



## FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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### MINUTES September 16, 2010

- CALL TO ORDER** President Eubanks called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag, followed by an inspirational reading by Laurie Gabriel.
- 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 Superintendent 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** Vice President Cederquist moved to approve the September 16, 2010 agenda; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried unanimously.
- MINUTES**  
**Approved** Member Thomas moved to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2010 Board meeting; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried unanimously.
- COMMUNITY INPUT** There were no comments from the community.
- Employee of the Month**  
**September 2010** Diane Leonardo was selected as the September 2010 Employee of the Month. Di is a Program Manager for the ASIST Team within the Curriculum & Instruction Department. Di is a visionary instructional leader. She advocates for educators, as well as for all students and their families within Fresno County. She joined the FCOE family in 2004 and has been instrumental in developing a state of the art program offering extraordinary support to schools. Di takes issues head on; she leads out courageously and meets regularly with Administrators and School Principals to guide and coach others to effectively establish clear, attainable annual goals for their sites. Her knowledge and focus fosters a positive culture, with clear expectations. From developing a program improvement plan to building and sustaining quality, committed relationships, she makes things happen. She is energetic, committed and highly effective.
- Congratulations, Di, we are proud to honor you as the September 2010 Employee of the Month.
- RECOGNITION**  
Edison Bethune Charter Academy Dr. Kathryn Catania recognized Nancy McLaskey, Principal of Edison-Bethune Charter Academy, for increasing student achievement and exiting Program Improvement sanctions.
- RECESS** A recess was called at 4:20 p.m. for a reception to honor the Employee of the Month.
- CLOSED SESSION** The Board convened into closed session at 4:34 p.m.
- Expulsion Appeal – Fresno**  
**Unified School District**  
**4:30 p.m.** Those present at the hearing included: Student; Student's Parents; Dr. Kevin Torosian, Hearing Officer, Fresno 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 4:55 p.m., and reconvened at 5:02 p.m.

MINUTES CONTINUED

Expulsion Appeal  
Continued

Member Clyde 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 Fresno Unified School District Governing Board to expel the student.

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

The Board recessed and reconvened at 5:10 pm and went directly into closed session.

Expulsion Appeal – Fresno  
Unified School District  
5:10 p.m.

Those present at the hearing included: Dr. Kevin Torosian, Hearing Officer, Fresno 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.

The Appellant nor his parents were present at the hearing.

The Board moved into deliberations at 5:11 p.m., and reconvened into open session at 5:17 p.m.

Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Vice President Cederquist, declaring the expulsion approval null and void without the presence of the appellant or his parents; 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

OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened to open session at 5:23 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING  
Sufficiency or Insufficiency  
of Instructional Materials

President Eubanks opened a public hearing to give the public an opportunity to express comments or concerns regarding the matter of Sufficiency or Insufficiency of Instructional Materials in the Fresno County Court Schools and Special Education programs. There were no comments from the public.

ACTION ITEMS  
Resolution No. 2010-12  
Sufficiency or Insufficiency  
of Instructional Materials  
**Adopted**

Motion by Vice President Cederquist, seconded by Member Clyde, to adopt Resolution No. 2010-12, 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.

Request Brief Emergency  
Closure Status for Mariposa  
Migrant Child Care Center  
**Approved**

Motion by Member Thomas, seconded by Member Tannenbaum, to approve Brief Emergency Closure Status during August 3-6, 2010 and September 7-10, 2010, for the Mariposa Meadows Migrant Child Care Center, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES CONTINUED

Resolution No. 2010-13, Observance of Constitution Day  
**Adopted**

Motion by Vice President Cederquist, seconded by Member Tannenbaum, to adopt Resolution No. 2010-13 in observance of Constitution Day on September 17, 2010, in the Fresno County Office of Education, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES  
Travel Requests

There were no travel requests submitted.

Burrell Union Get Healthy! Project

This item will be placed on the October 2010 Board agenda for action.

Travel/Conference Reimbursements

There were no travel/conference reimbursement requests submitted.

Receipt of Correspondence

No correspondence report by the Board

Superintendent's Contract

Motion by Member Thomas, seconded by Member Tannenbaum to table this item. Motion carried by a 4-1 vote with Member Clyde opposing.

Discussion of Executive Salaries

CSBA Executive Salaries were discussed.

Comments by the Board

- Distinguished Citizens Award Program
- Scout Island Easement

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- API District Scores
- Kremen School of Education Centennial

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Burrell Union Get Healthy! Project

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Member Thomas, seconded by Member Tannenbaum, to adjourn the meeting; motion carried unanimously. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.