



FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES
January 17, 2008

- CALL TO ORDER** President Thomas 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; Armen Bacon, Communications/ Public Relations; Legal Counsel Kidd Crawford, Legal Department; and Gloria Ferrer, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education.
- AGENDA** Member Cederquist moved to approve the January 17, 2008 agenda; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried unanimously.
- Minutes**
Approved Member Clyde moved to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2007 Board meeting; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried unanimously.
- EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH** Leslie Fukuda, Special Education at Teilman Education Center, was honored as the February 2008 Employee of the Month. Leslie works with a highly challenged population of students and has the unique ability to develop relationships with students, giving them the opportunity to learn and have a successful learning experience. Leslie has worked for the Fresno County Office of Education for over 22 years. Most recently, Leslie was a member of the CTA negotiating team where she, along with fellow certificated colleagues, worked together to positively impact the entire FCOE team. Leslie is truly a catalyst for student success and a reflection of the Pillars of Character. Congratulations Leslie, we are very proud to honor you as a Fresno County Office of Education Employee of the Month.
- Kermit Koontz Complex Ceremonial Groundbreaking** Superintendent Powell and Board President Thomas participated in the ceremonial groundbreaking for the expansion of the Kermit Koontz Educational complex. The complex was initially named in honor of Mr. Kermit Koontz who devoted his life and career to education. Construction will begin in January and will house community schools, adult transition students in 12 classrooms, administration offices, and an athletic field. The artists rendering of the campus will be presented to Mr. Koontz who was unable to attend the ceremonial groundbreaking.
- Special Recognition: Carolyn Dobbs Educator of the Year Award** Superintendent Powell recognized Laurie Hoke, FCOE Special Education teacher, receiving the 2008 Carolyn Dobbs Educator of the Year Award. The Dobbs Award is presented by the Kremen School of Education and Human Development at Fresno State to recognize the importance of the work of special education professionals. Laurie has been employed by Fresno County Office of Education for twenty-one years.
- RECESS** A recess was called at 1:55 p.m. for a reception to honor Leslie Fukuda, Employee of the Month. The meeting was reconvened at 2:13 p.m.
- COMMUNITY INPUT** There were no comments from the community.
- REPORTS**
2007 Scout Island Adventure Challenge Randy Mehrten and Brent Smither reported on the successful 2007 Scout Island Adventure Challenge and shared a video overview of the event and of students participating. Brent is a Leadership Consultant in the Safe & Healthy Kids department and plans to return again for next year's challenge.

Williams Quarterly Report 4 th Quarter 2007	Jill Tafoya reported that there were no Williams Compliance issues in the fourth quarter. As part of the Williams Lawsuit Compliance Settlement Agreement, all districts are mandated to report to their Board of Trustees on a quarterly basis, summarized data on any complaints received and the nature and resolution of all complaints. These complaints may include instructional material insufficiencies, teacher vacancies, misassignments, or facilities concerns.
2006/07 Audit Report	Bill Williams, auditor with Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., presented an overview of the 2006/07 Audit Report findings. There were no findings for the 2006/07 fiscal year and the Audit Reports reflects no serious fiscal problems that require immediate attention. Therefore, the General Fund ending balance did not change and agreed with the figures submitted to the state at the First Interim Report for the period ending October 31, 2007.
ACTION ITEMS Curriculum & Instruction Resolution No. 2008-01 Martin Luther King Day Adopted	Motion by Member Tannenbaum, seconded by Member Cederquist, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-01, observing January 21, 2008 as Martin Luther King, Jr., Day in Fresno County. Motion carried unanimously.
Curriculum & Instruction Resolution No. 2008-02 Black History Month Adopted	Motion by Member Eubanks, seconded by Member Tannenbaum, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-02, designating February, 2008, as Black History Month in Fresno County. Motion carried unanimously.
Court Schools 2007/08 FCOE Community/Community Day Schools' Site Plans Approved	Motion by Member Eubanks, seconded by Member Cederquist, to approve the County Community/Community Day School's site plans for 2007/08, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
2007/08 Court Schools Site Plans Approved	Motion by Member Tannenbaum, seconded by Member Clyde, to approve the 2007/08 Court School's site plan. Motion carried unanimously
2007/08 Court Schools Consolidated Application, Part II Approved	Motion by Member Tannenbaum, seconded by Member Clyde, to approve the 2007/08 Court Schools Consolidated Application, Part II, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
Facilities Agreement with Modtech Approved	Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Tannenbaum, to approve the extension of an agreement with Modtech Holdings, Inc., for an additional year with a 4% price increase, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
Bid for Van Ness Facility Remodel Approved	Motion by Member Tannenbaum, seconded by Member Clyde, to approve bid for Van Ness facility remodel, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
Demolition of Parlier Infant Center Approved	Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Clyde, to approve bid process for demolition of Parlier Unified Infant Center building, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
Sale of Special Education Buildings at FPU Approved	Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Eubanks, to approve sale of Special Education relocatable buildings at Fresno Pacific University, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
Demolition of Special Education Buildings at FPU Approved	Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Clyde, to approve demolition of three Special Education relocatable buildings at Fresno Pacific University, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Recessed at 2:53 p.m.

