



FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES August 19, 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 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; Linda Bacon, Lead Legal Counsel, Legal Services; and Gloria Ferrer, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education.
- AGENDA** Member Clyde moved to approve the August 19, 2010 agenda; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried unanimously.
- MINUTES**
Approved Vice President Cederquist moved to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2010 Board meeting; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried unanimously.
- COMMUNITY INPUT** There were no comments from the community.
- Employee of the Month**
August 2010 Judy Galvez de Heredia was selected as the August 2010 Employee of the Month. Judy began her career at FCOE in May 2005 and is currently the Staff Secretary for the Fresno County SELPA. Judy has become known as the “face and voice” for Fresno County’s 32 school districts that comprise the SELPA and utilize SELPA services. The sincerity, courtesy and professionalism in her communication leave visitors and callers alike feeling valued, appreciated and important. Judy is committed to being a valuable resource to our districts which, in turn, allows them the ability to provide exceptional services to their students. She is responsible for assisting with the preparation of professional development workshops for the SELPA. Judy balances all of her assignments with apparent ease and works hard so that each of the two SELPA Coordinators she supports feels as though they are getting her full time and attention.
- Judy not only exudes professionalism at work, most importantly she is the “Tower of Strength” for her family and children. In addition to sharing her talents with FCOE, Judy is also actively involved in her church and community. Judy has taken the time to serve on committees such as the *Blankets for the Homeless Project* which provides blankets and gift packages to the homeless members of our community. Judy also volunteers her time and talent to the Annual Support Staff Conference. Her passion for the community and compassion for all people is evident in everything she does.
- Congratulations, Judy, we are proud to honor you as the August 2010 Employee of the Month.
- Employee of the Month**
July 2010 Angela Bowlin was selected as the July 2010 Employee of the Month. Angela began her career at FCOE in January 2004 and currently serves as Administrative Assistant II in the Curriculum and Instruction Department. Angela assists and supports an Administrator, an Associate Director, and a Program Manager, as well as eight Coordinators within the Curriculum & Instruction Department - Academic Schoolwide Intensive Support Team (ASIST), Compliance and Visual and Performing Arts. She serves this division tirelessly and seemingly without effort. Her organization, dedication, talent and attention to detail make her an asset in working with districts, schools and students within Fresno County.

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Her ability to manage a complex database of expenditures and travel for all of the ASIST team is another commendable trait.

Angela is a dedicated member of Cornerstone Church, and has served on the WOW Leadership Team for the last 10 years. She is a choir member, soloist and member of a unique women's musical group "SHABACH." Angela is faithful, talented, willing and resourceful. She has a kind spirit and is energetic in all she does.

Congratulations, Angela, we are proud to honor you as the July 2010 Employee of the Month.

RECESS

A recess was called at 1:40 p.m. for a reception to honor the Employee of the Month. The meeting reconvened at 1:55 p.m.

REPORTS

Burrell Union Get Healthy! Project

Cyndi Kirby-Dean shared a PowerPoint presentation on the Burrell Union Get Healthy! Project and requested that the Board consider this project as the 2010 Board project.

Quarterly Report
Williams/Valenzuela
Uniform Complaints

Dr. Catania reported that no complaints were received in the 2nd Quarter 2010. 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. There were no complaints received from April 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010.

Legal Services
Revised SUPT/BP/AR
Policies

Linda Bacon presented the first reading of the following revised Superintendent/BP/AR Policies:

Received

3580 – FCOE Records
5125 – Student Records
5125.1 – Release of Directory Information
6173 – Education for Homeless Children
6173.2 – Education of Children of Military Families
6159.3 – Appointment of Surrogate Parent for Special Education Students

Facilities Update

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

ACTION ITEMS
Architect and Engineer
Selection for Various
Projects

Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Vice President Cederquist, to approve Hastrup & Hyde Architects; TAM+CZ Architects, LLP; SIM Architects; HMC Architects; and Blair, Church & Flynn, Consulting Engineers, for design services for FCOE projects during the next three years, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Approved

Consideration of Loan to I-5
Social Services

This item was removed from the agenda.

