



FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES
October 18, 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 and celebratory reading by Jennifer Quinn.
- ATTENDANCE** Members present: President Sally Tannenbaum, Vice President Barbara Thomas, and Members Keith Eubanks and Delbert Cederquist.
- Participating staff: Superintendent Larry L. Powell; Deputy Superintendents Jim Yovino, Educational Services, and Richard A. Martin, Business Services; Jennifer Quinn, Coordinator Special Projects; Lead Legal Counsel Linda Bacon, Legal Department; and Administrative Assistant to the Board, Gloria Ferrer, Educational Services.
- AGENDA**
Approved Member Eubanks moved to approve the October 18, 2007 agenda; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried unanimously.
- MINUTES**
Approved Member Cederquist moved to approve the September 20, 2007 minutes as submitted; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried unanimously.
- EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH** Richard Laine, Special Day Class Teacher at Monte Vista, was honored as the November, 2007 Employee of the Month. Rick has been employed with FCOE for 18 years; the last 17 years as a Special Day Class Teacher. Rick's talent and connectivity with the severely disabled was recognized early on by former Program Manager, Don McHatten, who relentlessly pursued him to become a teacher. Through Rick's extraordinary dedication, he has built relationships and a reputation among parents and faculty in southeastern Fresno County as the place to educate a child with severe disabilities. He is patient beyond mere words... never losing hope that with love and direction his students will succeed. Rick expressed his appreciation to the many co-workers present. Congratulations Rick, we are proud to honor you!
- PRESENTATION** Shari McElyea, Itinerant School Psychologist, shared a video presentation of digital artwork created by student Nikki Ohanesian. Nikki is a twelve year old girl with autism and lives with her parents in Kingsburg, California. Nikki attends the Fresno County Office of Education's Monte Vista Severely Disabled Program. Mr. Powell presented Nikki with a copy of her artwork in book form. Nikki received a Certificate of Recognition from the Board.
- RECESS** A recess was called at 1:50 p.m. for a reception to honor Richard Laine, Employee of the Month. The meeting was reconvened at 2:04 p.m.
- COMMUNITY INPUT** There were no comments from the community.
- REPORT**
Fresno ROP Valerie Vuicich reported on the activities conducted at the 2007 ROP Fall Conference. The Fresno ROP Report Card/Annual Report includes follow-up data on students and program for 2005-2006, including student enrollment, placement, and demographics. The annual report component covers information on 2006-2007 ROP operations and contains ROP goals for the 2007-2008 school year. The Report Card/Annual Report will be disseminated internally within education and externally to business and government leaders.
- ACTION ITEMS**
Pupil Personnel
Resolution No. 2007-20
Adopted Motion by Member Thomas, seconded by Member Cederquist, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-20 in recognition of School Psychologist Week, November 12-16, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

In recognition of the vital and important role that school psychologists play in the personal and

academic development of our children, the week of November 12-16, 2007, has been designated as “School Psychology Week” in Fresno County and in the State of California. Pupil Personnel Services Director David Swain reported that Fresno County Office of Education psychologists currently serve 18 school districts with a staff of 28 psychologists and 2 interns.

Fresno ROP
ROP Advisory Board of
Management Minutes
Ratified

Motion by Member Eubanks, seconded by Member Cederquist, to ratify the approved Minutes of the ROP Advisory Board of Management Regular Meeting of September 19, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Business Services
Resolution No. 2007-18
Actual & Estimated Gann
Limits
Adopted

Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Thomas, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-18, adopting the 2006-2007 Actual and the 2007-2008 Estimated Appropriations Limits, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Sue Hunsbarger reported on the calculations of the appropriations limits for the Fresno County Office of Education for both the previous and current year. The Fresno County Office of Education does not exceed its appropriation limit. The Administration recommends approval of Resolution No. 2007-18.

Business Services
Annual Disclosure of
Fresno County Office of
Education’s Retiree Health
Benefits
Received

Motion by Member Thomas, seconded by Member Cederquist, to receive the Annual Disclosure of Fresno County Office of Education’s Retiree Health Benefits Annual Report, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Sue Hunsbarger reported that the Board received copies of the Fresno County Office of Education’s Annual Disclosure of Retiree Health Benefits Annual Report. The projected retiree payments for each group are currently below the 5% cap and projected to be below the 5% cap for the next ten years.

