

MINUTES
April 19, 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 and Members Allen Clyde, Keith Eubanks, and Delbert Cederquist.

Absent: Vice President Barbara Thomas

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; Lead Legal Counsel Linda Bacon, Legal Department; and Board Secretary Elizabeth Torres, Support Services.

Visitors: Charlene Samuelian, Rita Contreras, Randy Mehrten, Mary Ellen Galvan, Brigeen Radoicich, Mary Arriaga, Mary Ann Cusator, Luis Santana, Joy Alexander, Sue Hunsbarger, Jamie Perry, Jeff Becker, Pat Sims, Linda Terry Blanchard, and Isela Motaño.

AGENDA Member Eubanks moved to approve the amended April 19, 2007 agenda; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.
Approved

MINUTES Member Cederquist moved to approve the March 15, 2007 minutes with a date change in the foot note of each page so it reads March 15, 2007; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.
Approved

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH This month the Fresno County Office of Education and the Fresno County Board of Education are proud to honor Leah Martindale as the May 2007 Employee of the Month. Leah is a Special Education Teacher with the ED/Intervention Program and currently assigned to Washington Academy Middle School.

Leah Martindale has consistently demonstrated superior teaching skills throughout her years teaching for FCOE. Ms. Martindale works with a challenging group of students with histories of emotional and social deficits who have each exhausted the educational resources in their home districts. A majority of these middle schools students receive doctor-prescribed medications for their mental health needs and are on staff-developed behavior plans. In spite of these and other student-based, school-related challenges, Leah provides a highly qualitative program that promotes social, emotional and academic gains for each of her students.

Parents frequently comment on their personal level of near desperation they have experienced with their child due to on-going behavioral problems, school-related suspensions and, for some students, years of continuous stresses prior to placements in Leah's class. Ms. Martindale creativity and tireless application of energy has been critical to her students' turnaround. Leah utilizes her support staff and classroom resources and effectively revises direction for many of her students, a number of whom have returned to their home campuses or moved on and successfully transitioned to FCOE's high school ED programs.

All of special education and most importantly our children of special needs of Fresno County are so fortunate to have someone as talented and inspiring as Leah to be working with and educating our children.

For these reasons and many more, it is with sincere appreciation that we present this certificate to Leah

Martindale. Congratulations, Leah for making a difference each and every day in the lives of students!

Ms. Martindale stated that she is grateful to work for FCOE and thanked everyone for their support.

Superintendent Powell thanked Ms. Martindale for the exemplary work she has done.

Board President Tannenbaum thanked Ms. Martindale for the mental health service she provides to the children of Fresno County.

RECESS

Recess at 1:40 p.m. for a reception in honor of the employee of the month. The meeting was reconvened at 1:55 p.m.

SPECIAL
RECOGNITION

Superintendent Powell recognized Gilberto Camacho, student at Washington Union High School, for his recent victory as the State Champion Wrestler in his weight division. He also congratulated him for placing second in the National Wrestling Competition. He thanked Mr. Camacho for bringing honor to his family and community.

MOVED TO:
CURRICULUM &
INSTRUCTION

Adoption of Resolution
No. 2007-08, Week of the
Young Child
Approved

Fresno County Child Care and Development Local Planning Council Child Care Coordinator Mary Arriaga introduced Consultant Mary Ann Cusator who reported on various local events that will take place in recognition of Week of the Young Child.

Member Cederquist moved to adopt Resolution No. 2007-08, Week of the Young Child; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Economic Impact of the
Early Care & Education
Industry in Fresno County

Ms. Arriaga introduced Local Planning Council Chair Luis Santana who reported on the Economic Impact of the Early Care & Education Industry in Fresno County.

Superintendent Powell thanked Mr. Santana for his presentation and shared regarding the grant funding that made the study possible.

Deputy Superintendent Jim Yovino reported on FCOE's involvement in writing a countywide pre-school education plan. He also reported on possible funding sources for pre-school.

Adoption of Resolution
No. 2007-09, National
School Library Media
Month
Approved

Library Consultant Brigeen Radoicich reported on the development of the FCOE Library.

Member Cederquist moved to adopt Resolution No. 2007-09, National School Library Media Month; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
BUSINESS SERVICES

Adoption of Resolution
No. 2007-10, One Step
Up 2 Success Charter
Academy Petition
Adopted

Fresno County Office of Education Legal Counsel Linda Bacon asked Deputy Superintendent of Business Services Rick Martin to present the adoption of Resolution No. 2007-10, One Step Up to Success Charter Academy Petition (Charter). Mr. Martin read the recommendations of the Charter Review Committee (Committee).

Ms. Bacon then explained that those representing the Charter have 20 minutes to respond regarding the Committee's findings.

