



FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES
November 20, 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: 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 Cederquist moved to approve the November 20, 2008 agenda; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried unanimously.
- Minutes** Member Clyde moved to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2008 Board meeting; seconded by
Approved Member Cederquist; motion carried unanimously.
- EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH** Donna Ellis, District/Charter School Business Analyst, was honored as the November 2008 Employee of the Month. Donna is a highly-skilled accountant who has a deep understanding of the complexities of school finance and appropriate accounting procedures. She is a master at understanding the “message” that the numbers are conveying, and is able to communicate that message clearly to district leadership so that well-informed fiscal decisions can be made. Donna’s contributions go far beyond her technical skills; she cares deeply about “her” districts and charter schools, often working long, hard hours to resolve difficult fiscal issues and developing fiscal strategies that will help her districts and charters stay solvent during turbulent fiscal times. Donna is dependable, compassionate, outgoing, intelligent and loyal. She works hard, laughs easily, and provides a warm and nurturing presence that runs throughout the entire Business Department. It is with pleasure that we recognize Donna Ellis as the November 2008 Employee of the Month.
- Donna expressed her appreciation to her colleagues and family for their continued support.
- RECESS** A recess was called at 1:40 p.m. for a reception to honor Donna Ellis, Employee of the Month. The meeting was reconvened at 1:52 p.m.
- REPORTS**
7-year Voluntary Preschool Plan Karen Hill-Scott expressed her appreciation to the Board and Superintendent Powell for the opportunity to work on the Fresno County Voluntary Preschool Master Plan. Dr. Hill-Scott and more than one hundred community leaders convened in a year long process resulting in the 7-year Preschool Master Plan. This report sets the foundation for a voluntary preschool program which will assist in closing the school readiness gap and bring high-quality preschool to the children of Fresno County.
- 3rd Quarter Williams and Valenzuela Compliance Report Roberto Castro reported that no complaints were received during the 3rd Quarter of 2008. As part of the Williams Compliance Settlement Agreement, all districts are mandated to report to their Board of Trustees on a quarterly basis. These reports may include: instructional material insufficiencies; teacher vacancies; teacher misassignments; or facilities concerns.
- Facilities Update**
Received Jeff Becker updated the Board on the following facilities projects:
- MonteVista School modernization was completed in November, 2007
 - Sutherland Center modernization is now complete
 - KKEC School addition is 85% complete

- Teilman addition – scheduled to begin the summer of 2009
- Teilman modernization – scheduled to begin the summer of 2009
- Ramacher modernization – scheduled to start in March of 2009
- Yale Building – site should be operational in January 2009
- Conference Room 101 in Towers – now available for use
- Scout Island Projects – various ongoing projects

Jan Biggs reported that Pioneer Charter School is interested in collaborating in a nursery project with Scout Island. More information to follow.

<p>Lease-Lease Back Services Approved</p>	<p>Motion by Member Tannenbaum, seconded by Member Eubanks, authorizing the issuance of RFQ for Lease-Lease Back Services, as presented; motioned carried unanimously.</p>										
<p>Authorize Bidding on Construction Projects Approved</p>	<p>Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Tannenbaum, authorizing bidding on various construction projects as outlined; motion carried unanimously.</p>										
<p>Scout Island Ropes Course Received</p>	<p>The Board discussed the naming of Scout Island Ropes Course after longtime educator and former FCOE employee, Jim Coiner. Administration will notify the Coiner family and action will be taken at the December Board meeting.</p>										
<p>2007/08 FCOE Budget/ Actual Comparison Received</p>	<p>Sue Hunsbarger and Kevin Otto reported on the 2007/08 FCOE Budget/Actual Comparisons.</p>										
<p>2008-2009 FCOE Budget Revisions Approved</p>	<p>Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Eubanks, to approve the 2008-2009 FCOE budget revisions, as presented; motion carried unanimously.</p>										
<p>FCOE First Interim Financial Report Received</p>	<p>Kevin Otto and Sue Hunsbarger reported on First Interim Financial Report as of October 31, 2008. The Board acknowledged receipt of FCOE’s First Interim Report.</p>										
<p>eCharter Appeal – Public Comments</p>	<p>Miss Alexander spoke in support of the eCharter of Pacific Union Appeal Petition.</p> <p>Warren Jennings, Superintendent, Pacific Union Elementary, expressed his concerns in opposition to the eCharter.</p>										
<p>Resolution No. 2008-23, eCharter of Pacific Union Appeal Adopted</p>	<p>Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Eubanks, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-23, wherefore denying the eCharter of Pacific Union Appeal; motion carried by the following roll call vote:</p> <table border="0" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>Tannenbaum</td> <td>Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clyde</td> <td>Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cederquist</td> <td>Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eubanks</td> <td>Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>President Thomas</td> <td>Yes</td> </tr> </table>	Tannenbaum	Yes	Clyde	Yes	Cederquist	Yes	Eubanks	Yes	President Thomas	Yes
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<p>Educational Services Resolution No. 2008-24, Certification of Compliance with AB 1781 Adopted</p>	<p>Motion by Member Tannenbaum, seconded by Member Cederquist, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-24, Certification of Compliance with AB1781, as presented; motion carried unanimously.</p>										

TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES	There were no travel/conference requests to report.
Travel/Mileage Reimbursement	
Board Correspondence	The Board received a letter from Mrs. Lorraine Valdez requesting that the Board reconsider the decision to deny her son's interdistrict transfer. The Board discussed the request, and declined to reconsider. Linda Bacon will send Mrs. Valdez a letter notifying her of the Board's decision.
Meetings to Attend	There were no meeting requests.
Comments by the Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Clyde made contact with the property owner adjacent to Scout Island • President Thomas congratulated Jim Yovino on his effort to bring Voluntary Preschool to Fresno County • CSBA Reception in San Diego
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT	<p>Superintendent Powell was not in attendance. Jim Yovino reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FCOE Hiring Freeze • Voluntary Preschool
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS	There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.
ADJOURNMENT	