



FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES
October 16, 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 October 16, 2008 amended agenda; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried unanimously.
- Minutes**
Approved Member Clyde moved to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2008 Board meeting; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried unanimously.
- EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH** Juanita Henderson was selected as the October 2008 Employee of the Month. Juanita has worked for the Court Schools Department as a Paraeducator since September 1994. Over the years, her hard work and dedication to student achievement has been exemplary. Juanita was nominated for this award by the Court Schools team in recognition of her outstanding support over the years. Juanita is a quiet leader; she always puts her students first and does what she can for them every day. Juanita also plays a key role with the preparation of student transcripts, data and testing. She is a hard worker and will not quit until she has finished projects handed to her. She is a valued, trustworthy and dependable employee. It is with pleasure that we recognize Juanita Henderson as the October 2008 Employee of the Month.
- RECESS** A recess was called at 1:40 p.m. for a reception to honor Juanita Henderson, Employee of the Month. The meeting was reconvened at 1:52 p.m.
- REPORTS**
League of Women Voters Francine Farber, President of the League of Women Voters, reported that the Billings I & R Foundation of Fresno has awarded the League of Women Voters a \$10,000 bequest. Twenty \$500 mini grants will be awarded to 7th- 12th grade History/Social Science teachers in Fresno County to enhance education regarding the U.S. Constitution.
- Annual Williams and Valenzuela Lawsuit Settlement Report Dr. Catania gave an overview of the Annual Report of Williams Lawsuit Settlement Agreement – Fresno County Office of Education, Monitored Schools. As part of the Williams Lawsuit Compliance Settlement Agreement, the Superintendent is required to visit the 2006 API decile 1, 2 and 3 schools in Fresno County. New this year is the additional monitoring of Valenzuela compliance for high schools which accepted the CaHSEE tutoring funding to verify; 1) notification to eligible students; 2) documentation of tutoring service provided to students; 3) posting of Valenzuela notices in each high school.
- Dr. Catania reported that Fresno County high school participants were visited and are found to be Williams/Valenzuela compliant.
- Court & Community Schools 2007-2008 WASC Accreditation Self Study Action Plan Nick Hustedde and Lucas Schuman reported that the Community/Community Day School Program completed a WASC Accreditation Self Study for 2007-2008 and shared their six-year Action Plan for Program Improvement.

Fresno ROP 2008 Fall Conference/07-08 Report Card/07-08 Annual Report	Valerie Vuicich gave a brief overview of recent and upcoming ROP activities that include the 2008 Fresno ROP Fall Conference, the Fresno ROP Report Card for 2006-2007, and the 2007-2008 Annual Report. The Report Card/Annual Report included demographics, follow-up data on 2006-2007 students, information on 2007-08 ROP operations and ROP goals for the 2008-09 school year.
ACTION ITEMS	
Public Hearing – eCharter of Pacific Union Appeal Received	President Thomas opened a public hearing to address the concerns of the public regarding the provisions of the eCharter of Pacific Union Appeal.
Public Hearing Opened Approved	Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Eubanks to open a Public Hearing; motion carried unanimously.
Public Comments in Support of eCharter	Community members Joy Alexander, Linda Hollands, Patricia Cooper, Charlie Knight, June Washington, Charles Lewis and Nicky Mays addressed the Board in support of the eCharter. Joy Alexander stated that there were other staff members and members of the community who would have joined them but were unable to do so. Mr. Powell recommended that letters of support be written and submitted to this office. Letters received will be noted in the record.
Public Comments opposing eCharter	Warren Jennings, Superintendent of Pacific Union Elementary expressed his concerns in opposition to the eCharter. Written oppositions by the District or community will also be accepted and noted for the record. The Board will take action on the eCharter at the November 20, 2008 Board meeting.
Public Hearing Closed Approved	Motion by Member Eubanks, seconded by Member Cederquist to close the Public Hearing; motion carried unanimously.
Resolution No. 2008-22, 2007-2008 Actual & 2008-2009 Estimated Gann Limits Adopted	Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Cederquist, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-22, adopting the 2007-2008 Actual and the 2008-2009 Estimated Appropriations Limits, as presented; motion carried unanimously. Sue Hunsbarger reported on the calculations of the appropriations limits for the Fresno County Office of Education for both the previous and current year. The Fresno County Office of Education does not exceed its appropriation limit. The Administration recommends approval of Resolution No. 2007-22.
Annual Disclosure of FCOE Retiree Health Benefits Approved	Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Eubanks, to receive the Annual Disclosure of Fresno County Office of Education’s Retiree Health Benefits Annual Report, as presented; motion carried unanimously. Sue Hunsbarger reported that the Board received copies of the Fresno County Office of Education’s Annual Disclosure of Retiree Health Benefits Annual Report. The projected retiree payments for each group are currently below the 5% cap and projected to be below the 5% cap for the next ten years.
Court & Community Schools 2008-2009 Handbooks Approved	Motion by Member Tannenbaum, seconded by Member Clyde, to adopt the Court and Community Schools Handbook, as presented; motion carried unanimously.
Court & Community Schools Updated Independent Study Policy Approved	Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Eubanks, to approve the Court and Community Schools Updated Independent Study Policy, as presented; motion carried unanimously.
ROP Advisory Board of Management Minutes Ratified	Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Cederquist, to ratify the approved Minutes of the ROP Advisory Board of Management Regular Meeting of May 21, 2008; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2008-21,
School Psychology Week
Adopted

