



FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES March 17, 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; 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 Vice President Thomas moved to approve the March 17, 2011 revised agenda; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried unanimously.
- MINUTES**
Approved Member Clyde moved to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2011 Board meeting as presented; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried unanimously. The Board also approved the inclusion of all expulsion hearing questions in the minutes.
- COMMUNITY INPUT** Mr. Xavier Bettencourt addressed the Board inquiring what the policy or procedure is when a school district governing board contracts with legal counsel. Administration will look into the issue and send the information to the Parlier Unified School District Board.
- Zonia Tovar expressed her concern regarding a recent Parlier Unified School District Board meeting that became disruptive; the public was asked to leave the building, thus the Board meeting continued behind closed doors. Ms. Tovar inquired as to the legality of barring the public from the open session of the Board meeting. Administration will look into the issue and send the information to the Parlier Unified School District Board.
- Employee of the Month**
March 2011 Liza Stack was selected as the March 2011 Employee of the Month. Liza began her career with FCOE in 2004 as a Paraeducator in the Special Education Department. Liza knew then that her ultimate goal was to teach. Her dream became a reality five years ago and now, Liza is a Special Day Class Teacher working with children with severe disabilities and autism. When Liza first began teaching in her preschool autism class, she initiated a parent support and sibling group. The group meets once a month and the evening is filled with activities and training for families.
- Liza works hard to make sure academics target many areas of need, such as receptive and expressive language, sensory, gross, and fine motor skills. She continually collaborates with agencies and families where and when the need arises and on her weekends. Liza is currently completing her practicum hours to become a Board Certified Behavior Analyst.
- Congratulations, Liza, we are proud to honor you as the March 2011 Employee of the Month.
- RECESS** A recess was called at 1:55 p.m. for a reception to honor the Employee of the Month. The meeting reconvened at 2:10 p.m.

MINUTES CONTINUED

RECOGNITION
State Academic Decathlon
Teams

Jennifer Quinn, Coordinator for Special Projects, recognized the 2011 Fresno County Academic Decathletes and Coaches from Edison High, University High, and Hallmark Charter High School. Hallmark Charter team won the Medium School Division and the University High School team won the Small School Division, both advancing to the Nationals.

Scout Island Outdoor
Education Partner

Jan Biggs, Administrator, Support Services, recognized Mr. Dave Knott, proprietor of Fig Garden golf course, for his ongoing support of Scout Island.

REPORTS
Facilities

Jeff Becker updated the Board on current and future building and modernization projects. Jan Biggs, Administrator, Support Services, and Steve Bock, Associate Director, Scout Island, gave an update of the Scout Island property and the potting shed facility.

PUBLIC HEARING

President Cederquist opened a public hearing to give the public an opportunity to express comments or concerns regarding the Clovis Charter School petition.

Mark Johnson, attorney for Clovis Charter School, expressed his support of the charter school petition.

President Cederquist closed the public hearing at 2:47 p.m.

ACTION
Resolution No. 2011-04,
Crescent View Charter
Petition

Motion by Member Eubanks, seconded by Vice President Thomas, adopting Resolution No. 2011-04, granting the renewal of Crescent View Charter Petition for a five-year period beginning July 1, 2011, as presented; motion carried 4-1 by the following roll call vote:

Adopted

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

ROP Advisory Board of
Management Minutes

Ratified

Motion by Member Tannenbaum, seconded by Vice President Thomas, ratifying the approved minutes of the ROP Advisory Board of Management Regular Meeting minutes of October 20, 2010, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2011-05,
National School Library
Month

Adopted

Motion by Member Eubanks, seconded by Member Clyde, approving April 2011 as National School Library Month, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2011-06,
Waiver, Use of Non-
Conforming Building

Adopted

Motion by Member Tannenbaum, seconded by Vice President Thomas, adopting Resolution No. 2011-06, approving an exemption for use of a nonconforming building, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Adopt Revised
Administrative Regulation
No. 1250

Approved

Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Tannenbaum, approving revised Administrative Regulation No. 1250, Community Relations, Visitors/Outsiders, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

2010-11 LEA Title III Year
4 Action Plan Assurance

Approved

Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Vice President Thomas, approving the Fresno County Office of Education 2010-11 LEA Title III Year 4 Action Plan Assurance, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

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Resolution No. 2011-07,
Cesar Chavez Day of
Service and Learning
Adopted

Motion by Member Tannenbaum, seconded by Vice President Thomas, approving March 31, 2011, as Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

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

EXPULSION APPEAL

The Expulsion Appeal was removed from the agenda.

TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES
Travel Requests

Vice President Thomas requested to attend the CSBA Delegate Assembly and Legislative Day in Sacramento in May.

Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Eubanks, approving Vice President Thomas and any Board member wishing to attend the CSBA Delegate Assembly and Legislative Day in Sacramento May 14-16, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Travel/Conference
Reimbursements

No travel/conference reimbursements submitted.

Receipt of Correspondence

No correspondence received.

Comments by the Board

- Vice President Thomas will be absent at the April 14, 2011 Board Meeting
- Fresno Chamber – Mayor’s Job Fair
- Board Member Comments

SUPERINTENDENT’S
REPORT

- iPad for Board Members
- Redevelopment
- Layoff Notices
- Mendota Unified School District
- Golden Plains Unified School District
- Parlier Unified School District
- Raisin City Unified School District
- Fresno Coin Gallery Fundraiser
- National Endowment for the Arts in Chicago
- Deferral Plan

FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS

There were no future items discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Member Eubanks, seconded by Vice President Thomas, to adjourn the meeting at 4:13 p.m.; motion carried unanimously.