

MINUTES
May 17, 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.
- Deputy Superintendent Jim Yovino thanked Colonel Mark Ibarra for inviting Fresno County Office of Education staff to participate in the ESGR Boss Lift. Member Allen Clyde also thanked Colonel Ibarra for the opportunity to participate.
- ATTENDANCE** Members present: President Sally Tannenbaum, Vice President Barbara Thomas, and Members Allen Clyde, Keith Eubanks, and Delbert Cederquist.
- Absent: Superintendent Larry L. Powell.
- Participating staff: 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: Rita Contreras, Irma Hicks, Luis Romero, Belinda Meyer, Dan Loewen, Marisa Gamboa, Bill Johnson, Carmen Aguirre, Claudette Graham, Mike Stafford, Charlene Samuelian, Pat Sims, Lou Telesmanic, Pam Coronado, and Gary Sells.
- AGENDA**
Approved Member Eubanks moved to approve the amended May 17, 2007 agenda; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.
- MINUTES**
Approved Member Cederquist moved to approve the April 19, 2007 minutes as submitted; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.
- EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH** It is with pleasure to honor Claudette Graham as the June 2007 Employee of the Month. Claudette has been with the Fresno County Office of Education as a Paraeducator in Special Education for the past 22 years. She has spent the greater portion of those years working and caring for some of our smallest, most critically ill and medically fragile students.
- Without waver, Claudette demonstrates a strong commitment and devotion to serve students with her whole heart and her caring hands assuring the best possible school day she can give to these special children. Each and every day she does her very best to interact and teach with joy, tenderness, and compassion. Over the years, several of the students she has taught have become so ill that they do not survive. With each loss, she has supported the parents, staff and other students by sharing special memories, milestones and kind words. This has offered great comfort during their grief.
- Claudette does not draw attention to herself or the extras that she does every day. You may never see her name on the front page of the local paper, nor may she ever be hailed with the public notoriety of a social champion. But, every day in every way, she is a quiet hero to our students and staff. When she is at work she demonstrates a dedicated, hardworking attitude that is a positive influence on all that surround her.
- Claudette goes above and beyond in all that she does. She makes a difference in every life she touches. She demonstrates the outstanding attitude and positive characteristics of a deserving employee of the month. We should all strive to be that type of employee.
- Congratulations Claudette for being a true catalyst for Special Education and the students in Fresno County! We are proud to honor you!

Ms. Graham thanked everyone and stated that her true reward was working with the children.

SPECIAL
RECOGNITIONS

Migrant Honor Students

Rocio Fernandez briefly explained that an annual, statewide search is conducted to select one migrant honor student per region to receive the Migrant Honor Student of the Year Award. Fresno County not only participates in the statewide event, but, because the staff values all Fresno County migrant honor student finalists, a local event, the Migrant Honor Student Recognition Banquet, is hosted in their honor.

Deputy Superintendent Jim Yovino presented certificates of recognition to all Fresno County Migrant Honor Students.

RECESS

Recess at 1:45 p.m. for a reception in honor of the employee of the month. The meeting was reconvened at 2:04 p.m.

MOVED TO:
SPECIAL
PRESENTATION

Bullard High School
Avian Studies Project

Scout Island Education Center Director Dr. Gary Sells introduced Bullard High School teachers, Mike Stafford and Erin Nielson. The teachers introduced three of their students who shared their experiences while being involved in the Bullard High School Avian Studies Project.

MOVED TO:
SPECIAL EDUCATION
Approval of Fresno
County SELPA Elements
of the Local Plan Special
Education

Approved

Member Thomas moved to approve the Fresno County SELPA Elements of the Local Plan Special Education; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Adoption of Resolution
No. 2007-12, May 2007
as Better Speech and
Hearing Month

Adopted

Special Education Assessment Services Consultant Michelle Austin presented a PowerPoint regarding the Fresno County Office of Education Speech and Language Pathology program.

Deputy Superintendent Jim Yovino commended all Special Education Assessment Services staff for their work on behalf of the school children of Fresno County.

Member Eubanks moved to adopt Resolution No. 2007-12, May 2007 as Better Speech and Hearing Month; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
COURT &
COMMUNITY
SCHOOLS

Adoption of Board
Policy/Administrative
Regulation – Free and
Reduced Price Meals

Adopted

Member Cederquist moved to adopt Board Policy/Administrative Regulation, Free and Reduced Price Meals; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Approval to Submit
Career Technical
Education Equipment

Member Eubanks moved to approve the submission of the Career Technical Education Equipment Grant Application as presented; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Grant Application

Approved

Approval to Submit Carl Perkins Grant for 2007-08 Member Cederquist moved to approve the submission of the Carl Perkins Grant for 2007-08; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

Approved

Adoption of Resolution No. 2007-11, Capital Outlay Expenditures Member Thomas moved to adopt Resolution No. 2007-11, Capital Outlay Expenditures; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Adopted

Approval of Discretionary Block Grant Expenditures -Court Schools Court & Community Schools Director Pam Coronado presented the Discretionary Block Grant Expenditures for approval and stated that the expenditures were approved by their respective advisory groups prior to submission to the Fresno County Board of Education.

