



FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES December 9, 2010

- CALL TO ORDER** President Eubanks 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 Keith Eubanks; Vice President Del Cederquist; Members Barbara Thomas, Sally Tannenbaum and Allen Clyde.
- Participating staff: Superintendent Larry L. Powell; Deputy Superintendents Jim Yovino, Educational Services, and Richard A. Martin, Business Services; Armen Bacon, Communications/Public Relations; Linda Bacon, Lead Legal Counsel, Legal Services; and Gloria Ferrer, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education.
- AGENDA**
Approved Member Thomas moved to approve the December 9, 2010 agenda; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried unanimously.
- MINUTES**
Approved Member Thomas moved to approve the revised minutes of the November 18, 2010 Board meeting as presented; seconded by Vice President Cederquist; motion carried unanimously.
- ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**
Board Member Swearing-in Newly elected Board Members Delbert Cederquist and Keith Eubanks were sworn in by Superintendent Powell.
- Election of Officers** Superintendent Powell called for nominations for President. Member Clyde moved to elect Vice President Cederquist for President; seconded by Member Thomas. There being no further nominations, Superintendent Powell closed the nominations and called for the vote. Vice President Cederquist was unanimously elected as President of the Board.
- Superintendent Powell turned the meeting over to President Cederquist. President Cederquist then called for nominations for Vice President.
- Member Eubanks moved to nominate Member Thomas for Vice President, seconded by Member Tannenbaum. There being no further nominations, President Cederquist closed the nominations and called for the vote. Member Thomas was unanimously elected as Vice President of the Board.
- Member Clyde 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; seconded by Vice President Thomas; motion carried unanimously.
- Board Meeting Schedule**
Approved 2011 Board Meeting Dates
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| January 20, 2011 | July 21, 2011 |
| February 17, 2011 | August 18, 2011 |
| March 17, 2011 | September 15, 2011 |
| April 21, 2011 | October 20, 2011 |
| May 19, 2011 | November 17, 2011 |
| June 23, 2011 | December 8, 2011 |

MINUTES CONTINUED

Nominations for the following County committees will be discussed at the January 20, 2011 Board meeting. Board members wishing to serve on any of the committees should contact the Board secretary.

Committee Appointments ROC/P Advisory Board
SARB
Trustees Association
California Board of Education Liaison
Fresno Chamber of Commerce
Facilities
Special Project Committees (appointed as need arises)
Charter Review Committee
Board Project Follow-up (Annual Report)

COMMUNITY INPUT There were no comments from the public.

Employee of the Month
November 2010 Stella Perea was selected as the November 2010 Employee of the Month. With over 30 years of competent, courageous and inspirational leadership, Stella is the “hub” for the Internal Business Services Department. Her keen business sense, coupled with her beliefs, values and honorable character have created a working environment that challenges others to do their very best. Stella has the mentoring ability to create a vision. This has been evidenced in so many ways over the years, most recently when she initiated an update on the business procedures, streamlining departmental duties. Stella possesses great organizational skills which maximize program proficiency.

Stella’s supervisory skills offer a contagious, integrator style of leadership as she believes that success can only be achieved when there is a unity of effort and teamwork. She encourages her staff to, “Be yourself,” nobody is better qualified.” Stella possesses a sixth sense about where problems will occur and makes her presence known when encouragement is needed during critical times. Stella realizes that her team does their best when they are left to work within a vision-based framework, she sets the pace for the internal payroll and accounts payable teams while inspiring peer-respect from her colleagues.

Congratulations, Stella, we are proud to honor you as the November 2010 Employee of the Month.

Employee of the Month
December 2010 Denise Guerrero was selected as the December 2010 Employee of the Month. Denise joined the FCOE family in January of 2000 and has been an instrumental partner in working with special education and court and community school students. Her exceptional knowledge has made her highly respected and sought out as an expert in providing services to our at-risk student population.

Denise offers valuable support to our programs, students, families, administration, teachers, support staff, outside agencies and school districts. She is married and has three young children. She is the key to the success for many students within our special education program in the court and community school setting. She has the ability to maintain intent and focus on the needs of the students regardless of the incredible amount of paperwork and case management required. She goes above and beyond with her involvement with the students from creating a new reading program to her work with the Community School PTA, school site council and various additional volunteer activities.

Congratulations, Denise, we are proud to honor you as the December 2010 Employee of the Month.

PRESENTATIONS
Explorer Post 600 (VHEA)

Vickie Stotts, VHEA School Psychologist, recognized VHEA Explorer Post 600 for placing 2nd in the Fresno Bee’s High Speed Train commercial and placing 1st in the nation for their bullying video. The students also volunteered their time to distribute backpacks, school supplies and food for the needy.

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Pelco Recognition for “Pelco Kids Day” For the past 6 years, Pelco has sponsored an all day event that provides an opportunity for approximately 1000 students with moderate/severe disabilities, their teachers and families to enjoy a fun-filled day with a multitude of activities provided by many local community volunteers. Hundreds of Pelco employees donate their time and talent to make this day possible for students.

Recognition of Patriotic Service Member Debbie Davis The Fresno County Office of Education and Debbie Davis were recognized by the Department of Defense for their support of the National Guard and Army Reserves by promoting a culture in which all American employers support and value the military service of their employees.

REPORTS Facilities Jeff Becker updated the Board on current and future building and modernization projects.

Resolution No. 2010-21, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day **Adopted** Motion by Member Tannenbaum, seconded by Member Clyde, adopting Resolution No. 2010-21 observing January 17, 2011, as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day and encouraging districts in Fresno County to plan appropriate activities as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2010-22, February as Black History Month **Adopted** Motion by Vice President Thomas, seconded by Member Eubanks, adopting Resolution No. 2010-22, recognizing February 2011 as Black History Month and encouraging districts in Fresno County to plan appropriate activities as presented; motion carried unanimously.

TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES Travel Requests Motion by Member Eubanks, seconded by Member Clyde, approving Vice President Thomas’ request to attend the Federal Relations Network Conference February 6-8, 2011, in Washington, D.C.; motion carried unanimously. The annual conference is hosted by the National School Boards Association

Travel/Conference Reimbursements There were no mileage reimbursements submitted.

Receipt of Correspondence The Board received a thank you note from Mrs. Beth Dorough.

Comments by the Board

- CSBA Education Conference
- Special Education Residential Funding

TRUSTEE ACTION Revisit Superintendent’s Contract Motion by Member Eubanks, seconded by Vice President Thomas, approving a two year contract based on the current salary schedule proposed; motion carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Wrestling Court Case
- English Language Learner Grant
- Fiscal Impact on Districts Based on State Budget Cuts
- Shortened School Year
- Newly Elected District Board Members

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Scout Island Report
2. 2011 County Board Committee Appointments

ADJOURNMENT Motion by Vice President Thomas, seconded by Member Eubanks, to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 p.m.; motion carried unanimously.