

MINUTES
March 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, and Delbert Cederquist.
- Absent: Member Keith Eubanks.
- Participating staff: Superintendent Larry L. Powell; Deputy Superintendents Jim Yovino, Educational Services, and Richard A. Martin, Business Services; Senior Director Armen Bacon, Communications/Public Relations; Legal Lead Counsel Linda Bacon, Legal Department; and Board Secretary Elizabeth Torres, Support Services.
- Visitors: Ken Campbell, Pam Coronado, David Navarro, Carol Thomason, Marisa Gamboa, Jamie Perry, Laurie Gabriel, Paul Gong, Linda Hooton, Barry Guenther, Andy Perez, Kayla Wilson, Sharon Pfister, Jan Biggs, Mike Lepore, Sue Hunsbarger, Michelle Trevino, Bernadette Gomes, Rita Contreras, Maria Williams, Pat Simms, Janie Rocheford, Steve Sasaki, Kevin Otto, Jim Goodwin, Calvin Certain, and Johnny Littlefield.
- AGENDA**
Approved Member Cederquist moved to approve the amended March 15, 2007 agenda; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.
- MINUTES**
Approved Member Clyde moved to approve the February 15, 2007 minutes; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.
- SPECIAL RECOGNITION** Court Schools Coordinator Pam Coronado recognized College Relations Specialist David Navarro for his service to the students of Court & Community Schools. Mr. Navarro recognized Ms. Carol Thomason for being instrumental in linking Court & Community School students with Mr. Navarro and the awareness he brings to students regarding the pursuit of higher education via community colleges.
- EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH** It is with sincere admiration and appreciation that the Fresno County Office of Education recognizes Associate Director of Facilities & Operations Jeff Becker as the April Employee of the Month.
- Jeff was initially hired as an Accountant II for the Internal Finance Department in January 2001. It did not take long to recognize the exceptional talents and skills Jeff possesses. After a short time, Jeff became a Senior Accountant and although Jeff had overall budget responsibility, he worked mainly with the Court & Community Schools and the ROP budgets. His accounting knowledge and computer skills are excellent and he is always willing to help others and take on new challenges and tasks.
- During Jeff's tenure in the Internal Finance Department, he served on the SACS (Standard Account Code Structure) State Committee and on various other FCOE committees. He played a key role in FCOE's conversion to SACS and the new financial system by assisting with staff training. FCOE is indeed fortunate to have such a competent and conscientious employee.
- For the past year Jeff has served the County Office of Education as its Associate Director of Facilities. When Jeff was promoted to this position he could not have foreseen the types of facility issues that would fall to his desk. In addition to the regularly planned and processed site modernization projects at Kermit Koontz Education Center, Monte Vista, Sutherland Center, Ramacher, and Teilman, all of

which Jeff is coordinating, he has also had to deal with unanticipated facility needs and concerns including the ruptured fire sprinkler in the Towers building that caused significant water damage and insurance claims. Jeff worked tirelessly to ensure that all matters were dealt with in a timely and efficient manner.

It is not uncommon to find Jeff in his office well into the evening and sometimes on the weekend as he is extremely committed to his job and the people he serves. He is steadfast in his desire to see that the job is done correctly, in a timely fashion, and as cost efficiently as possible. He also promptly responds to all requests for information or help. For that, we are all very thankful.

For all that he does, it is a pleasure to honor Jeff Becker as the April 2007 Employee of the Month. Thank you for making a difference!

Mr. Becker thanked the Board and Superintendent Powell for honoring him as the employee of the month. He also thanked his staff and other FCOE colleagues for supporting him. He introduced his daughters, Katarina and Brooking, his wife, Lisa, and his father, Dennis Becker.

Mr. Jan Biggs described Mr. Becker as the epitome of understated excellence and thanked him for the work he does for FCOE.

RECESS

Recess at 1:45 p.m. for a reception in honor of the employee of the month. The meeting was reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

MOVED TO:
BUSINESS SERVICES
Public Hearing on the
Petition for the One Step
Up 2 Success Charter

Board President Sally Tannenbaum opened the public informational hearing on the petition for the One Step Up 2 Success Charter Academy (OSU2SCA).

Deputy Superintendent of Business Services Richard A. Martin read the following: "The County Office of Education shall hold a public hearing on the provisions for the OSU2SCA at which time the County Board of Education shall consider the level of support for the petition by teachers employed by the district, other employees of the district, parents or guardians of the district, and the school district where the charter school petitioner proposes to place school facilities."

Fresno County Office of Education Lead Legal Counsel Linda Bacon gave a brief overview of how the hearing would be conducted.

Lead petitioner of the OSU2SCA, Ms. Joy Alexander, introduced herself and gave a brief explanation of her credentials and career experience. She explained that the goal of the charter is to serve the disconnected student population in a wholistic approach. The following OSU2SCA board members, teachers, parents, and community members expressed their support of the charter:

- Charlie Knight
- Ronald Jones
- Don Pendleton
- Dorothy West Moorland
- Abraham Humley
- Tracey Shepherd Chala
- Louis Harper
- June Washington
- Linda Hollin Fennessey
- Johannes Chala

- Shawn Bradshaw
- Patricia Cooper

Ms. Alexander gave closing remarks regarding the goals of the OSU2SCA and thanked the Board for their consideration OF the charter.

