



## FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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MINUTES  
December 13, 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 Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Teresa Martinez-Treviño.
- AGENDA** Vice President Thomas moved to approve the December 13, 2007 agenda; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried unanimously.
- ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**  
**Election of Officers** Superintendent Powell called for nominations for President. Member Tannenbaum moved to nominate Vice President Thomas for President; seconded by Member Cederquist. There being no further nominations, Superintendent Powell closed the nominations and called for the vote for President.
- President** Vice President Thomas was unanimously elected as President of the Board.
- Nominations** Superintendent Powell turned the meeting over to newly-elected President Thomas. President Thomas called for nominations for Vice President.
- Vice President** Member Cederquist moved to nominate Member Clyde for Vice President, seconded by Member Eubanks. There being no further nominations, President Thomas closed the nominations and called for the vote for Vice President.
- Member Clyde was unanimously elected as Vice President of the Board.
- Recognition of Past President** Superintendent Powell recognized Member Tannenbaum for her hard work and commitment while serving as President. Superintendent Powell presented Dr. Tannenbaum with a Margaret Hudson figurine representing education.
- Board Meeting Schedule**  
**Approved** Member Clyde moved to continue to meet on the third Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m., in the County Schools Board Room; when a special meeting is needed, it will be called on the first Thursday of a given month; the motion was seconded by Member Cederquist and carried unanimously.

### 2008 Board Meeting Dates

January, 17, 2008	July 17, 2008 – Canceled for Summer Break
February, 21, 2008	August 21, 2008
March, 20, 2008	September 18, 2008
April 17, 2008	October 16, 2008
May, 15, 2008	November 20, 2008
June 19, 2008	December 11, 2008

Committee Appointments Nominations for the following County committees will be discussed at the January 17, 2008 Board meeting. Board members wishing to serve on any of the committees should contact the Board secretary.

ROC/P Advisory Board  
SARB  
Trustees Association  
California Board of Education Liaison  
Fresno Chamber of Commerce  
Facilities  
Representation on Special Project Committees (appointed as need arises)  
Board Project Follow-up (Annual Report)  
Board/Cabinet Seminar

Minutes

**Approved**

Member Eubanks moved to approve the minutes of November 15, 2007 Board meeting; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – Rosie Mora

We are privileged and proud to honor Rosie Mora as the January 2008 Employee of the Month. Rosie has worked for the Fresno County Office of Education for the past 27 years. During her tenure with FCOE, Rosie has worked in the Migrant Education Department, Human Resource Department and is currently the Senior Office Assistant assigned to Court & Community Schools. Rosie is an integral part of the Court Schools program. Recently, Rosie took some personal time off and life in the office was not the same. She was significantly missed by everyone and received daily phone calls or visits by staff encouraging her to return soon. Rosie helps make the Court Schools a fun and productive place to work, while providing excellent service to the staff and students we serve. Congratulations, Rosie, for the work you do. We are very proud to honor you as a Fresno County Office of Education Employee of the Month.

RECESS

A recess was called at 1:40 p.m. for a reception to honor Rosie Mora, Employee of the Month. The meeting was reconvened at 1:58 p.m.

COMMUNITY INPUT

There were no comments from the community.

ACTION ITEMS

Business Services

Quarterly Disclosure of FCOE Investment Policies

**Approved**

Motion by Member Eubanks, seconded by Member Cederquist, to approve the Quarterly Disclosure of FCOE Investment Policies, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The Administration recommends the Board join the Superintendent in acknowledging receipt of the Fresno County Office of Education's Investment Policies and that this information be made available to the public.

Facilities

Award Bid No. C2007-07

**Approved**

Motion by Member Eubanks, seconded by Member Tannenbaum, to award Bid No. C2007-07, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Administration is recommending that Mark Wilson Construction be awarded Bid No. C2007-07, for the construction of a school campus at the Kermit Koontz Educational Complex. Mark Wilson Construction came in as the lowest responsive bidder for this project. (Discussion by Board members and Superintendent Powell regarding inquiries of solar possibilities. Jeff Becker will prepare a report for the Board reviewing the possibilities of solar energy).

Human Resources

Resolution No. 2007-21

**Adopted**

Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Tannenbaum, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-21, regarding PERS Golden Handshake window for Parlier Unified School District. Motion carried unanimously.

The Administration recommends that the Board join the Superintendent in adopting Resolution No. 2007-21, establishing a designated period allowing Parlier Unified School District's classified employees to obtain an additional two (2) years of service credit.

Board of Education  
Resolution No. 2007-22  
**Adopted**

Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Tannenbaum, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-22, regarding Adequate, Equitable and Stable Special Education Funding, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The Administration recommends that the Board adopt Resolution No. 2007-22, in support of Adequate Equitable and Stable Special Education Funding.

## TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES

### Board Correspondence

The Board received a letter from State Superintendent Jack O'Connell soliciting their support of the Coalition to Protect California's Budget & Economy.

### Comments by the Board

- Dr. Clyde requested new business cards with updated information.
- Each Board member will forward their updated information to the Board secretary.
- Superintendent Powell advised the Board that the current web domain address will be changed to *first initial/last name @fcoe.org*.
- Member Clyde opened discussion regarding the correlation between BMI and absenteeism.
- Member Cederquist gave a brief update on the CSBA Conference and annual Trustees Association reception held in San Diego. The event was well attended making its 27<sup>th</sup> year of hosting the reception a complete success.
- Member Eubanks attended the Fresno County Youth Choir Concert at Sunnyside High School on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Superintendent Powell advised Board members that the concert was recorded and will be televised on December 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

Approval of Conference & Travel Reimbursement: None

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Powell reported on the following:

- Superintendent Powell announced that Jeff Becker has been promoted to Director of Facilities;
- District's have been updated of the state's deficit;
- District Assistance Intervention Teams.

### Superintendent's Contract **Approved**

Member Cederquist made a motion to approve the Superintendent's contract; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried unanimously.

Members of the Board expressed their appreciation to Superintendent Powell for his outstanding leadership and heartfelt commitment to education. The Superintendent's contract will be reviewed again next year.

Superintendent Powell thanked the Board for their vote of confidence and he looks forward to another great year.

Recess at 2:32 p.m.

Reconvened: The hearing was called to order at 2:50 p.m.

MOVED TO: Those present at the hearing included: Student, Parent, translator Dora Olmos, Superintendent John  
EXPULSION APPEAL Pectorich, Washington Union High School District and J.R. Oviedo, Attorney for the District; Linda  
HEARING Bacon, Lead Attorney, Kidd Crawford, Attorney, Fresno County Office of Education.  
Washington Union High Board members sought input from those present.  
School District  
(Closed Session)

Deliberations The Board moved into deliberations at 4:01 p.m. and reconvened into closed session at 4:12 p.m.

Ms. Linda Bacon, Lead Attorney, Fresno County Office of Education, asked that the file and all evidence be included as part of the record. President Thomas affirmed that the folder would be entered into evidence.

Decision Member Eubanks motioned to affirm the findings, seconded by Member Cederquist;  
A roll call vote was called:

Member Clyde	Y
Member Cederquist	Y
Member Eubanks	Y
President Thomas	Y

Member Cederquist moved to affirm the District's decision to expel the student; seconded by Member Eubanks. A roll call vote was called:

Member Clyde	Y
Member Cederquist	Y
Member Eubanks	Y
President Thomas	Y

Motion carried. Expulsion affirmed by a 4-0 vote with one Board member absent.

The Board reconvened into open session at 4:15 p.m.

No future items were discussed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT