



FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES September 17, 2009

- CALL TO ORDER** Vice President Eubanks called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag, followed by an inspirational reading by Jim Yovino.
- ATTENDANCE** Members present: President Allen Clyde; Vice President Keith Eubanks; and Members Barbara Thomas and Del Cederquist. Member Sally Tannenbaum was absent.
- Participating staff: Superintendent Larry L. Powell; Deputy Superintendents Jim Yovino, Educational Services, and Richard A. Martin, Business Services; Armen Bacon, Communications/Public Relations; Jason Parkin, Legal Department; and Gloria Ferrer, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education.
- AGENDA** Member Thomas moved to approve the September 17, 2009 agenda, seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried unanimously.
- Minutes**
Approved Member Cederquist moved to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2009 Board meeting, seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried unanimously.
- COMMUNITY INPUT** There were no comments from the community.
- EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH** Casie Ramirez was selected as the September 2009 Employee of the Month. Casie joined the FCOE family in April of 2007 as an Office Assistant within the Department of Safe & Healthy Kids. Just a few months after Casie was hired, she joined the Facilities Department as the Administrative Assistant I. Casie is able to juggle the wide variety of tasks and requests that come through the Facilities Department on a daily basis without missing a beat. All the while, Casie remains focused on the demands surrounding the myriad of pending multi-million dollar construction projects. Casie has a way of treating each individual with professionalism and grace.
- Casie is instrumental to the entire operation of the department. She keeps everything going and continues to make improvements to current processes. In addition to sharing her talents with FCOE, Casie is also actively involved in her church and community. Over the past two years, Casie has taken the time to mentor a young girl; together they share life experiences and fun activities. For this young person, Casie is a steady presence in a world full of uncertainty. Her passion for the community and compassion for all people is evident in everything she does.
- Congratulations Casie, we are proud to honor you as the Fresno County Office of Education Employee of the Month.
- RECESS** A recess was called at 5:09 p.m., for a reception to honor the Employee of the Month. The meeting was reconvened at 5:17 p.m.
- REPORTS**
Facilities Update Jeff Becker updated the Board on current and future building and modernization projects.
- Board Project Update Michelle Roman updated the Board on the Childhood Obesity & Reduction Project.
- ACTION ITEMS**
Fresno ROP Minutes
Adopted Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Thomas, to ratify the minutes of the May 20, 2009 ROP Advisory Board of Management regular meeting, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

2009-2010 Court & Community Schools Handbooks
Approved

Motion by Member Thomas, seconded by Vice President Eubanks, to approve the Court Schools Staff Handbook, the Court Schools Curriculum Guide, the Court Schools Emergency Preparedness Plan Handbook, the Community Schools Staff Handbook, the Community Schools Curriculum Guide, the Community Schools Student/Parent Handbook, and the Community/Community Day Schools Crisis Management Plan, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING
Senate Bill X3 4
5:45 p.m.

President Clyde opened a public hearing to give the public an opportunity to comment on the categorical program flexibility provisions authorized by Senate Bill X3 4.

There were no comments from the public.

ACTION ITEM
Resolution No. 2009-20,
Senate Bill X3 4
Adopted

Motion by Member Thomas, seconded by Member Cederquist, to adopt Resolution No. 2009-20, authorizing the Fresno County Office of Education to utilize the flexibility provided by Senate Bill X3 4, as presented; motion carried by a roll call vote of 4-0.

PUBLIC HEARING
Sufficiency or Insufficiency
of Instructional Materials

President Clyde opened a public hearing to give the public an opportunity to comment on the Sufficiency or Insufficiency of Instructional Materials in the Fresno County Court Schools and Special Education Programs.

There were no comments from the public.

ACTION ITEM
Resolution No. 2009-19
Sufficiency or Insufficiency
of Instructional Materials
Adopted

Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Thomas, to adopt Resolution No. 2009-19, in the matter regarding Sufficiency or Insufficiency of Instructional Materials in the Fresno County Court Schools and Special Education programs, as presented; motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 4-0.

CLOSED SESSION
6:00 p.m.

Motion by Vice President Eubanks, seconded by Member Thomas, to adjourn the meeting to closed session; motion carried unanimously.

Expulsion Appeal – Kings
Canyon Unified School
District

Those present at the hearing included: Student; Parents; Michael Brooks, Attorney for Appellant; Bryan Martin, Kings Canyon Unified School District Attorney; Mary Ann Carouso, Administrator for Student Services, Kings Canyon Unified School District; Larry Powell, County Superintendent of Schools; Jason Parkin, Legal Counsel, Fresno County Office of Education; and Gloria Ferrer, Administrative Assistant to the Fresno County Board of Education.

Board members sought input from those present. The Board moved into deliberations at 6:55p.m., and reconvened into open session at 7:12 p.m.

Member Cederquist moved to affirm the findings, seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried by a roll call vote of 4-0. Member Tannenbaum was absent.

Order of the Board:

The Fresno County Board of Education affirms the decision of the Kings Canyon Unified School District Governing Board to expel the student.

Member Cederquist moved to affirm the District's decision to expel the student, seconded by Vice President Eubanks; motion carried unanimously. Member Tannenbaum was absent.

TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES
2009-10 Board Projects
Approved

Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Vice President Eubanks, to approve the Childhood Obesity, and Reduction and the Nursery and Potting Shed programs as the Board projects for 2009-10, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Travel & Conference Requests	There were no travel and conference requests submitted.
Travel & Conference/ Mileage Reimbursements	There were no travel and conference reimbursements submitted.
Board Correspondence	There was no correspondence reported.
Comments by the Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Night • All Staff Day
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT	<p>Superintendent Powell reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CA School District Bonds • Viking Decision • CA School Nurses Association Lawsuit
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS	There were no items discussed.
ADJOURNMENT	Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Vice President Eubanks, to adjourn meeting; motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.