Ms. Joy Alexander asked that the Board's decision be postponed and that time be given to address the Committee's concerns with an appointed liaison.

Member Clyde moved to grant postponement of the decision in order to give the Charter more time to respond to the Committees concerns. The motion died for lack of a second.

Member Eubanks moved to go with the recommendations of the Committee. The motion died for lack of a second.

Member Cederquist asked to hear from the Fresno County Office of Education staff members involved in the review of the Charter petition.

Deputy Superintendent Rick Martin and Assistant Superintendent Don Holder reported on the findings.

There was discussion regarding the Charter's opportunity to petition another district. It was explained to the Charter representatives that they are free to petition another district.

Member Eubanks moved to adopt Resolution 2007-10; seconded by Member Cederquist;

ROLL CALL

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

Decision

Motion carried. The resolution was adopted with a 4-0 vote with one absence. The One Step Up 2 Success Charter petition was denied.

MOVED TO:

FRESNO ROP

Ratification of the
Approved Minutes of the
January 17, 2007 ROP
Advisory Board of
Management Meeting
Ratified

Member Cederquist moved to ratify the minutes of the January 17, 2007 ROP Advisory Board of Management Meeting; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Fresno ROP Update

Fresno ROP Administrator Valerie Vuicich gave a brief overview of the new one-time allocation for Career Technical Education (CTE) programs included in the 2006-07 state budget for CTE equipment and supplies.

MOVED TO:

SUPPORT SERVICES

Authorization to Request
Proposal for Architectural
Services
Authorized

Member Cederquist moved to grant authorization to Request Proposal for Architectural Services; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried

Educational Employees Credit Union Request for Signage on the Towers Building at 1177 Fresno & Van Ness Boulevard Authorized	Member Cederquist moved to authorize the Installation of Educational Employees Credit Union Signage and Update Signage on Towers Building; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.
County Office Superintendent of School's Initial Proposal to the Classified Bargaining Unit for 2007-08 School Year	President Tannenbaum read the following statement: "Let the record show that the required sunshine period has been met, and a hearing opportunity was given for the Board/Superintendent's opening position."
Classified Bargaining Unit's Initial Proposal for the 2007-08 School Year	President Tannenbaum read the following statement: "Let the record show that the required sunshine period has been met, and a hearing opportunity was given for the Classified Bargaining Unit's opening position."
MOVED TO: BUSINESS SERVICES Approval of Forest Reserve Receipts (Tulare County) Approved	Member Cederquist moved to approve Forest Reserve Receipts (Tulare County); seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.
Adoption of Resolution No 2007-07, Recognition of Classified Employee Week Adopted	Member Clyde moved to adopt Resolution No. 2007-07; Recognition of Classified Employee Week; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.
MOVED TO: TRUSTEES ACTIVITIES Approval of Meetings to Attend Approved	Member Cederquist moved to approve the following attendance at meetings: Member Cederquist to attend the Delegate Assembly meeting in Sacramento on May 17-19, 2007 and Member Thomas to attend the Legislative Conference on May 19-21, 2007; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.
Approval of Conference and Mileage Reimbursements Approved	Member Clyde moved to approve the following reimbursements: Delbert Cederquist for \$2,542.43 and Keith Eubanks for \$161.02; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried. Member Clyde and President Tannenbaum requested the use of their funds to offset expenses for other Board members.
CSBA Nomination of Officers	The Board discussed bringing the item back for action at the May 2007 board meeting.
Receipt of Correspondence	None.

Comment by Board
Members

Member Cederquist reported on the outcome of his attendance at a conference in New Mexico.

Member Eubanks thanked everyone for their support during the time of his health issues.

Member Clyde encouraged Board members to attend the Court & Community School's Spaghetti Luncheon.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent Powell reported on the following:

- Superintendent Powell had Deputy Superintendent Jim Yovino report on his attendance to the Packard Pre-School Planning Conference.
- Armen D. Bacon will represent the County Office in Rome, Italy on the topic of school violence.
- Central Valley Education Consortium
- QIEA Fund Allocated
- Fresno USD Update
- Parlier USD Update
- Scout Island Update

COMMUNITY INPUT

Parent Service Center Coordinator Tou Her introduced Southeast Asian Community Leaders Dr. Somphian Phommahasay, Maikia Lor, Honthong Niravanh, and Sengthie Bosavanh.

Ms. Bosavanh greeted the Board on behalf of Southeast Asian Educational Council Chair Blong Xiong. She thanked the Board for their continued support of the Southeast Asian Educational Conference and invited them to VIP dinner and conference. She distributed invitations and conference folders.

FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned meeting at 3:55 p.m.

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