Approved

Member Cederquist moved to approve the Court Schools Discretionary Block Grant Expenditures were approved by the respective advisory groups; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

Court Schools Annual WASC Report

Court Schools Coordinator Marisa Gamboa presented the Court Schools Annual WASC report.

Court Schools NASA Spaceward Bound Project

Court Schools Teacher on Special Assignment Dan Loewen presented the NASA Spaceward Bound Project report.

MOVED TO:

SAFE & HEALTHY
KIDS

Board Project Update –
“Childhood Obesity
Awareness & Reduction”

Wellness & Nutrition Consultant Michelle Roman reported on the Harvest of the Month Program and other developments in the Childhood Obesity Awareness & Reduction Board Project. She also showed a Channel 30 video that featured the Harvest of the Month program.

Wellness & Nutrition Coordinator Linda Shelton reported that the Central Valley Health & Nutrition Collaborative is recognizing all districts that have implemented their Local Health & Wellness policy since 2006. Ms. Shelton also reported that the Fit & Fabulous Kids newsletter project has been postponed until September 2007.

MOVED TO:

CURRICULUM &
INSTRUCTION

Quarterly Williams
Compliance Report

Deputy Superintendent Jim Yovino reported there were no complaints from January 1, 2007 – March 31, 2007.

MOVED TO:

HEALTH SERVICES

Adoption of Resolution
No. 2007-14, National
School Nurses Week,
May 6-12, 2007

Member Clyde moved to adopt Resolution No. 2007-14, National School Nurses Week, May 6-12, 2007; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried

Adopted

MOVED TO:
HUMAN RESOURCES

Approval of the
Declaration of Need
for fully Qualified
Educators

Member Eubanks moved to approve the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators through the use of emergency credentials; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Approved

MOVED TO:
SUPPORT SERVICES

County Office
Superintendent of
School's Initial Proposal
to the Certificated
Bargaining Unit 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 Board/Superintendent's opening position."

Certificated Bargaining
Unit's Initial Proposal to
the Superintendent of
Schools 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 Certificated Bargaining Unit's opening position."

Adoption of Resolution
No. 2007-13, Teilman
Educational Center
Addition Project Notice of
Exemption

Member Thomas moved to adopt Resolution No. 2007-13, Teilman Educational Center Addition Project Notice of Exemption; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Adopted

Authorization to Bid
Deferred Maintenance
Projects

Member Eubanks moved to authorize to go to bid for Deferred Maintenance Projects; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Authorized

Authorization to Award
Bid No. C2007-02

Member Clyde moved to award Bid No. C2007-02 to FM Diaz Construction pending SAB funding approval; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Authorized

Approval to Designate
District Representative for
Deferred Maintenance
Program

Member Clyde moved to recognize Jan M. Biggs as the District Representative for the Deferred Maintenance Program; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Approved

Public Hearing for
Deferred Maintenance
Five-Year Plan

President Tannenbaum opened a public hearing for the Deferred Maintenance Five-Year Plan and read the following statement: "Let the record show that a hearing opportunity was given for the Deferred Maintenance Five-Year Plan."

MOVED TO:

EXPULSION APPEAL
HEARING

Kerman USD The expulsion appeal was withdrawn by the Appellant.

MOVED TO:
TRUSTEES ACTIVITIES
Approval of Meetings
to Attend

None.

Approval of Conference
and Mileage
Reimbursements

None.

CSBA Nomination of
Officers

None.

Receipt of
Correspondence

Member Thomas requested that Board members respond to the CCBE survey regarding their recent conference.

Comment by Board
Members

Member Clyde briefed the Board on his participation in the Boss Lift.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

On behalf of Superintendent Powell, Deputy Superintendent Jim Yovino reported on the following:

- AB1403
- Synopsis of the May Revisions
- City/County All Star Baseball Game June 10, 2007 at Chukchansi Park
- Teresa Trevino and Gloria Ferrer reported to the Board on the Support Staff Conference
- Superintendent Powell was selected to be a judge in the Miss California Pageant

COMMUNITY INPUT

None.

FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS

Armen Bacon to coordinate recognition of the winners of the National winners of Academic Decathlon for the June 2007 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned meeting at 3:50 p.m.

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