



FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES
September 18, 2008

- CALL TO ORDER** President Thomas called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 Tannenbaum moved to approve the September 18, 2008 amended agenda; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried unanimously.
- Minutes**
Approved Member Cederquist moved to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2008 Board meeting; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried unanimously.
- EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH** Carol Saul was selected as the September 2008 Employee of the Month. Carol was nominated by a team of teachers and staff from the Adult Transition Program in recognition of their colleague's outstanding leadership and support over the years. Carol is a School Nurse in the Health Services Department currently assigned to the Adult Transition Program within Special Education. For the last 19 years, she has gone above and beyond to serve the unique and challenging needs of our special education students, as well as the needs of Fresno County and our teachers. During Carol's tenure with FCOE, she has initiated and supported several programs such as Power Camp and Healthy Portals through the Kaiser Grant. Her competence and expertise provides better health, nutrition and fitness to our special education students through their years with FCOE and beyond. It is with sincere pleasure that we recognize Carol Saul as the September 2008 Employee of the Month.
- Superintendent Powell expressed his appreciation to Carol for a job well done.
- RECESS** A recess was called at 5:10 p.m. for a reception to honor Carol Saul, Employee of the Month. The meeting was reconvened at 5:25 p.m.
- REPORTS**
League of Women
Voters
This item was removed from the agenda until further notice.
- Scout Island North Access** Jan Biggs discussed Scout Island north access issues and the Fresno County Office of Education's right of ingress and egress at Scout Island north (Mortland) property and access alternatives.
- Mr. Biggs was granted permission to look into the available 40 acres for sale and to make contact with nearby property owners. This item will be returned to the next Board agenda for further discussions.
- ACTION ITEMS**
Annual Disclosure of
Investment Policies
Received Motion by Member Eubanks, seconded by Member Clyde, to receive the Annual Disclosure of Fresno County Office of Education's Investment Policies, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Superintendent Powell congratulated Sue Hunsbarger on her retirement and announced that Kevin Otto will be replacing Sue effective October 1, 2008.

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| Public Hearing – Sufficiency or Insufficiency of Instructional Materials | <p>President Thomas opened a public hearing to address the concerns of the public regarding Sufficiency or Insufficiency of Instructional Materials in the Fresno County Court Schools and Special Education programs.</p> <p>There were no comments from the public.</p> |
| Public Hearing Closed Approved | Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Eubanks to close the Public Hearing; motion carried unanimously. |
| Resolution No. 2008-20, Sufficiency or Insufficiency of Instructional Materials Adopted | <p>Motion by Member Tannenbaum, seconded by Member Clyde to adopt Resolution No. 2008-20, in the matter regarding Sufficiency or Insufficiency of Instructional Materials in the Fresno County Court Schools and Special Education programs. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Dr. Michele Copher reported that Court and Community Schools and Special Education programs meet the state requirements of sufficient textbooks.</p> |
| TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES Travel/Mileage Reimbursements | There were no travel/conference reimbursements to report. |
| Meetings to Attend | There were no requests. |
| Comments by the Board | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member Tannenbaum commented on how much she enjoyed All Staff Day • The Board discussed Special Education Billbacks • Board Members enjoyed College Night • VIP Calendar for Dignitary Visits • West Fresno School Board Meetings |
| SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT | <p>Superintendent Powell reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Board Member Stipend Increase ▪ Board Scholarship Project Proposal ▪ Boot Camp Closure ▪ Charter Schools ▪ New Trustee Seminar – Saturday, September 20, 2008 ▪ Due Process Amendment ▪ Governor’s Budget Veto ▪ Student Poll Worker Program ▪ 2008-2009 Board Project Proposal – Continue “Obesity Prevention Project” ▪ 2008-2009 Board Project Proposal – Develop a Nursery and Potting Shed Program at Scout Island ▪ Scout Island Management |
| Charter School Appeal | Rick Martin distributed information regarding a Charter School appeal |
| FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board Scholarship Project – Action Item 2. 2008-2009 Board Project – Action Item |
| ADJOURNMENT Approved | Motion by Member Eubanks, seconded Member Clyde, to adjourn meeting for September 18, 2008; motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. |