



## FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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### MINUTES December 8, 2011

- CALL TO ORDER** President Cederquist called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag, followed by an inspirational reading by Jim Yovino.
- ATTENDANCE** Members present: President Del Cederquist; Vice President Barbara Thomas; Members Sally Tannenbaum, Keith Eubanks and Allen Clyde.
- Participating staff: County Superintendent of Schools Larry L. Powell; Deputy Superintendents Jim Yovino, Educational Services, and Richard A. Martin, Business Services; Linda Bacon, Legal Counsel, Legal Services; and Gloria Ferrer, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education.
- AGENDA**  
**Approved** Member Clyde moved to approve the December 8, 2011 agenda; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried unanimously.
- MINUTES**  
**Approved** Member Clyde moved to approve the revised minutes of the November 17, 2011 Board meeting as presented; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried unanimously.
- ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**  
Election of Officers Superintendent Powell called for nominations for President. Member Eubanks moved to elect Vice President Thomas for President; seconded by Member Tannenbaum. There being no further nominations, Superintendent Powell closed the nominations and called for the vote. Vice President Thomas was unanimously elected as President of the Board.
- Superintendent Powell turned the meeting over to President Thomas. President Thomas then called for nominations for Vice President.
- Member Cederquist moved to nominate Member Clyde for Vice President, seconded by Member Eubanks. There being no further nominations, President Thomas closed the nominations and called for the vote. Member Clyde was unanimously elected as Vice President of the Board.
- Member Cederquist 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 Clyde; motion carried unanimously.
- Board Meeting Schedule**  
**Approved** 2012 Board Meeting Dates
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| January 19, 2012  | July 19, 2012      |
| February 16, 2012 | August 16, 2012    |
| March 15, 2012    | September 20, 2012 |
| April 19, 2012    | October 18, 2012   |
| May 17, 2012      | November 15, 2012  |
| June 21, 2012     | December 13, 2012  |
- Committee Appointments** Nominations for the following County committees were discussed and appointed by President Thomas.
- ROC/P Advisory Board – Member Cederquist  
SARB – Member Eubanks  
Trustees Association – Member Cederquist

MINUTES CONTINUED

California Board of Education Liaison – President Thomas  
Fresno Chamber of Commerce – President Thomas  
Facilities – Vice President Clyde & Member Cederquist  
Special Project Committees (appointed as need arises) – Vice President Clyde  
Charter Review Committee – Member Eubanks  
Board Project Follow-up (Annual Report) – Vice President Clyde  
Board Cabinet Seminar – Members Cederquist & Eubanks

COMMUNITY INPUT

Cyndi Dean and Steve Spears from Bella Frutta updated the Board regarding the partnership in Harvest of the Month, After School Program, Cooking in the Classroom, Pentathlon Adventure, and Healthy California Champions for Change. Bella Frutta also provides a nutritional snack for students during STAR testing.

Employee of the Month  
December 2011

Susannah Amezcuita was selected as the December 2011 Employee of the Month. Susan began her FCOE career in 2003 as a School Psychologist Intern. After fulfilling her graduation requirements completing her Pupil Personnel Services credential, she went on to earn her Masters Degree in School Psychology. Susan is currently a school psychologist assigned to West Fresno Elementary School. As a School Psychologist, Susannah joyfully accepts and embraces every new assignment. She acknowledges each challenge as an opportunity to stretch beyond the traditional boundaries. Throughout her journey, her commitment to systemic change has been unwavering. Because of her outstanding work ethic, the Pupil Personnel Services Department continuously receives positive feedback, largely due to her warm gracious style, her excellent communication skills, strong collaborative abilities, and her focus on “win-win” situations, not to mention her extraordinary listening skills. Susannah’s commitment to the students of West Fresno is exceptional. She sets standards extremely high for herself and by doing so is a true inspiration to her students. Susannah has also been a mentor to many new FCOE interns and she is a constant source to other colleagues within her field. She is known as an “educator of educators” by modeling best practices and fostering and maintaining critical relationships.

Congratulations, Susannah. We are proud to honor you as the December 2011 FCOE Employee of the Month.

RECESS

A recess was called at 2:00 p.m. for a reception to honor the Employee of the Month.

REPORTS

Facilities Update

The Facilities Report was removed from the agenda.

ACTION

Disposition of Sanctuary  
Building at KKEC

**Approved**

Vice President Clyde, seconded by Member Eubanks, approving the demolition of the entire sanctuary building at the Kermit Koontz Education Complex, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Ratification of ROP  
Advisory Board of  
Management Minutes

**Approved**

Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Vice President Clyde, ratifying the ROP Advisory Board of Management meeting minutes of August 17, 2011, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2011-31,  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Day

**Adopted**

Motion by Member Tannenbaum, seconded by Vice President Clyde, adopting Resolution No. 2011-31, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day on January 16, 2012, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2011-32,  
Black History Month

**Adopted**

Motion by Member Tannenbaum, seconded by Vice President Clyde, adopting Resolution No. 2011-32, in observance of February 2012 as Black History Month, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES CONTINUED

Adopt Revised Superintendent/Board Policies/Administrative Regulations/Board Bylaws **Adopted** Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Tannenbaum, adopting the following revised Superintendent/Board Policies/Administrative Regulations/Board Bylaws: Business and Non-instructional Operations: AR 3541.1, AR 3550, BP 3553, BP/AR 3580; Students: BP/AR 5020, BP 5021, BP/AR 5022, BP/AR 5125, BP/AR 5125.1, Exhibit 5125.1, BP 5030, BP/AR 5111, Instruction: BP 6000, BP 6112, BP 6120, BP/AR 6159.3, BP 6161, BP/AR 6164.2, BP 6173, Exhibit 6173, BP/AR 6174, Exhibit 6174, BP/AR 6173.1, BP/AR 6173.2; and Bylaws of the Board: BB 9271, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES Travel Requests There were no travel/mileage reimbursements submitted.

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Receipt of Correspondence No correspondence received.

CSBA Annual Education Conference Update President Thomas and Member Cederquist reported that attendance was up at the CSBA Annual Education Conference held earlier this month and it was another successful conference.

Board Vacancy Discussion Member Tannenbaum will be retiring in January from the Board. The Board will discuss appointing a replacement to serve until the next election.

Comments by the Board Member Tannenbaum expressed her appreciation for her time on the Board

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Truancy/Drop Out Report
- District Budgets
- Charter School Renewal Petition

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Nutrition Program Grants

ADJOURNMENT Motion by Member Eubanks, seconded by Vice President Clyde, to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 p.m.; motion carried unanimously.