07
Budget Revisions
Approved

Senior Director of Financial Services Sue Hunsbarger presented the 2006-07 Budget Revisions for approval.

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

FCOE's Second Interim
Financial Report

Ms. Hunsbarger and Senior Accountant Kevin Otto presented the FCOE's Second Interim Financial Report.

Adoption of Resolution
No. 2007-05, CDE
Waiver for 2005-06
Instructional Material
Sufficiency Audit
Finding
Adopted

Member Clyde moved to adopt Resolution No. 2007-05, CDE Waiver for 2005-06 Instructional Material Sufficiency Audit Finding; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Approval of
Apportionment of Forest
Reserve Receipts for
2006-07
Approved

Deputy Superintendent of Business Services Richard Martin presented for approval the Apportionment of Forest Reserve Receipts for 2006-07.

Member Eubanks moved to approve the Apportionment of Forest Reserve Receipts for 2006-07; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Authorization to Bid
Standard School Supplies

Member Cederquist moved to authorize going to bid for standard school supplies for districts under 2,500 ADA; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

MOVE TO TRUSTEES
ACTIVITIES:
Approval of Meetings
to Attend
Approved

Member Clyde moved to approve Member Thomas' attendance at the CCBE Legislative Committee meeting in Sacramento, February 25, 2007, and Member Cederquist's attendance at the Border State Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 23-25, 2007; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

Approval of Mileage
Reimbursements

None.

Receipt of
Correspondence

Member Thomas received a request from CCBE President Elect Jack Bedel to present at a Fresno County Board of Education meeting. All Board members were in favor.

President Tannenbaum reported that she received a thank you card from KIPP Academy Principal Chi Tschang.

Superintendent Powell received a request from the Clay Joint Board to support Clay Joint Board Member Randell Yano for Delegate Assembly, Region 10B.

Comment by Board
Members

Member Clyde asked for an update on the work being done regarding the *survivor spouse retired* insurance available to the spouses of FCOE employees. Superintendent Powell said he'd have more information by late spring.

Member Clyde asked Superintendent Powell for an update on the West Fresno case. Superintendent Powell deferred to Legal Counsel Linda Bacon for an update. Ms. Bacon gave a brief update on prosecutions regarding the West Fresno case.

Member Clyde reported that "Clyde Pack Station" will be featured on the California Gold Show on February 26, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., and again on March 29, 2007.

Member Eubanks reported that he will have surgery in March and will not be present at the March 2007 board meeting. He also asked that another board member take his place on the Charter Review Committee should the Committee meet while he is out recovering from his surgery.

President Tannenbaum stated that she was very pleased with the coordination and outcome of the Board/Cabinet Seminar. She also commended those who coordinated the Academic Decathlon.

Senior Director Armen Bacon commended Jennifer Quinn for doing the lion's share of the coordination for the Academic Decathlon.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent Powell reported on the following:

- FCOE will continue to pursue a relationship with the Department of Fish and Game now that we have been recently provided the name of the new contact person.
- FCOE Pillar Awards Update: Reception is on March 30, 2007, 4-5:30 p.m.
- Charter Schools Categorical Block Grant Update
- Parlier USD Update
- Golden Plains USD Update
- Superintendent Powell reported on a recent opportunity to visit a fifth grade classroom in West Fresno. FCOE will do a spot on KJWL to recognize the excellent job local teachers are doing in the classroom.
- Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services Jim Yovino briefed the Board on the F.B.I. workshop "Internet Luring of Children," he recently attended at Mariposa Middle School. Mr. Yovino is working on scheduling the F.B.I. to present to the Superintendents of Fresno County on March 13, 2007 with the hope that they will be encouraged to host the "Internet Luring of Children" workshop in their districts.
- Safety Summit Update: Mr. Yovino updated the Board on the development of the summit.
- California Board of Food & Agriculture meeting at Scout Island will be on February 28, 2007.
- Superintendent Powell had Richard Martin update the Board on the One Step Up 2 Success charter petition.
- Superintendent Powell had Richard Martin update the Board on a recent audit report on CART's attendance violations.
- Tarpey Group Update
- Various city, educational, and church leaders are collaborating to connect every school in

Fresno with a church that will provide tutoring.

COMMUNITY INPUT None.

FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS None.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned meeting at 3:35 p.m.

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