



FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES
November 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 Keith Eubanks, Dr. Allen Clyde 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 Cederquist moved to approve the November 15, 2007 agenda; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried unanimously.
- MINUTES**
Approved Member Eubanks moved to approve the October 18, 2007 minutes as submitted; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried unanimously.
- EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH** Rod Willis, Psychologist, was honored as the December 2007 Employee of the Month. Rod has worked for the Fresno County Office of Education for the past six years. His role as a field-based School Psychologist has ranged from serving the Pacific Union School District working with numerous emotionally disturbed programs, including Herndon-Barstow, Central West, and Washington Union High School. Before Rod became a School Psychologist, he was a Mental Health Clinician with the Department of Children and Family Services. This background has been very beneficial, and it has helped Rod play a prominent role with our ever-expanding programs. There has never been an instance when he has hesitated or complained about the rigors of these unique and demanding assignments. Rod is a valuable asset to the Pupil Personnel Services Department and the children and families they serve. Rod goes above and beyond in everything he does and makes a difference in every life he touches. Congratulations Rod for being a true catalyst for the students in Fresno County!
- Superintendent Powell and Pacific Union School District Superintendent Warren Jennings expressed their appreciation to Rod for his commitment and dedication.
- RECESS** A recess was called at 1:40 p.m. for a reception to honor Rod Willis, Employee of the Month. The meeting was reconvened at 1:50 p.m.
- COMMUNITY INPUT** There were no comments from the community.
- INFORMATION**
Childhood Obesity & Reduction Project Michelle Roman updated the Board on the 2007 Board project – Childhood Obesity and Reduction. Michelle distributed school statistics and Harvest of the Month information.
- REPORT**
PITT Stop Intervention Model Rob Postler, Project Director, and Patrick Lewis, School Psychologist at Teilman School, have come up with an innovative intervention program to help reduce class disruptions and suspensions. Their *Pull it Together Time* (PITT Stop) has helped students take responsibility for their actions, utilizing this early model of intervention to build relations and find keys to help them succeed. Mr. Postler stated that 82% of students return to class immediately after the intervention. This has been a positive and proactive intervention for both students and staff. The program allows students to think a little more clearly and turn a potential negative situation into something positive. Superintendent Powell and President Tannenbaum expressed their appreciation to Rob and Patrick for the outstanding jobs they are doing at Teilman.

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| Williams Compliance Reports Annual Report - Williams Lawsuit Settlement Agreement | <p>Roberto Castro reported that no complaints were received in the 2nd and 3rd Quarter 2007. As part of the Williams Compliance Settlement Agreement, all districts are mandated to report to their Board of Trustees on a quarterly basis. These reports may include instructional material insufficiencies; teacher vacancies; teacher misassignments; or facilities concerns.</p> <p>Mr. Castro also reported on the Annual Report of Williams Lawsuit Settlement Agreement – Fresno County Office of Education, Monitored Schools. As part of the Williams Lawsuit Compliance Settlement Agreement, the Superintendent is required to visit the 2006 API decile 1, 2 and 3 schools in Fresno County and report those results to the Board in November of each year.</p> |
| 2006/07 FCOE Budget to Actual Comparisons 2007-08 FCOE First Interim Financial Report | <p>Sue Hunsbarger and Kevin Otto reported on the 2006/07 FCOE Budget/Actual Comparisons and the 2007-2008 First Interim Financial Report.</p> <p>Superintendent Powell reported that Linda Bacon has established an incredible team. Ninety-five percent of legal issues can be handled by our Legal Department. We offer a great service and a knowledgeable team. The Legal Department currently staff 3.5 attorneys and 2 legal secretaries. As more districts come on board, additional staff will be hired.</p> |
| ACTION ITEMS Business Services Approved | <p>Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Thomas to approve the 2007-08 budget revisions, as presented. Motioned carried unanimously.</p> <p>Sue Hunsbarger reported that the 2007-08 budgets are healthy, with a \$2.5 million reserve since the last report.</p> |
| Legal Services Approved | <p>Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Cederquist, to adopt FCOE Policy 1312 – Procedures for Handling Complaints, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Lead Legal Counsel, Linda Bacon, shared several policies and procedures for handling various types of complaints in a timely manner, meeting state and federal legal requirements, ensuring due process and protecting confidentiality.</p> |
| Court Schools – AB 1781 Approved | <p>Motion by Member Thomas, seconded by Member Cederquist, to approve Certification of Compliance with AB 1781 regarding the 24 month requirement of Education Code Section 60422(a), as presented. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>The Local Governing Board of the Fresno County Office of Education hereby certifies that as of this date, each pupil in the district/county Office of Education, in kindergarten through grade twelve, has been provided with a standards-aligned textbook or basic instructional materials in each of the following areas: History/Social Science; Mathematics; Reading/Language Arts; and Science.</p> |
| Administration – AB 333 Approved | <p>Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Cederquist, to approve Board Endorsement of Assembly Bill 333, School Online Subscriptions, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>AB 333 will authorize a state purchase of subscriptions for up to four online education databases of magazines, newspapers and encyclopedias. The will be available to every California public school student and teacher. Access to these databases will be available from school libraries, homes and anywhere students or teachers have internet access.</p> |
| Call for County Nomination – CSBA Delegate Assembly Barbara Thomas | <p>Motion by Member Eubanks, seconded by President Tannenbaum, to nominate Barbara Thomas to represent the Fresno area on the CSBA Delegate Assembly. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>President Tannenbaum appointed Barbara Thomas to serve as the voting representative at the upcoming CCBE meeting.</p> |

TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES
Board Correspondence
Comments by the Board

Approval of meetings to attend: None

Approval of Conference & Travel Reimbursement: None

Board Correspondence: Member Thomas received a letter from the governor expressing his appreciation to the Board for supporting School Psychology Week.

Comments by the Board: Member Thomas expressed her appreciation to those individuals who were instrumental in helping her process the CEC national application for the *Yes I Can Award*. The President-elect of the state CEC will write a letter in behalf of nominee, Nikki Ohanesian.

President Tannenbaum expressed her appreciation for the outstanding 2007 Employee of the Year program.

Dr. Clyde has been in contact with Caption Heather Pratt of the Air National Guard. She is anxious to begin the video collaboration with FCOE.

Del Cederquist and Keith Eubanks to serve on the Superintendent's contract review committee.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent Powell reported on the following:

- Parlier Unified School District
- Math Teacher Shortage
- Fresno Unified Retirees
- FCOE Holiday Staff Luncheon – December 7th at 1:30 PM

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

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