



## FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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### MINUTES February 21, 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 Barbara Thomas; Vice President Allen Clyde; and Members Keith Eubanks, Sally Tannenbaum 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; Lead Legal Counsel Linda Bacon, Legal Department; and Gloria Ferrer, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education.
- AGENDA** Member Tannenbaum moved to approve the February 21, 2008 agenda; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried unanimously.
- Minutes**  
**Approved** Member Cederquist moved to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2008 Board meeting; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried unanimously.
- EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH** Alice Jacinto, Health Services Assistant, Fresno County Office of Education's Migrant Health Department, was honored as the March 2008 Employee of the Month. Alice has been employed with FCOE for 22 years. Her many years of experience combined with her professional skills and personable mannerisms has helped many students and families to navigate, advocate and assure adequate medical, dental and vision services. Alice assists families by coordinating activities in collaboration with the nurse and Migrant Education to resolve conflicts that may become a burden. She provides assistance to faculty, fellow employees, students and families with health programs, objective projects and activities as necessary. Alice, you are a true advocate, promoter for better health and education, friend and colleague and an exemplary FCOE employee. Congratulations, Alice, we are very proud to honor you as a Fresno County Office of Education Employee of the Month.
- Recognition of 2008 Fresno County Academic Decathlon Champions** Jennifer Quinn recognized the 2008 Fresno County Academic Decathletes and coaches from Edison High, University High, Bullard High and Hallmark Charter High Schools. Students will go on to compete at the state level.
- RECESS** A recess was called at 1:50 p.m. for a reception to honor Alice Jacinto, Employee of the Month. The meeting was reconvened at 2:10 p.m.
- REPORTS**  
**Business Services** Sue Hunsbarger and Kevin Otto shared a PowerPoint presentation highlighting details of the Second Interim Financial Report as of January 31, 2008.
- INFORMATION**  
**Media Services** Randy Reed presented a list of videos that have been reviewed and recommended for approval by Central California Educational Technology Consortium.
- ACTION ITEMS**  
**Business Services – 2007/08**  
**Budget Revisions**  
**Approved** Motion by Member Tannenbaum, seconded by Member Cederquist, to approve budget revisions for 2007/08, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Business Services – Forest Reserve Receipts for 2007/08** Motion by Member Eubanks, seconded by Member Clyde, to approve distribution of 2007/08 Forest Reserve Receipts, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approved**

Curriculum & Instruction  
Resolution No. 2008-03  
Cesar Chavez Day

Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Cederquist, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-03, observing March 31, 2008 as *Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning* in Fresno County, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adopted**

Curriculum & Instruction  
Resolution No. 2008-04  
Read Across America Day

Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Eubanks, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-04, designating March 3, 2008 as *Read Across America Day* in Fresno County, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adopted**

Board of Education  
CSBA Delegate Assembly  
Election

Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Tannenbaum, to nominate Barbara Thomas as the Region 10 delegate for the 2008 CSBA Delegate Assembly. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2008-05,  
Opposing the Governor's  
Proposed 2008-09 Budget

Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Clyde, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-05, opposing the governor's proposed 2008/09 budget, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adopted**

Closed Session 2:45 p.m.

Expulsion Appeal – Central  
Unified School District

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

Those present at the hearing included: Student's Parents; Interpreter for Parents; Art Williams, Director of Student Services, Central Unified School District; Larry Powell, Superintendent of Fresno County Schools; Linda Bacon, Lead Legal Counsel, Fresno County Office of Education; and Gloria Ferrer, Administrative Assistant to the Fresno County Board of Education.

Board members sought input from those present.

The Board moved into deliberations at 3:35 p.m. and reconvened into closed session at 3:41 p.m. Member Clyde moved to affirm the findings, seconded by Member Cederquist. Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Order of the Board:

The Fresno County Board of Education remands the decision of the Central Unified School District Governing Board to expel the student for a new hearing and to consider the evidence proffered by the Appellant. The Fresno County Board also recommends that an interpreter be provided.

Member Clyde moved to adopt the above order, seconded by Member Cederquist. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Expulsion Appeal – Fresno  
Unified School District

The hearing was called to order at 3:58 p.m.

Those present at the hearing included: Student; Father of Student; Kevin Torosian, Fresno Unified School District Hearing Officer; Larry Powell, County Superintendent of Schools; Linda Bacon, Lead Legal Counsel, Fresno County Office of Education; and Gloria Ferrer, Administrative Assistant to the Fresno County Board of Education.

Board members sought input from those present.

The Board moved into deliberations at 4:20 p.m. and reconvened into closed session at 4:24 p.m. Member Clyde moved to affirm the findings, seconded by Member Eubanks. Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Order of the Board:

The Fresno County Board of Education affirmed the decision of the Fresno Unified School District Governing Board to expel the student.

Member Cederquist moved to affirm the District's decision to expel the student; seconded by Member Clyde. Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Reconvened: 4:27 p.m.

TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES

Travel Reimbursements

Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Cederquist, to approve mileage reimbursement for Members Thomas, Cederquist, Tannenbaum and Clyde in the amount of \$540.35. Motion carried unanimously.

Meetings to Attend

Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Eubanks, to approve travel and conference request by Member Cederquist to attend CSBA Delegate Assembly. A provisional approval for Barbara Thomas to attend was also approved in the same motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Comments by the Board

Member Tannenbaum expressed her regrets that she could not attend the Academic Decathlon this year. Superintendent Powell will send Dr. Welty a letter of appreciation for his contribution of the CSUF campus.

President Thomas reported that Nikki Ohanesian did not receive the *Yes I Can Award*, but did receive a Certificate of Recognition. The framed certificate will be presented to Nikki on April 23, 2008 at Monte Vista.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Powell reported on the following:

- Discussed Madera Property
- Budget Advisory
- CCSESA/PERS Lawsuit
- Board Meeting Time Change for May Board Meeting

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future items were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.