



FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES April 15, 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; and Members Sally Tannenbaum, Barbara Thomas, 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; Lead Legal Counsel Linda Bacon, Legal Services Department; and Gloria Ferrer, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education.
- AGENDA** Member Clyde moved to approve the April 15, 2010 revised agenda; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried unanimously.
- MINUTES**
Approved Member Clyde moved to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2010 Board meeting; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried unanimously.
- COMMUNITY INPUT** There were no comments from the community.
- EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH** Helene Kipp was selected as the April 2010 Employee of the Month. Helene joined the Fresno County Office of Education in 1979 and for over thirty years, Helene has provided enormous support as a Special Education Paraeducator. Her expertise has grown from organizing the small details of everyday classroom life to preparing lessons and managing a variety of small group teaching stations. Helene is currently assigned to a CIRCLE class for young students with autism, giving 100% every day. Helene is also instrumental in developing effective working relationships between the FCOE and district site staff. In addition to Helene's dedication and devotion to her classroom, she is a strong advocate for all individuals with unique educational needs. She has been a parent-facilitator for the Bullard High School Autism parent group and has served on the Board for the national organization of Nonverbal Learning Disorders Association. She was the West Coast coordinator for the Learning Disorders Association's Annual Conference and a keynote presenter.
- Congratulations Helene, we are proud to honor you as the April Employee of the Month.
- RECOGNITION**
State Academic Decathlon Teams Jennifer Quinn recognized the 2010 Fresno County Academic Decathletes and Coaches from Edison High, University High, Bullard High, and Hallmark Charter High Schools. The University High School team won the Small School Division and will be advancing to the Nationals.
- RECOGNITION/ACTION**
Resolution No. 2010-08 Administrative Professionals Day
Adopted Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Thomas, to adopt Resolution No. 2010-08, recognizing April 21, 2010, as Administrative Professionals Day in the Fresno County Office of Education, as presented; motion carried unanimously.
- RECESS** A recess was called at 1:53 p.m. for a reception to honor the Employee of the Month and the Academic Decathletes. The meeting was reconvened at 2:10 p.m.

MINUTES CONTINUED

REPORTS

League of Women Voters
Student Voter Registration
Survey

Francine Farber and Liz Shields from the Fresno League of Women Voters (FLWV) reported that they have been awarded a grant by the U.S. League of Women Voters to conduct a study among high school students to determine which of two methods will yield the best results for voter registration. A number of Fresno County high schools have volunteered to be a part of the study taking place during May 2010.

ACTION

Resolution No. 2010-05,
School Nurses Day

Adopted

Motion by Member Tannenbaum, seconded by Member Thomas, to adopt Resolution No. 2010-05, in recognition of School Nurses Day on May 12, 2010, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

REPORT

Facilities Update

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

ACTION

Fresno ROP
Board of Management

Ratified

Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Vice President Cederquist, ratifying the approved minutes of the ROP Advisory Board of Management Regular Meeting of January 20, 2010; motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Resolution No. 2010-06,
Classified School
Employees Week

Adopted

Motion by Vice President Cederquist, seconded by Member Thomas, to adopt Resolution No. 2010-06, recognizing the week of May 16-22, 2010, as Classified School Employees Week in the Fresno County Office of Education, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Resolution No. 2010-07,
National School Library
Media Month

Adopted

Motion by Vice President Eubanks, seconded by Member Thomas, to adopt Resolution No. 2010-07, proclaiming April 2010 as National School Library Month, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Legal Services
Superintendent/BP/AR
Policies

Adopted

Motion by Vice President Cederquist, seconded by Member Clyde, to adopt the Superintendent/BP/AR policies, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

6146.1 – High School Graduation Requirements
6146.2 – Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency
6146.3 – Reciprocity of Academic Credit
BP 6146.4 – Differential Graduation and Competency Standards for Students with Disabilities
6146.11 – Alternative Credits Toward Graduation
6162.52 – High School Exit Examination
AR 6179 – Supplemental Instruction

PUBLIC HEARING

Certificated Bargaining
Unit's Initial 2010-11
Proposal

President Eubanks opened a public hearing to give the public an opportunity to express comments or concerns regarding the certificate bargaining unit's initial 2010-11 proposal. There were no comments from the public.

Motion by Member Thomas, seconded by Member Tannenbaum, to close the public hearing; motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

County Superintendent of
Schools Initial Proposal to
the Certificated Bargaining
Unit for 2010-11

President Eubanks opened a public hearing to give the public an opportunity to express comments or concerns regarding the Superintendent's initial proposal to the certificate bargaining unit for 2010-11. There were no comments from the public.

Motion by Member Thomas, seconded by Member Clyde, to close the public hearing; motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES CONTINUED

PUBLIC HEARING
Waiver Request
Big Picture High School

President Eubanks opened a public hearing to give the public an opportunity to express their comments or concerns regarding the apportionment deferral waiver proposed for Big Picture High School. There were no comments from the public.

Motion by Vice President Cederquist, seconded by Member Thomas, to close the public hearing; motion carried unanimously.

ACTION
Waiver Request
Big Picture Charter School
Approved

Motion by Vice President Cederquist, seconded by Member Thomas, to approve the waiver request apportionment payments for Big Picture High School, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING
Waiver Request
Hume Lake Charter School

President Eubanks opened a public hearing to give the public an opportunity to express their comments or concerns regarding the apportionment deferral waiver proposed for Hume Lake Charter School. There were no comments from the public.

ACTION
Waiver Request
Hume Lake Charter School
Approved

Motion by Vice President Cederquist, seconded by Member Clyde, to approve the waiver request apportionment payments for Hume Lake Charter School, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION
Conference with Real
Property Sale Negotiators

A closed session was called at 2:55 p.m.

Conference with Real Property Sale Negotiators (Gov. Code § 54956.8)
Property: 11 S. Teilman, Fresno
Agency negotiator: Jan Biggs, Jeff Becker, Maiya Yang
Negotiating party: M. Berg
Under negotiation: Sale/Lease; Terms/Price

Meeting Reconvened

The Board reconvened to open session at 3:35 p.m.

ACTION
Citizen's Advisory
Committee

Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Tannenbaum, to approve the authorization for the Superintendent to appoint a Citizens Advisory Committee concerning the disposal of school property, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES
Travel/Conference

There were no requests for travel/conference.

Travel/Conference
Reimbursements

There were no travel/conference reimbursements reported.

Board Correspondence

Member Thomas reported Bill Gondacker, Kings County Office of Education Board Member, had requested a regional committee be formed to discuss issues relevant to county boards of education. Member Thomas, newly elected CSBA delegate for Region 10, supported Mr. Gondacker's request. Member Thomas and Vice President Cederquist agreed to serve on the committee.

Comments by the Board

- Member Tannenbaum unable to attend the October 2010 Board meeting
- Vice President Cederquist thanked the Board and Cabinet for attending the Kremen School of Education Awards Reception where he was honored with the Friend of Education award

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

- The State Budget
- California Voting Rights Act
- California Department of Education
- West Fresno School District
- Golden Plains School District

MINUTES CONTINUED

- Orange Center School District
- FCMAT
- Race to the Top
- Budget Summary

FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS

The Board will discuss Superintendent's salary schedule in September.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Member Thomas, seconded by Member Clyde, adjourning the meeting; motion carried unanimously. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.