



## FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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### MINUTES August 20, 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: 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 August 20, 2009 agenda, seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried unanimously.
- Minutes**  
**Approved** Member Cederquist moved to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2009 Board meeting, seconded by Vice President Eubanks; motion carried unanimously.
- COMMUNITY INPUT** There were no comments from the community.
- EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH** Karen West was selected as the August 2009 Employee of the Month. For the last nine years, Karen has worked as a Special Day Class Teacher within the Adult Transition Program for the Fresno County Office of Education. Karen's passion for children with special needs began long before she enrolled into a credentialing program. Her knowledge of children with special needs and her ability to teach initially developed as Karen is a devoted and loving sibling to a sister with special needs. Karen is always upbeat and positive and is observed daily by her colleagues encouraging students, staff and parents alike.
- Congratulations Karen, we are proud to honor you as the Fresno County Office of Education Employee of the Month.
- RECESS** A recess was called at 1:37 p.m. for a reception to honor the Employee of the Month. The meeting was reconvened at 1:50 p.m.
- REPORTS**  
Facilities Update Jeff Becker updated the Board on current and future building and modernization projects.
- Quarterly Report  
Williams/Valenzuela  
Uniform Complaints Dr. Catania reported that no complaints were received in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2009. As part of the Williams and Valenzuela 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 and resolution of all complaints. These reports may include; instructional material insufficiencies; teacher vacancies; teacher misassignments; facilities concerns; or complaints related to CAHSEE Intensive Instructional Services.
- ACTION ITEMS**  
Resolution No. 2009-18,  
Celebrating Math on Call's  
10<sup>th</sup> Season  
**Adopted** Motion by Member Thomas, seconded by Vice President Eubanks, to adopt Resolution No. 2009-18, recognition of Math on Call's 10<sup>th</sup> season, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

2009-2014 FCOE LEA  
Plan Revisions  
**Approved**

Motion by Member Tannenbaum, seconded by Member Thomas, to approve the 2009-2014 FCOE Local Education Agency Plan revisions, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Closed session was called at 2:30 p.m.

Expulsion Appeal –  
Firebaugh-Las Deltas  
Unified School District  
2:30 p.m.

Those present at the hearing included: Student; Parent; Trish Stout, Firebaugh-Las Deltas School District Representative; Larry Powell, County Superintendent of Schools; Linda Bacon, Attorney, Fresno County Office of Education; and Gloria Ferrer, Secretary to the Fresno County Board of Education.

Board members sought input from those present.

The Board moved into deliberations at 3:10 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 3:17 p.m.

Vice President Eubanks moved to affirm the findings, seconded by Member Tannenbaum; the motion carried with a roll call vote of 5-0.

Order of the Board:

The Fresno County Board of Education affirms the decision of the Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified School District Governing Board to expel the student.

President Clyde moved to affirm the District's decision to expel the student, seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried with a roll call vote of 5-0.

Expulsion Appeal –  
Coalinga-Huron Unified  
School District  
3:25 p.m.

Those present at the hearing included: Student; Parent; Claudia Ramirez-Acosta, Spanish Translator; Michael Brooks, Attorney for Appellant; Michael Motta and Royal Cash, Coalinga-Huron Unified School District Administrators; Larry Powell, County Superintendent of Schools; Linda Bacon, Attorney, Fresno County Office of Education; and Gloria Ferrer, Secretary to the Fresno County Board of Education.

Board members sought input from those present.

The Board moved into deliberations at 4:16 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 4:26 p.m.

Member Tannenbaum moved to affirm the findings, seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried by a roll call vote of 5-0.

Order of the Board:

The Fresno County Board of Education reverses the decision of the Coalinga-Huron Unified School District Governing Board to expel the student. The Fresno County Board of Education directs the Coalinga-Huron Unified School District Governing Board to expunge the record of the pupil and the records of the District of any references to the expulsion action and the expulsion shall be deemed not to have occurred.

Member Tannenbaum moved to reverse the District's decision to expel the student, seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried to reverse the District's decision to expel the student by a 5-0 roll call vote.

**TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES**  
2009 CSBA Membership  
Dues

Motion by Member Thomas, seconded by Member Cederquist, to approve payment of CSBA Membership dues for 2009, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

2009 Outstanding  
Legislator of the Year

There were no nominations presented for 2009 Outstanding Legislator of the Year.

CSBA Nominations for Directors-at-Large, American Indian, Black and County	There were no nominations presented for CSBA Directors-at-Large, American Indian, Black and County.
Travel & Conference Requests	Motion by Member Thomas, seconded by Member Tannenbaum, to approve request for Member Thomas to attend CCBE Fall Conference in Sacramento, September 25-27, 2009, and Member Eubanks to attend CSBA Annual Education Conference in San Diego, December 2-5, 2009; motion carried unanimously.
Travel & Conference/ Mileage Reimbursements	Motion by Member Eubanks, seconded by Member Thomas, to approve travel and conference mileage reimbursements for Members Cederquist and Eubanks, as presented; motion carried unanimously.
Board Correspondence	There was no correspondence reported.
Comments by the Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “California Forward” Summit in Sacramento</li> <li>• Scout Island Facility</li> <li>• Freddie Valdez Dedication</li> <li>• Crescent View Charter Academy</li> </ul>
SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT	<p>Superintendent Powell reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State budget</li> <li>• Fresno County property assessment</li> <li>• 12% cuts to Districts</li> <li>• Big Picture Charter Academy location</li> <li>• Violent Heintz Education Academy property</li> <li>• West Fresno School District update</li> <li>• FCOE All Staff Day – August 21, 2009, Golden Palace Event Center</li> </ul>
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Board Project Reports</li> <li>2. September 17, 2009 Board meeting to begin at 5:00 p.m.</li> </ol>
ADJOURNMENT	Motion by Member Eubanks, seconded by Member Thomas, to adjourn meeting; motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.