Members of the Board asked questions regarding grade level, location, future location, student transportation, projections of student population, past charter experience, and curriculum

President Tannenbaum thanked Ms. Alexander and all other charter supporters for their presentations.

Approval of Parlier
Unified School District
Loan Extension

Approved

Deputy Superintendent of Business Services Richard A. Martin and Superintendent Powell explained the reasons for their support of extending the current loan to Parlier Unified School District.

Member Cederquist moved to approve the Superintendent to extend the loan to Parlier Unified School District for a period not to exceed six years; seconded by Member Clyde;

ROLL CALL

Member Thomas	Y
Member Cederquist	Y
Member Clyde	Y
President Tannenbaum	Y

Motion carried. The loan extension to Parlier Unified was approved by a 4-0 vote with one member absent.

Receipt of Quarterly
Disclosure of FCOE's
Investment Policies

Acknowledged

Member Cederquist moved to acknowledge Receipt of Quarterly Disclosure of FCOE's Investment Policies; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Authorization to Bid
Services for the Migrant
Child Development
Program

Approved

Member Clyde moved to approve to go to bid for services for the Migrant Child Development Programs at the Parlier Child Care Center in Parlier and the Mariposa Meadows Child Care Center in Fresno; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

Adoption of Resolution
No. 2007-06, Short-Term
Loans to Districts Due to
June 2007 Apportionment
Deferral

Adopted

Member Cederquist moved to adopt Resolution 2007-06: Short-Term Loans to Districts due to June 2007 Apportionment Deferral; seconded by Member Clyde; the motion was carried unanimously.

Approval to Award
School Supply Bid No.
S2007-01

Approved

Member Cederquist moved to authorize Award of Bid No. S2007-01 to the lowest responsible bidder, School Specialty; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
CURRICULUM &

INSTRUCTION

Approval of QEIA
Application for Edison-
Bethune Charter Academy

Member Cederquist moved to approve the QEIA Application for Edison-Bethune Charter Academy; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

Approved

MOVED TO:

SUPPORT SERVICES

Authorization to Bid
Modernization and
Deferred Maintenance
Work at Monte Vista
School and Sutherland
Center

Member Thomas moved to authorize going to Bid for Modernization and Deferred Maintenance Work at Monte Vista School and Sutherland Center; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Authorized

MOVED TO:

COURT &
COMMUNITY
SCHOOLS

Approval of Graduation
Requirements

Member Thomas moved to approve Court & Community School Graduation Requirements; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Approved

Approval of Court &
Community Schools
Library Plan

Member Clyde moved to approve the Court & Community School's Library Plan for 2006-08 as presented; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Approved

Court Schools Library
Partnerships Report

Court Schools Teacher Michelle Trevino, Mr. David Navarro, and Ms. Carol Thomason reported on the partnership between Court Schools and the State Center Community College District highlighting programs and services to the Court School's youth.

Court Schools Delma
Graves Adult School
WASC 3-Year Report

Delma Graves Adult School Teacher Steve Sasaki presented the Court Schools Delma Graves Adult WASC 3-Year Mid-term progress report.

MOVED TO:

SAFE & HEALTHY
KIDS

2006-07 Board Project
Update: Childhood
Obesity Awareness &
Reduction

Wellness & Nutrition Coordinator Linda Shelton and Project Specialist Valerie Romero updated the Board on the status of the Board Project and the growth of the Harvest of the Month program.

MOVED TO:

TRUSTEES ACTIVITIES

Approval of Meetings
to Attend

None.

Approval of Mileage

Reimbursements None.

Receipt of
Correspondence None.

Comment by Board
Members

Member Thomas stated she was impressed with the development of the Ramacher Sensory Room.

Senior Director of Public Relations and Communications Armen Bacon reported that the Fresno Bee helped underwrite the cost of development of the Ramacher Sensory Room.

Member Clyde requested Superintendent Powell give an update on the recent Coalinga-Huron Joint Unified issue. Superintendent Powell briefed the Board on his knowledge of the situation.

Member Cederquist reported positively on the Juvenile Justice Center graduation.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S
REPORT**

- Superintendent Powell reported on the following:
- Selma Unified’s Superintendent Anthony Monreal has taken a State Deputy Superintendent assignment.
 - Superintendent Powell had an enlightening meeting with the Srilanken Provincial Minister of Education regarding Indian teaching methodologies.
 - Lawsuit Update: FCOE is not named in the lawsuit. FCOE is representing a few current FCOE employees and one former employee. A trial has been set for November 4, 2007.
 - Superintendent Powell commended FCOE staff for their hard work.

COMMUNITY INPUT None

FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS None.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned meeting at 3:42 p.m.

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