Business Services
Annual Disclosure of
Investment Policies
Received

Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Thomas, to receive the Annual Disclosure of Fresno County Office of Education’s Investment Policies, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Government Code Section 53646 requires annual and quarterly disclosure of investment policies to the Superintendent and the Governing Board. The Superintendent and the Board were provided with the Annual Disclosure of Investment Policies. Sue Hunsbarger stated that the Fresno County Office of Education has sufficient funds to meet its cash flow needs for the next six months.

Facilities
Resolution No. 2007-19
Transfer Ownership of
Classroom Building from
FCOE to Clovis Unified
School District
Adopted

Motion by Member Thomas, seconded by Member Cederquist, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-19, transferring ownership of a classroom building from FCOE to Clovis Unified School District, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Becker reported that the Fresno County Office of Education owns a classroom building and operates a Special Education Adult Transition Program class at the Clovis Adult Education school site in Clovis Unified School District. As of June 13, 2008, Clovis Unified will begin operating some of the programs previously operated by FCOE. As a result, FCOE will no longer be operating programs in the FCOE owned building. Administration recommends that the Board adopt Resolution 2007-19, transferring ownership of the classroom building to Clovis Unified School District.

Facilities
Award Bid No.
C2007-01 to DMG
Construction – Juvenile
Justice Campus
Approved

Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Thomas, to award DMG Construction Bid No. C2007-01, installation of ventilation and air compressor systems for the Juvenile Justice Campus.

Jeff Becker, Facilities Director, reported that bids were opened earlier this month for the installation of ventilation and air compressor systems for the Juvenile Justice Campus shop and vocational education classrooms. Administration is recommending that the Board award the bid to DMG Construction which came in as the lowest responsive bidder.

Facilities

Award Bid C2007-05 to
FMDiaz Construction -
Sutherland Center

Approved

Motion by Member Eubanks, seconded by Member Cederquist, to award Bid C2007-05 to FMDiaz Construction, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Becker, Facilities Director, reported that three bids were received. The Administration recommends that the Board award Bid No. C2007-01 to FMDiaz Construction which came in as the lowest responsive bidder.

Adopt Court and
Community Schools
Handbooks

Adopted

Motion by Member Eubanks, seconded by Member Cederquist, to adopt the Court and Community Schools Handbook, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Pam Coronado reported that the operational handbooks for the Court and Community Schools are updated yearly. The Board received a copy of the revised handbooks for the 2007-2008 school year.

Court and Community
Schools - Middle School
History-Social Science
Curriculum

Adopted

Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Thomas, to adopt Glencoe/McGraw-Hill's *California, Discovering Our Past: Medieval & Early Modern Times and The American Journey to WWI*, 2006 editions, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Michele Trevino gave a brief overview of Glencoe/McGraw-Hill's *California, Discovering Our Past: Medieval & Early Modern Times and The American Journey to WWI*. The textbook is California standards aligned. Administration recommends adoption of textbook.

Court and Community
Schools - High School
History-Social Science
Curriculum

Adopted

Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Eubanks, to adopt McDougal Littell's *Modern World History: Patterns of Interaction*, 2006 edition, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Marissa Gamboa gave a brief overview of McDougal Littell's *Modern World History: Patterns of Interaction*. The textbook is California standards aligned. Administration recommends approval.

TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES
Board Correspondence
Comments by the Board

Pam Coronado, Court and Community Schools Director, reported that Court Schools had a successful 2007 Golf Tournament raising over \$30,000. Pam also announced that Marissa Gamboa is the new Program Manager for the Violet Hines Education Academy.

Approval of Conference & Travel Reimbursement: None

Board correspondence: President Tannenbaum and Member Thomas received correspondence from the Center for Medical Research in response to the letter the Board sent regarding U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Rule CMS 2287. A new letter will be drafted in opposition to Rule CMS 2287.

Mr. Eubanks recommended that the Board consider \$500 be given to the Juvenile Justice Center for scholarships. Member Thomas recommended that the Board consider a \$500 scholarship grant for Migrant students. This issue will be discussed at a future Board meeting.

Mrs. Thomas reported that the CSBA Wellness and Nutrition Conference in Anaheim, CA, was outstanding and well attended.

President Tannenbaum reminded members of the Board that the annual organizational meeting will be held on December 13, 2007.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Powell reported on the following:

- Parlier Unified School District
- Golden Plains Unified School District
- Discussed 2 Year Lease for New Teilman Facility
- Juvenile Justice Center Property
- State of the Students in Fresno County - Board of Supervisors Meeting
- Inter-District Transfer Procedural Guide

- Parent Services Center
- ROP's New Address

FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS

Mr. Cederquist requested that the Superintendent's compensation contract be placed on the December agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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