



## FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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### MINUTES January 20, 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 Linda Bacon.
- ATTENDANCE** Members present: President Del Cederquist; Vice President Barbara Thomas; Members Sally Tannenbaum, Keith Eubanks 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**  
**Approved** Member Eubanks moved to approve the January 20, 2011 revised agenda; seconded by Vice President Thomas; motion carried unanimously.
- MINUTES**  
**Approved** Member Clyde moved to approve the revised minutes of the December 9, 2010 Board meeting as presented; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried unanimously.
- COMMUNITY INPUT** There were no comments from the public.
- Employee of the Month**  
**January 2011** Linda Murphy was selected as the January 2011 Employee of the Month. Linda is able to draw on 20 years of experience with private sector law firms in assisting the Legal Department, FCOE staff, and school district clients. She organized office systems for the Legal Department designed to secure the future of both FCOE's legal history and that of our school district clients. Linda has presented workshops for support staff on ways to handle difficult relationships with co-workers and steps to maintaining workplace confidentiality.
- Linda is in the process of completing her degree in alcohol and substance abuse counseling. Her goal is to open a transition program for women re-entering society from prison. As a volunteer with a state-wide group, Linda has led classes in the women's prisons at Chowchilla designed to give the women tools to help them recognize and start making positive life choices. She believes the generational destruction of families caused by drugs and alcohol will begin to be reversed as these mothers learn how to and receive practical support as they change their lives. Their changed lives will, in turn, change the lives of their children and their children's children.
- Congratulations Linda, we are proud to honor you as the January 2011 Employee of the Month.
- RECESS** A recess was called at 1:39 p.m. for a reception to honor the Employee of the Month. The meeting reconvened at 1:50 p.m.
- PRESENTATIONS**  
**KMPH, Thursday Night Lights** Jack Peck, KMPH general manager, recognized Superintendent Powell for his support and sponsorship of *Thursday Night Lights*, a local high school football TV game of the week which aired last fall on KFRE Channel 59.
- 2010 Scout Island Adventure Challenge** Randy Mehrten and Brent Smither reported on the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Scout Island Adventure Challenge. There were a record 50 teams participating in the event this year representing 14 high schools in Fresno County. Kingsburg High placed 1<sup>st</sup>; Parlier High placed 2<sup>nd</sup>; and Buchanan High placed 3<sup>rd</sup>.

MINUTES CONTINUED

REPORTS  
2009-10 Fiscal Audit  
Report

Kevin Otto, Senior Director, Financial Services, and David Randall from Vavrinek, Trine and Day, reported that there were no findings for the 2009-10 fiscal year and the Audit Report reflected no serious fiscal problems that require immediate attention. Therefore, the general fund ending balance did not change and agreed with the figures submitted to the State on the First Interim Financial Report for the period ending October 31, 2010.

Facilities

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

ACTION  
Fresno ROP  
Board of Management  
**Ratified**

Motion by Member Tannenbaum, seconded by Member Clyde, ratifying the approved minutes of the ROP Advisory Board of Management Regular Meeting of August 18, 2010; motion carried unanimously.

Apportionment of Forest  
Reserves  
**Approved**

Motion by Member Eubanks, seconded by Member Clyde, approving the 2010/11 apportionment of forest reserves, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2011-01,  
West Fresno Elementary  
School District Lapsation  
Waiver Request  
**Adopted**

Motion by Vice President Thomas, seconded by Member Tannenbaum, adopting Resolution No. 2011-01 in support of the West Fresno Elementary School District's request to the California State Board of Education to waive parts of the California Education Code to allow lapsation of the West Fresno Elementary School District with an effective date of school year 2011-12, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2011-02,  
Fred T. Korematsu Day of  
Civil Liberties and the  
Constitution  
**Adopted**

Motion by Member Tannenbaum, seconded by Member Clyde, in adopting Resolution No. 2011-02 recognizing Fred T. Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Change in Board Meeting  
Date for June 2011  
**Approved**

Motion by Member Tannenbaum, seconded by Member Eubanks, to change the date of the June 2011 Board meeting to June 16, 2011, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Government Claim for  
Injury or Damages  
**Denied**

Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Vice President Thomas, to deny the claim for monetary damages against the Fresno County Board of Education, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES  
2011 Board Committees

President Cederquist appointed the following Board members to the committees below:

- ROC/P Advisory Board – President Delbert Cederquist with Member Eubanks serving as alternate;
- SARB – Member Eubanks;
- Trustees Association – President Cederquist;
- California Board of Education Liaison – Member Thomas;
- Fresno Chamber of Commerce – Member Thomas;
- Facilities – Members Tannenbaum and Clyde;
- Charter Review Committee – Members Eubanks and Tannenbaum;
- Board Project – All Members;
- Special Projects will be appointed as the need arises

Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Vice President Thomas, to approve the County committees appointments, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Travel Requests

There were no travel requests reported.

MINUTES CONTINUED

Travel/Conference Reimbursements Motion by Member Thomas, seconded by Member Eubanks, to approve conference and mileage reimbursements, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Receipt of Correspondence There was no correspondence reported.

Comments by the Board

- CSBA Update
- CCSESA Law Suit
- Swearing In Program
- ROP Air Guard

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Fresno Coin Gallery Foundation Fundraising Drive
- Expulsion Appeal Process
- Bullying Summit
- Board/Cabinet Seminar

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Revisit the Board date for the April 2011 meeting

ADJOURNMENT Motion by Member Eubanks, seconded by Member Tannenbaum, to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 p.m.; motion carried unanimously.