



FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES
April 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 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 April 17, 2008 agenda; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried unanimously.
- Minutes**
Approved Member Cederquist moved to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2008 Board meeting; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried unanimously.
- EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH** Rhonda Dieter has been employed with FCOE since February, 1999 and is currently the SELPA Department Automation Specialist. Rhonda is a hardworking, self-starter who exemplifies professionalism in all that she does and to those with whom she is in contact. Rhonda is the “data” person in the department. Her knowledge and ability to analyze information is amazing; she never misses a deadline and usually completes tasks well ahead of schedule. Rhonda works with all 33 LEAs collecting data in order to complete reports; some of her innovations have been adopted and implemented by SELPA Directors throughout the state and the CDE. Congratulations, Rhonda, we are very proud to honor you as a Fresno County Office of Education Employee of the Month.
- RECESS** A recess was called at 1:50 p.m. for a reception to honor Rhonda Dieter, Employee of the Month. The meeting was reconvened at 2:10 p.m.
- REPORTS**
FCOE Infant-Toddler Program The FCOE Infant-Toddler Program serves special needs children, birth to 36 months, within the Fresno County SELPA. It has not been unusual for children with special needs to remain unidentified and without services until their parents register them for Preschool or Kindergarten. In an effort to serve children at the earliest age possible and increase the effectiveness of the intervention, the Infant-Toddler team has developed a video to increase outreach and community awareness. The video is planned for distribution to physicians, social services agencies and other organizations serving Fresno County families.
- Board Project Update** Michele Roman and Lois Ewart shared with the Board an overview of the Childhood Obesity & Reduction Project. The team began recording BMI rates in children at a rural elementary school in November, 2007; as a result, they found that second grade boys with high BMI rates have greater absenteeism than those within normal range. Michele will work collaboratively with the Health Services and outside agencies to fund further research.
- Fresno ROP Activities** Valerie Vuicich gave a brief overview of recent and upcoming ROP activities including the 2008 Career Skills Challenge, ongoing technology training sessions, and the 2008 ROP Advisory Committee Night.
- ACTION ITEMS**
Resolution No. 2008-09
Adopted Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Eubanks, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-09, proclaiming April 23, 2008 as Administrative Professionals Day in Fresno County Office of Education, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

<p>Fresno ROP Minutes Ratified</p>	<p>Motion by Member Eubanks, seconded by Member Clyde, to ratify the minutes of the January 16, 2008 regular ROP Advisory Board of Management, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Instructional Technology Resolution No. 2008-06 National School Library Month Adopted</p>	<p>Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Cederquist, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-06, observing April 2008 as National Library Media Month, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Media Services Adopted</p>	<p>Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Eubanks, to adopt list of approved instructional videos, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Health Services Resolution No. 2008-07, School Nurses Day Adopted</p>	<p>Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Tannenbaum, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-07, recognizing the week of May 6-12, 2008 as National School Nurse Week and Wednesday, May 7, 2008 as National School Nurse Day in Fresno County, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Business Services Resolution No. 2008-08, Short Term Loans to Districts Adopted</p>	<p>Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Clyde, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-08, authorizing the Superintendent of Schools to provide short-term loans to School Districts, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Quarterly Disclosure of Investment Policies Approved</p>	<p>Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Eubanks, acknowledging receipt of Fresno County Office of Education's investment policies, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Special Education Non Adopted Instruction Material No Action</p>	<p>This item was removed from the agenda and will be brought forth at a later time.</p>
<p>Court Schools Discretionary Block Grant Funds Approved</p>	<p>Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Clyde, to approve expenditure of Discretionary Block Grant Funds, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Community/Community Day Schools Accountability Report Cards Approved</p>	<p>Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Cederquist, to approve the Accountability Report Card for Fresno County Community Day School, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Court Schools Accountability Report Card Approved</p>	<p>Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Clyde, to approve the Accountability Report Card for County Court Schools, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Court Schools Accountability Report Card Approved</p>	<p>Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Cederquist, to approve the Accountability Report Card for Court Schools, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Closed Session</p>	<p>The hearing was called to order at 3:07 p.m.</p>
<p>Expulsion Appeal – Fresno Unified School District</p>	<p>Those present at the hearing included: Student's Parents; Interpreter for Parents; Dr. Kevin Torosian, Hearing Officer, Fresno 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.</p> <p>Board members sought input from those present.</p>

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 affirms the decision of the Fresno Unified School District Governing Board to expel the student.

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

Superintendent Powell will make a recommendation to Legal Counsel to provide future interpreters with a copy of the expulsion script for advance review for interpretation purposes.

Reconvened: 4:27 p.m.

TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES
Travel Reimbursements

Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Eubanks, to approve conference reimbursement for President Thomas for her trips to the Wellness Conference and the CSBA Annual Conference in the amount of \$647.89. Motion carried unanimously.

Meetings to Attend

Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Tannenbaum, to approve travel and conference request by President Thomas to attend the Legislative Conference in lieu of the CSBA Delegate Assembly.

Comments by the Board

- Member Cederquist reported that he recently toured State Center Community College with Chancellor Crow, visiting the nursing, dental, automotive and technology departments. He was also taken to Reedley College for a tour there.
- Member Tannenbaum expressed her appreciation to FCOE employees Nick Hustedde, Randy Mehrten, Brent Smither and Bob Bullwinkle for collaborating with CSUF and participating in Dr. Welty's *Engagement Program*.
- President Thomas reported that Nikki Ohanesian received a Certificate of Recognition for her entry in the *Yes, I Can Award*. The framed certificate will be presented to Nikki on April 23, 2008 at Monte Vista.
- Member Eubanks shared that the Court Schools graduation service was outstanding.
- The Board discussed the idea of creating a self-funded scholarship program for underprivileged students.
- The Board requested an updated calendar of events in their Board binders.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent Powell reported on the following:

- Invitation to attend Support Staff Conference on May 2, 2008
- No Date/Time Change for the May 15, 2008 Board Meeting
- Scout Island Property
- Naming of Yale Property – Name considerations will be brought to Board in May
- Juvenile Justice Center Property
- FCOE Pocket Resource
- State Budget Update
- New Golden Plains/Sierra Unified Superintendents

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS There were no future agenda items discussed.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.