



FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES
September 20, 2007

- CALL TO ORDER** President Tannenbaum called the meeting to order at 5:03 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 Keith Eubanks, Allen Clyde and Delbert Cederquist.
- 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 Administrative Assistant to the Board, Gloria Ferrer, Educational Services.
- Approval to Amend Agenda** Member Thomas moved to approve an addition to the September 20, 2007 agenda, authorizing Action be taken regarding advertisement for bids for the construction project at the Kermit Koontz Education Complex; motion was seconded by Member Cederquist. A roll call vote was then taken and the vote passed unanimously, 5-0.
- Amended Agenda Approved** Motion by Member Eubanks to approve the amended agenda of September 20, 2007; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried unanimously.
- MINUTES Approved** Member Cederquist moved to approve the August 16, 2007 minutes as submitted; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried unanimously.
- EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH** Jennifer Quinn was honored as the October, 2007 Employee of the Month. Jennifer began her career at FCOE in January of 1999 – rising to the top of a list of more than 90 applicants vying to be Special Projects Coordinator. Jennifer possesses a creative genius, a contagious enthusiasm, and the ability to connect with people from all walks of life. Jennifer has transformed programs like College Night, Academic Decathlon and Educator of the Year to award winning programs that are recognized and highly respected throughout the State. Her passion for excellence, her meticulous attention to detail, her desire to help others achieve success, coupled with her personal zest for life, makes her a valued asset, a shining star, a trusted colleague, and an exemplary FCOE employee. Jennifer expressed her appreciation to the many friends and family members present. Congratulations Jennifer, we are proud to honor you!
- RECESS** A recess was called at 5:25 p.m. for a reception to honor Jennifer Quinn, Employee of the Month. The meeting reconvened at 5:40 p.m.
- COMMUNITY INPUT** There were no comments from the community.
- INFORMATION Safe & Healthy Kids PEP Grant Award** Cyndi Kirby announced that Sanger Unified School District was recently awarded the Physical Education Program (PEP) Grant in the amount of \$250,000. The district will utilize the funds to initiate, expand and enhance physical education programs for students in grades K-12. FCOE and Sanger Unified School District will work collaboratively to raise awareness about physical activity to ensure that students achieve state PE standards and learn the value of a healthy lifestyle. Ms. Kirby also shared the results of the 2005-2006 California Physical Fitness Report.
- ACTION ITEMS**
- Fresno ROP** Member Cederquist moved to approve the State Board of Education ROCP Reserve Limitation Waiver request; seconded by Member Thomas. Motion carried unanimously.
- State Board of Education Waiver Request Approved**
- State Board of Education** Valerie Vuicich reported that in 2005-2006 Los Angeles Unified School District claimed nearly 4,000

Waiver Request Continued	fewer ADA than allowed under its cap, resulting in unclaimed funds being distributed to other ROCP's in the state as "excess growth" late in the school year. This left some ROCPs with reserve funds well above the 15% reserve limitation. ROP must now submit a waiver request to the State Board of Education for a two-year exemption from the 15% reserve limitation to allow more time to spend "excess growth" in a thoughtful manner.
Business Services 2007-2008 FCOE Budget Revisions Approved	Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Eubanks, to accept the 2007-2008 budget revisions as presented; motion carried unanimously. Kevin Otto reported on the budget revisions occurring since the budget was adopted in June 2007. The Board was provided with Finance Reports reflecting the revised 2007/2008 working budget as of August 30, 2007.
Opened Public Hearing 6:00 P.M.	President Tannenbaum opened a public hearing to address the concerns of the public regarding sufficiency or insufficiency of instructional materials in the Fresno County Court Schools and Special Education programs. There were no comments from the public.
Public Hearing Closed Approved	Motion by Member Thomas, seconded by Dr. Clyde to close the Public Hearing; motion carried unanimously.
Curriculum & Instruction Adopt Res. No. 2007-17 Adopted	Motion by Member Thomas, seconded by Member Eubanks to adopt Resolution No. 2007-17, in the matter of Sufficiency or Insufficiency of Instructional Materials in the Fresno County Court Schools and Special Education programs. Motion carried unanimously. Dr. Kathryn Catania reported that Court and Community Schools and Special Education meet the state requirements of sufficient textbooks.
Facilities Authorization to Bid New Construction Project Approved	Motion by Member Eubanks, seconded by Member Cederquist to approve authorization to bid on new construction project at the Kermit Koontz Education Center. Motion carried unanimously. Rick Martin reported that the plans have been completed for the Kermit Koontz Education Center project addition. The plans include six portable Special Education classrooms, a multi-purpose room, six community school classrooms, a library and a shared administration building. The facility will include a handicapped accessible swimming pool. The 8.4 million dollar project will be fully funded by the state through the School Facility Program.
Trustees Travel & Conference Approved	Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Eubanks, to approve Mrs. Thomas' attendance at the CSBA Wellness Conference on October 1-2, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.
TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES Board Seminar	The Board Seminar will be held on February 4, 2008, at Scout Island. Members Eubanks and Clyde will serve on the 2008 planning committee.
Comments by the Board	Mrs. Thomas distributed information from the <i>Every Child Holds Opportunity (ECHO) Coalition</i> . This organization was developed to promote adequate state funding for Special Education programs.
TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES Comments by the Board Continued	Member Cederquist attended College Night and reported that the event gets better each year. Dr. Clyde reported that he, Jim Yovino and Randy Reed met with the Commander at the Air National Guard. He reported that the Air National Guard is anxious to partner with FCOE for teaching and training purposes.
Comments by the Board	Dr. Clyde reported that he will not be in attendance at the October 18, 2007 Board meeting. He will

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be out-of-state attending a medical conference.

President Tannenbaum expressed her appreciation to Superintendent Powell for the numerous invitations extended to the Board to attend community events. She also made the following announcements: Mrs. Dot Powell was named as one the Ten Top Professional Business Women of the Year; Superintendent Powell was named Top Dog by the CSUF Alumni Association; and both Superintendent and Mrs. Powell will be honored for their community contributions at the Break the Barriers Annual Fundraising Dinner on October 11, 2007

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Superintendent Powell reported on the following:

- Migrant Parent Conference will be held on Saturday, September 22nd at the Radisson
- First Tee of Fresno will be held on Sunday evening, September 23rd at the Piccadilly Inn on Shaw and Van Ness
- Scout Island new hire
- Mrs. Dot Powell is the new director of Read Fresno
- Update on Parlier Unified
- Update on Legal Services to Parlier Unified
- Superior Court Judges teaching partnership
- Board of Supervisors joint meeting with School Board Members and District Superintendents on Oct. 30th – Cornerstone Conference Center
- Tree cutting situation at Scout Island and the replanting process
- Discussed land acquisition for new school at the Juvenile Justice Center

**FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS**

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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