



## FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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### MINUTES March 19, 2009

- CALL TO ORDER** President Clyde 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 Allen Clyde; Vice President Keith Eubanks; and Members Sally Tannenbaum, Barbara Thomas 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 Tannenbaum moved to approve the March 19, 2009 amended agenda, seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried unanimously.
- Minutes**  
**Approved** Vice President Eubanks moved to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2009 Board meeting, seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried unanimously.
- COMMUNITY INPUT** There were no comments from the community.
- EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH** Ruben Castillo, Senior, Director for the Migrant Education Program, was selected as the March 2009 Employee of the Month. Growing up in Cantua Creek, Ruben is the epitome of the American Dream. His success is deeply rooted in his character. He is a man of vision, action, and results. In four short years as Senior Director of the Migrant Education Program, Ruben has made a significant imprint in the lives of migrant and non-migrant students and their families not only in Fresno County, but throughout the entire state. He has enthusiastically expanded existing educational programs and has initiated numerous innovative projects that are gradually closing the vast educational and cultural gaps historically existing between migrant students and their peers. With Ruben's leadership qualities, he has tripled FCOE's collaborative partners among school district personnel, university staff and community-based organizations.
- Under Ruben's direction, the Migrant Education Program has identified and served more students and implemented the following programs: Pre-K Transition Programs; Summer Science Campus at Scout Island; Leadership Camps at Wonder Valley, Green Meadow and UCLA; Home Libraries for 12,000 students; Child Care Centers, Super Math and CAHSEE Academies; Father's in Action weekend "Dad's Day Retreat"; Fitness Camp; CSU Fresno Migrant Academic Scholars Program; Portable Educational Learning Packets for 13,000 students, and the list goes on and on. It is with great pleasure that we honor Ruben Castillo as the March 2009 Employee of the Month.
- RECESS** A recess was called at 1:40 p.m., for a reception to honor Ruben Castillo, Employee of the Month. The meeting was reconvened at 1:50 p.m.
- REPORTS**  
**Facilities** Jeff Becker, Facilities Director, gave a brief update on current and future building and modernization projects.
- PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Edison-Bethune Charter Appeal – 2:00 PM** President Clyde opened a public hearing to address the concerns of the public regarding the Edison-Bethune Charter appeal.
- Ernesto Martinez of Edison-Bethune Charter Academy addressed the Board in support of renewal of the charter. A PowerPoint presentation was shared indicating the school's mission, academic programs and test score results.

Public Hearing Closed	The Public Hearing was closed at 2:20 PM										
PUBLIC HEARING Hume Lake Charter Appeal – 2:30 PM	<p>President Clyde opened a public hearing to address the concerns of the public regarding the Hume Lake Charter appeal.</p> <p>Mr. Tom Jones, Board President for Hume Lake Charter School, and Mr. Jon Moore, parent, addressed the Board in support of renewing the charter. A video presentation of the school was shared.</p>										
Community Input	<p>Linda Terry Blanchard shared the charter’s financial report.</p> <p>Mike Lane, Hume Lake Christian Campus, also spoke in support of the charter.</p>										
Public Hearing Closed	The Public Hearing was closed at 2:52 PM.										
Curriculum & Instruction Williams/Valenzuela Uniform Complaints 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Report	Dr. Catania shared an overview of the Valenzuela Lawsuit Settlement Agreement. As part of the Williams Lawsuit 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 of the resolution of all complaints. Dr. Catania reported that there were no complaints received from October 1 through December 31, 2008.										
ACTION ITEMS Business Services Resolution No. 2009-06, Short-Term Loan for Orange Center Elementary School	<p>Motion by Member Eubanks, seconded by Member Cederquist, to approve Resolution No. 2009-06, Short-Term Loan for Orange Center Elementary School, as presented; motion carried by the following vote:</p> <p>ROLL CALL:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Member Tannenbaum</td> <td>Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice-President Eubanks</td> <td>Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Member Thomas</td> <td>Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Member Cederquist</td> <td>Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>President Clyde</td> <td>Yes</td> </tr> </table>	Member Tannenbaum	Yes	Vice-President Eubanks	Yes	Member Thomas	Yes	Member Cederquist	Yes	President Clyde	Yes
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Quarterly Disclosure of Investment Policies <b>Approved</b>	Motion by Member Thomas, seconded by Vice President Eubanks, acknowledging receipt of Fresno County Office of Education’s Quarterly Disclosure of Investment Policies, as presented; motion carried unanimously.										
Resolution No. 2009-07, Big Picture Charter Appeal <b>Approved</b>	<p>Motion by Member Tannenbaum, seconded by Vice President Eubanks, to conditionally approve Big Picture Charter School Appeal for a three year period, contingent upon development and execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the petitioners and the Fresno County Board of Education, as presented; motion carried by the following vote:</p> <p>ROLL CALL:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Member Tannenbaum</td> <td>Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice-President Eubanks</td> <td>Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Member Thomas</td> <td>Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Member Cederquist</td> <td>Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>President Clyde</td> <td>Yes</td> </tr> </table>	Member Tannenbaum	Yes	Vice-President Eubanks	Yes	Member Thomas	Yes	Member Cederquist	Yes	President Clyde	Yes
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TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES Travel & Conference Requests	No travel & conference requests reported.										
Board Correspondence	No correspondence reported.										

Comments by the Board

- Member Thomas suggested that it would be beneficial for each Board member to attend a departmental budget meeting in April. Member Cederquist on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>; Member Eubanks will come in on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>; Member Tannenbaum and President Clyde will come in on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> and Member Thomas will come in on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>
- State Academic Decathlon
- Gardening Program at Scout Island
- Charter School Policy
- Monthly activity printout of outstanding loans to districts

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

In Superintendent Powell's absence, Jim Yovino reported on the following:

- State Budget
- Federal Stabilization Money/Stimulus Package
- Board of Supervisors Discussion of Boot Camp
- Ramifications of Boot Camp Closure
- Naming of Yale Center
- Supreme Court Decision on Voting Rights Act
- KIPP Academy
- Ruben Castillo – 2009 Pillar Award Recipient
- FCOE Foundation

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The naming of Yale Center for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Vice President Eubanks, seconded by Member Tannenbaum, to adjourn meeting; motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.