Removed

Interdistrict Transfer Appeal
Dana Chandler, Sanger
Unified School District –
2:45 PM

The Board discussed the request for interdistrict transfer from the district of residence. Those present at the hearing included: Mrs. Stephanie Chandler, parent; Jason Parkin, FCOE Legal Services; and Dennis Wickman, CWA Supervisor, Sanger Unified School District.

The Board sought information from Mrs. Chandler and Sanger Unified School District.

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Vice President Cederquist made a motion to uphold the District’s denial for Dana Chandler to transfer to Reyburn Intermediate in Clovis Unified School District from her district of residence, Sanger Unified School District. The motion was seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Member Tannenbaum	No
Member Clyde	Yes
Vice President Cederquist	Yes
Member Thomas	Yes
President Eubanks	Yes

CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened into closed session at 3:07 p.m. and reconvened at 3:10 p.m.

Expulsion Appeal – Fresno Unified School District
3:00 p.m.

Those present at the hearing included: Kevin Torosian, Hearing Officer, Fresno Unified School District; Larry Powell, County Superintendent of Schools; Jim Yovino, Deputy Superintendent; Jason Parkin, Legal Counsel, Fresno County Office of Education; and Gloria Ferrer, Administrative Assistant to the Fresno County Board of Education. The student and his parent/guardian were not present.

Board members sought input from Fresno Unified School District.

Vice President Cederquist moved to affirm the findings of Fresno Unified School District; carried by a roll call vote of 5-0.

Member Tannenbaum	Yes
Member Clyde	Yes
Vice President Cederquist	Yes
Member Thomas	Yes
President Eubanks	Yes

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.

Vice President Cederquist moved to affirm the District’s decision to expel the student, seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried unanimously.

Recess

The Board took a recess and reconvened at 3:36 pm and went directly into closed session at 3:37 p.m.

Expulsion Appeal – Clovis Unified School District
3:37 p.m.

Those present at the hearing included: Student; Parent; Bruce Leichty, Attorney for Appellant; Dr. Greg Bass, Administrator, Clovis Unified School District; Sloan Simmons, Attorney for Clovis Unified School District; Larry Powell, County Superintendent of Schools; Jim Yovino, Deputy Superintendent; 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 4:26 p.m., and reconvened into open session at 4:50 p.m.

Member Clyde moved to affirm the findings of Clovis Unified School District, seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried by a roll call vote of 5-0.

Member Tannenbaum	Yes
Member Clyde	Yes
Vice President Cederquist	Yes
Member Thomas	Yes
President Eubanks	Yes

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OPEN SESSION

Order of the Board:

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

Member Clyde moved to affirm the District's decision to expel the student, seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried unanimously.

Open session – 3:10 p.m.

TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES

CSBA Call for Nominations for Board of Directors from Even Numbered Regions

No nominations were submitted for Board of Directors from Region 10.

CSBA Call for Nominations for Directors-At-Large, Asian Pacific and Hispanic

No nominations were submitted for Directors-At-Large, Asian or Hispanic.

Travel Requests

There were no travel requests submitted.

Travel/Conference Reimbursements

There were no travel/conference reimbursement requests submitted.

Board Correspondence

No correspondence report by the Board

Comments by the Board

- CSBA Recent Events
- Charter School – Adult Continuing Students
- Administrative Hires

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Foundation Donor Wall
- SMG/FCOE Lawsuit
- Title I Funding Nationwide
- State Budget
- 2010-11 Proposed Salary Schedules

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Information on CSBA Executive Salaries
- Burrell Get Healthy! Project – Board Project Approval

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Vice President Cederquist, to adjourn the meeting; motion carried unanimously. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.