



## FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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### MINUTES April 14, 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 Armen Bacon.
- ATTENDANCE** Members present: President Del Cederquist; Members Sally Tannenbaum, Keith Eubanks and Allen Clyde. Vice President Barbara Thomas was absent.
- 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 Eubanks moved to approve the April 14, 2011 revised agenda; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried unanimously.
- MINUTES**  
**Approved** Member Tannenbaum moved to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2011 Board meeting as presented; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried unanimously. The Board also approved the inclusion of all expulsion hearing questions in the minutes.
- COMMUNITY INPUT** There were no comments from the public.
- Employee of the Month**  
**April 2011** Darla Beeson was selected as the April 2011 Employee of the Month. Darla began her FCOE career as a School Psychologist back in August of 1999. It did not take long to discover her passion for students and her ability to lead others with her contagious spirit. During Darla's 12 years of service with FCOE, she has served students in Alvina, Big Creek, Pine Ridge, Raisin City and Sutherland Center. Currently, Darla is serving students in Golden Plains Unified and FCOE's Adult Transition Program. No matter where she is assigned, Darla performs at such an outstanding level there is never enough of her to go around.
- Congratulations, Darla, we are proud to honor you as the April 2011 Employee of the Month.
- RECOGNITION**  
**CIF 2011 State Wrestling**  
**Champions** Jennifer Quinn recognized the 2011 CIF wrestling state champions and coaches from Clovis West, Lemoore, Clovis, and Selma High Schools, along with individual place holders from a variety of schools in Fresno County.
- 2011 Apple Distinguished**  
**Educator – Mark Hammons** Emy Lopez-Phillips, Director, Instructional Technology, recognized Mark Hammons for his selection as one of Apple's Distinguished Educators (ADE) class of 2011. The ADE program began in 1994 recognizing K-12 and higher education pioneers who are using a variety of Apple products to transform teaching and learning in powerful ways. ADEs are recognized by their peers and by Apple as educational innovators.
- RECESS** A recess was called at 1:55 p.m. for a reception to honor the Employee of the Month. The meeting reconvened at 2:06 p.m.
- REPORTS**  
**Facilities** Jeff Becker updated the Board on current and future building and modernization projects.

MINUTES CONTINUED

Safe & Healthy Kids  
Wellness & Nutrition  
Program

Cyndi Dean, Program Consultant, updated the Board on the Harvest of the Month program and the partnership they have with PR Farms and Bella Frutta; together they provide fresh produce to 7,360 students and 314 teachers, showcasing how health and learning success go hand-in-hand.

13<sup>th</sup> Annual Pentathlon  
Adventure Challenge

Cyndi Dean and Randy Mehrten shared information regarding the Pentathlon Adventure Challenge held on April 9, 2011, at the Fresno Fairgrounds.

PUBLIC HEARING  
Inspire Fresno Charter  
School Petition

President Cederquist opened a public hearing to give the public an opportunity to express comments or concerns regarding the Inspire Fresno Charter School petition. The hearing opened at 2:28 p.m. and closed at 2:46 p.m.

Community Input

Marta Escarcega, Liz Stokel, Brad Black and Dr. Jim Green expressed their support for the Inspire Fresno Charter School Petition.

County Superintendent of  
Schools Initial Proposal to  
the Certificated Bargaining  
Unit for 2011-12

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CLOSED SESSION  
EXPULSION APPEAL  
Kings Canyon Unified  
School District

Those present at the hearing included: Student's Father; Daniel Osher, Legal Counsel for Kings Canyon Unified School District and Mary Ann Carouso, Administrator, Kings Canyon Unified School District; Fresno County Board of Education; Larry Powell, County Superintendent of Schools; Jim Yovino, Deputy Superintendent; Jason Parkin, Legal Counsel; Angelica Perea, Legal Secretary; 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 3:32 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 3:45 p.m. to discuss the following Finding of Facts:

1. Did the district's governing board proceed without or in excess of its jurisdiction in expelling the pupil?
2. Did the pupil receive a fair hearing before the district governing board?
3. Was there a prejudicial abuse of discretion by the district governing board?
4. Is there now relevant evidence which, in the exercise of reasonable diligence, could not have been produced or which was improperly excluded at the hearing before the governing board?

Member Clyde moved to affirm the findings of the Kings Canyon Unified School District, seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried unanimously.

Order of the Board:

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

ACTION  
Resolution No. 2011-08,  
Transfer of Ownership –  
Classroom Building  
**Adopted**

Motion by Member Clyde seconded by Member Eubanks, adopting Resolution No. 2011-08, transferring ownership of one classroom building to Raisin City Elementary School District from Fresno County Office of Education, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES CONTINUED

Bid for Parking Lot  
Repaving at Ramacher  
Educational Complex  
**Approved**

Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Eubanks, approving the request to go out to bid for parking lot repaving and site work at the Beth Ramacher Educational Complex, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Fresno County Office of  
Education Court,  
Community/Community  
Day Schools/Emancipation  
Connections Program  
Calendars  
**Approved**

Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Tannenbaum, approving Fresno County Office of Education Court, Community/Community Day Schools/Emancipation Connections Program 2011-12 academic calendars, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Fresno County Office of  
Education Court,  
Community/Community  
Day Schools Accountability  
Report Cards  
**Approved**

Motion by Member Eubanks, seconded by Member Tannenbaum, approving 2011-12 Fresno County Office of Education Court, Community/Community Day Schools Accountability Report Cards, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2011-09,  
Classified School Employee  
Week  
**Adopted**

Motion by Member Tannenbaum, seconded by Member Clyde, adopting Resolution No. 2011-09, Classified School Employee Week May 15-21, 2011, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2011-10,  
DMV/Donate Life Month  
**Adopted**

Motion by Member Tannenbaum, seconded by Member Clyde, adopting Resolution No. 2011-10, April 2011, as DMV/Donate Life Month, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2011-12,  
School Nurse Day  
**Adopted**

Motion by Member Eubanks, seconded by Member Clyde, adopting Resolution No. 2011-12, National School Nurse Day May 11, 2011, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2011-11,  
Week of the Young Child  
**Adopted**

Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Tannenbaum, adopting Resolution No. 2011-11, Week of the Young Child April 9-16, 2011, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2011-13,  
Administrative  
Professionals Day

Motion by Member Tannenbaum, seconded by Member Clyde, adopting Resolution No. 2011-13, Administrative Professionals Day, April 27, 2011, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2011-14,  
Clovis Charter School  
Petition  
**Adopted**

Motion by Member Eubanks, seconded by Member Clyde, adopting Resolution No. 2011-13, denying Clovis Charter School Appeal, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2011-15,  
Care Enough to Wear Pink  
Day  
**Adopted**

Motion by Member Tannenbaum, seconded by Member Clyde, adopting Resolution No. 2011-15, *Care Enough to Wear Pink Day* May 17-18, 2011, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES  
Travel Requests

No travel requests submitted.

Travel/Conference  
Reimbursements

Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Tannenbaum, approving mileage reimbursement for Member Eubanks in the amount of \$310.00, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES CONTINUED

Receipt of Correspondence  
Comments by the Board

No correspondence received.

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT

- County Committee on School District Organization
- ROP Advisory Night
  
- May 13<sup>th</sup> Budget Revise
- Court Schools WASC Visit
- Board Meeting Security
- Juvenile Justice Campus/Probation

FUTURE AGENDA  
ITEMS

There were no future items discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Member Eubanks, seconded by Member Tannenbaum, to adjourn the meeting at 4:38 p.m.; motion carried unanimously.