Motion by Member Tannenbaum, seconded by Member Clyde to adopt Resolution No. 2008-21, in recognition of School Psychology Week, November 10-14, 2008, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

David Swain, Director for Pupil Personnel gave an overview of the services provided by the department. School Psychologists were on hand and gave a brief report on the methods used in engaging students. Pam Hancock, Foster Youth Services, updated the Board on the services provided by the program. Mike Robinson, CWA Coordinator, reported on the TIP truancy program.

Recess – 3:00 P.M.

The Board recessed at 3:00 PM and reconvened at 3:12 P.M.

Interdistrict Transfer Appeal-
Isaiah Valdez, Fresno
Unified School District to
Clovis Unified School
District – 3:50 PM

The Board discussed the request for an Interdistrict transfer from Fresno Unified to Clovis Unified School Districts. Those present at the hearing included: Mike Robinson, FCOE Interdistrict Liaison; and Greg Bass, Clovis Unified School District.

The Board postponed the hearing until 3:50 pm to give parent an opportunity to arrive. Mrs. Valdez was contacted by telephone and stated that she was unable to attend the hearing because of transportation issues.

The Board proceeded with the hearing and sought information from Greg Bass, Clovis Unified School District.

Member Cederquist made a motion to uphold the District's denial for Isaiah Valdez to attend Clovis Unified School District from his home district of residence, Fresno Unified School District. The motion was seconded by Member Eubanks. The motion carried unanimously by the following roll call vote:

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

TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES
2008-2009 Board Projects
Approved

Motion by Member Tannenbaum, seconded by Member Eubanks, to approve the Childhood Obesity and Reduction and the Nursery and Potting Shed programs as the Board projects for 2008-09, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Travel/Mileage
Reimbursement

Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Tannenbaum, to approve mileage reimbursement in the amount of \$290.04 for Member Eubanks, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Meetings to Attend

There were no travel/conference requests to report.

Comments by the Board

- Naming of facility/project for Jim Coiner
- Committee for Superintendent's salary – Member Eubanks and Member Clyde
- Committee Members for Board Seminar – Member Clyde and Member Cederquist
- Continuance of ongoing facilities committee
- Air Guard filming project – January or February
- Trustee Association Workshop
- Unopposed Election
- Court Schools Graduation

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent Powell reported on the following:

- Scout Island North Entrance
- California Voting Rights Act – Even Distribution of Ethnicity
- State Budget Impact – Mid-Year Cuts
- Champions for Today – Anti-Drugs, Anti-Alcohol
- Board Cabinet Seminar – February 2, 2009
- Introduction of new Attorney – Mike Flores
- Employee Health Insurance Rates (effective 10-1-08)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS Facilities Report on Yale and Kermit Koontz Site.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.