



FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES
August 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 Del 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 Eubanks moved to approve the August 21, 2008 agenda; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried unanimously.
- Minutes**
Approved Member Eubanks moved to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2008 Board meeting; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried unanimously.
- EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH** Since 1994, Peggy Stathem has been an employee of the Fresno County Office of Education. When she arrived at FCOE, the "PR" Department was in its infancy. Peggy was immediately singled out as the best candidate to serve as Administrative Secretary to Armen Bacon. For the past 14 years, she has nurtured and loved her job, which in turn, has served the department, our districts, and the communities we serve extremely well. Anyone who works with her knows instantly that she is reliable, dependable, hard working and trustworthy. She is a woman of true substance, solid as a rock, a phenomenal woman and a consummate professional. She performs her duties quietly, diligently and without fanfare. Peggy is creative, hard working and, more than anything else, possesses a great heart and compassion for others. These qualities make her a treasured and valuable asset to the FCOE family.
- Superintendent Powell and President Thomas expressed their appreciation to Peggy for a job well done. It is with sincere pleasure that we recognize Peggy Stathem as the August 2008 Employee of the Month.
- RECESS** A recess was called at 1:38 p.m. for a reception to honor Peggy Stathem, Employee of the Month. The meeting was reconvened at 1:50 p.m.
- REPORTS**
Student Poll Worker Recruitment Fresno County Clerk, Victor Salazar, reported on the Fresno County Student Poll Worker Program. He was pleased to announce that there approximately 2000 student poll workers this year. The program encourages students to participate in the election process. A video presentation of the program was shared with the Board highlighting the program. The video was a collaborative effort by FCOE and the Fresno County Elections Office and has been effective in providing hundreds of high school students the opportunity to work in polling places on Election Day. Mr. Salazar expressed his appreciation to Superintendent Powell and Multimedia Services for the production of the video.
- Forward Bound Academy**
07-08 Explorers Report Explorer Post 600, led by Vicki Stotts and Brian Bishop of the Forward Bound Academy at the Elkhorn Facility, reported on the various community-based activities the troop held throughout the year. A video presentation was shared and several students were on hand to share their favorite experiences while in the program.

2nd Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints

Dr. Catania reported that no complaints were received in the 2nd Quarter 2008. As part of the Williams 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 reports may include instructional material insufficiencies; teacher vacancies; teacher misassignments; or facilities concerns.

ACTION ITEMS
Purchase of Non-Adopted Instructional Materials
Approved

Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Tannenbaum, to approve purchase of Non-Adopted Instructional Materials, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2008-17, Constitution Day
Adopted

Motion by Member Tannenbaum, seconded by Member Eubanks, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-17, in observance of Constitution Day, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2008-18, FCOE Budget Revisions
Adopted

Motion by Member Eubanks, seconded by Member Cederquist, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-18, Capital Outlay Expenditures, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2008-19, Authority of the Board to Render Zoning Ordinances to Fresno County Office of Education
Adopted

Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Clyde, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-19, Authority of the Board of Education to Render Zoning Ordinances to Fresno County Office of Education, as presented. Motion carried unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Member Tannenbaum	Yes
Member Clyde	Yes
Member Cederquist	Yes
Eubanks	Yes
President Thomas	Yes

Recess – 2:52 P.M.

The Board recessed at 2:55 PM and reconvened at 3:08 P.M.

Interdistrict Transfer Appeal-
Maya Martinez, Washington
Union High School to Fresno
Unified School District –
3:00 PM

The Board discussed the request for an Interdistrict transfer from the district of residence. Those present at the hearing included: Mr. and Mrs. Julian Martinez, parents; Mike Robinson, FCOE Interdistrict Liaison; and John Pistorich, Principal, Washington Union High School District.

The Board sought information from the parents and the district.

Member Eubanks made a motion to uphold the district’s denial for Maya Martinez to attend Sunnyside Doctor’s Academy from her home district of residence, Washington Union High School District. The motion was seconded by Member Cederquist. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Member Tannenbaum	Yes
Member Clyde	No
Member Cederquist	Yes
Eubanks	Yes
President Thomas	Yes

Interdistrict Transfer Appeal-
Amber Corona, Washington
Union High School to Fresno
Unified School District –
3:45 PM

The Board discussed the request for an Interdistrict transfer from the district of residence. Those present at the hearing included: Mrs. Olga Gutierrez, parent; Mike Robinson, FCOE Interdistrict Liaison; and John Pistorich, Principal, Washington Union High School District.

The Board sought information from the parents and the district.

Member Eubanks made a motion to uphold the district’s denial for Amber Corona to attend Sunnyside Doctor’s Academy from her home district of residence, Washington Union High School District. The motion was seconded by Member Tannenbaum. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Member Tannenbaum	Yes
Member Clyde	No
Member Cederquist	Yes
Eubanks	Yes
President Thomas	Yes

TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES
Travel/Mileage
Reimbursements

Motion by Member Eubanks, seconded by Member Clyde, to approve all travel and conference reimbursements for each board member, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CSBA Recommendations

The Board did not nominate an Outstanding CSBA Legislator of the Year
The Board did not nominate CSBA Directors-At-Large for Asian and Hispanic

Meetings to Attend

There were no conference/meeting requests.

Comments by the Board

Board members expressed their support to members of the Board who will be running unopposed in the upcoming election.

Mr. Eubanks recommended that Administration consider posting a sign on the door of the stairwell in the Towers indicating that the doors will lock behind you. Jim Yovino will discuss this with Jeff Becker in Facilities.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent Powell reported on the following:

- Reserve the naming of the Yale site for a later time
- Scout Island an incredible success this summer
- Introduction of Dr. Michele Cantwell-Copher and Wilma Hashimoto
- Personnel Issue
- Scout Island Property and Indian Tribe Collaboration

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mrs. Thomas requested a proposal for the Board Scholarship Fund on the next agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.