Reconvened: The hearing was called to order at 3:07 p.m.

Expulsion Appeal – Selma Unified School District Those present at the hearing included: Student; Parents; Assistant Superintendent Teresa Wood, Selma Unified School District; Larry Powell, County Superintendent of Fresno Schools; Kidd Crawford, Attorney, Fresno County Office of Education; and Gloria Ferrer, Secretary to the Fresno County Board of Education.

Board members sought input from those present.

The Board moved into deliberations at 3:31 p.m. and reconvened into closed session at 3:41 p.m.

Member Clyde moved to affirm the findings, seconded by Member Cederquist; the motion carried with a roll call vote of 5-0.

Order of the Board:

The Fresno County Board of Education remands the decision of the Selma Unified School District Governing Board to expel the student for the limited purpose of reviewing the hearing record to determine whether one or both of the findings as required by California Education Code section 48915 exist.

Member Clyde moved to remand the District's decision to expel the student; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Expulsion Appeal – West Park Elementary School District – 3:55 PM

Those present at the hearing included: Student; Grandparents; Steven Irby West Park Elementary School Principal; Larry Powell, County Superintendent of Schools; Kidd Crawford, Attorney, Fresno County Office of Education; and Gloria Ferrer, Secretary to the Fresno County Board of Education.

Board members sought input from those present.

The Board moved into deliberations at 4:08 p.m. and reconvened into closed session at 4:22 p.m.

Member Cederquist moved to affirm the findings, seconded by Member Clyde; Motion carried by a roll call vote of 5-0.

Order of the Board:

The Fresno County Board of Education reverses the decision of the West Park Elementary School District Governing Board to expel the student. The Fresno County Board of Education directs the West Park Elementary School District Governing Board to expunge the record of the pupil and the records of the District of any references to the expulsion action and the expulsion shall be deemed not to have occurred.

Member Clyde moved to reverse the District's decision to expel the student; seconded by Member Eubanks.

Motion carried to reverse the District's decision to expel the student by a 5-0 vote.

The Board reconvened into open session at 4:35 p.m.

2008 County Board Appointments

President Thomas appointed the following Board members to the following County Committees:

- ROC/P Advisory Board – Member Cederquist with Members Clyde and Eubanks serving as alternates;

- SARB – Member Eubanks will serve for 2008;
- Trustees Association – Member Cederquist;
- California Board of Education Liaison – President Thomas;
- Fresno Chamber of Commerce – President Thomas;
- Facilities – Members Clyde and Cederquist;
- Representation on Special Project Committees – Members Tannenbaum and Clyde;
- Board Project Follow-up (Annual Report) – Member Clyde;
- Board/Cabinet Seminar – Members Eubanks and Tannenbaum.

TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES

Travel Reimbursements Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Cederquist, to approve mileage reimbursement for Member Eubanks in the amount of \$380.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Correspondence The Board reported no correspondence received.

Comments by the Board There were no comments from the Board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Powell reported on the following:

- Jim Yovino – CSUF Noted Alumni Award Recipient

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS No future items were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.