



FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

December 11, 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 Tannenbaum moved to approve the December 11, 2008 agenda; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried unanimously.
- OATH OF OFFICE** Superintendent Powell administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Barbara Thomas, Dr. Sally Tannenbaum and Dr. Allen Clyde
- Minutes**
Approved Member Cederquist moved to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2008 Board meeting; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.
- ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**
Election of Officers Superintendent Powell called for nominations for President. Member Tannenbaum moved to nominate Vice President Allen Clyde for President; seconded by Member Cederquist. There being no further nominations, Superintendent Powell closed the nominations and called for the vote.
- President** Vice President Clyde was unanimously elected as President of the Board.
- Nominations** Superintendent Powell turned the meeting over to President Clyde. President Clyde called for nominations for Vice President.
- Vice President** Member Cederquist moved to nominate Member Eubanks for Vice President, seconded by Member Eubanks. There being no further nominations, President Clyde closed the nominations and called for the vote for Vice President. Member Eubanks was unanimously elected as Vice President of the Board.
- Recognition of Past President** Superintendent Powell recognized Member Thomas for her hard work and commitment while serving as President. Superintendent Powell presented Mrs. Thomas with a Margaret Hudson figurine representing education.
- Board Meeting Schedule**
Approved Member Thomas moved to continue to meet on the third Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m., in the County Schools Board Room; when a special meeting is needed, it will be called on the first Thursday of a given month; the motion was seconded by Member Cederquist and carried unanimously.

2009 Board Meeting Dates

January, 15, 2009
February, 19, 2009
March, 19, 2009
April 16, 2009
May, 21, 2009
June 18, 2009

July 16, 2009 – Canceled for Summer Break
August 20, 2009
September 17, 2009
October 15, 2009
November 19, 2009
December 10, 2009

Committee Appointments	Nominations for the following County committees will be discussed at the January 15, 2009 Board meeting. Board members wishing to serve on any of the committees should contact the Board secretary. ROC/P Advisory Board SARB Trustees Association California Board of Education Liaison Fresno Chamber of Commerce Facilities Representation on Special Project Committees (appointed as need arises) Board Project Follow-up (Annual Report) Board/Cabinet Seminar
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH	Cheryl Vieira, School Psychologist, was honored as the December 2008 Employee of the Month. Cheryl joined the FCOE team in August of 1993 as an Instructional Aide I for the Special Education Department assigned to the RSP classroom at Washington Colony. Cheryl held this position until January of 1995, when she resigned to pursue her teaching credential. Cheryl's commitment to FCOE and its programs brought her back each summer and she worked at Addicott School as a Paraeducator, while pursuing her education. In August of 1999, Cheryl joined the Pupil Personnel Services Department as an Intern School Psychologist. Upon completion of her internship, Cheryl was hired on as a full-time Psychologist and began serving Laton Unified and Golden Plains Unified. In 2005 she also began working with the Foster Youth Services Program. Her knowledge, gifted skills and highly competent abilities have made invaluable contributions to its success. Cheryl is known by her colleagues for her professionalism, steadiness, dedication, and eagerness to take on new challenges. We are proud to honor Cheryl as Fresno County Office of Education Employee of the Month.
RECESS	A recess was called at 1:44 p.m. for a reception to honor Cheryl Vieira, Employee of the Month. The meeting was reconvened at 1:58 p.m.
COMMUNITY INPUT	There were no comments from the community.
Administration Scout Island Ropes Course Approved	Motion by Member Thomas, seconded by Member Eubanks, to name the Scout Island Ropes Course after longtime educator Jim Coiner, as presented; motion carried unanimously.
Fresno ROP Update	Valerie Vuicich gave a brief overview of recent and upcoming ROP events.
Ratification of ROP Advisory Board of Management Minutes Ratified	Motion by Member Tannenbaum, seconded by Member Eubanks, to ratify the approved Minutes of the ROP Advisory Board of Management Regular Meeting of August 27, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.
Business Services Quarterly Disclosure of Investment Policies Approved	Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Eubanks, to receive the Quarterly Disclosure of Fresno County Office of Education's Investment Policies, as presented; motion carried unanimously.
Suspension of FCOE Charter School Board Policies Approved	Motion by Member Thomas, seconded by Member Cederquist, to suspend FCOE Charter School Board Policies, as presented; motion carried unanimously.
Curriculum & Instruction Resolution No. 2008-25, Martin Luther King Day Adopted	Motion by Member Tannenbaum, seconded by Member Cederquist, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-25, designating January 21, 2008 as Martin Luther King Day, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2008-26, Black History Month Adopted	Motion by Member Tannenbaum, seconded by Member Eubanks, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-26, in observance of February 2009 as Black History Month, as presented; motion carried unanimously.
TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES Meetings to Attend	Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Tannenbaum to approve Barbara Thomas' request to attend the National School Board Association Federal Relations Network in Washington, D.C., in January.
Travel/Conference Reimbursements	There were no travel reimbursements to report.
Board Correspondence	There was no correspondence to report.
Comments by the Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teilman Center program • Changes in Brown Act regarding serial meetings effective January 1, 2009 • President Clyde reported that he is the President of the Reorganization Committee for 2009 • Facilities Updates • Member Eubanks to give the welcome at the FCOE Holiday Reception • Member Cederquist gave a brief update on the CSBA Conference and annual Trustees Association reception in San Diego. The event was well attended, making the 28th year of hosting the reception a complete success.
CSBA Annual Conference Report	Members Thomas and Cederquist reported on the meetings they each attended at the conference.
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT	Superintendent Powell reported on the following:
Recognition of Charlene Samuelian	Superintendent Powell and members of the Board expressed their appreciation to Charlene Samuelian for 28 years of dedicated service to the Fresno County Office of Education and the Special Needs children of Fresno County. Charlene also expressed appreciation for their support of the Special Education programs. Superintendent Powell introduced Trina Frazier as her replacement.
Facilities Report	<p>Items discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kermit Koontz project is moving forward • Yale site nearly complete – possible occupation in January • Teilman Campus funding • Facilities site tour • League of Women Voters mini grant update • Scout Island neighbor
NASA Project Media Clip	A Channel 30 video clip was shown interviewing Dan Loewen, NASA project teacher, and students of the NASA project.
Superintendent's Contract	This item was postponed until the January Board meeting.
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS	The Board requested a Facilities report be given at future Board meetings.
ADJOURNMENT	There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.