



## FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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### MINUTES May 19, 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 and Allen Clyde. Member Eubanks 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 Thomas moved to approve the May 19, 2011 revised agenda; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried unanimously.
- MINUTES**  
**Approved** Member Clyde moved to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2011 Board meeting as presented; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried unanimously.
- COMMUNITY INPUT** There were no comments from the public.
- Employee of the Month**  
May 2011 Joe Flores was selected as the May 2011 Employee of the Month. Joe began his career at FCOE in August 2007 when he was first hired as a Court Schools teacher at Teilman Education Complex in the Student Responsibility Center. Since that time, Joe has worked in several classrooms within the Community School setting. He is currently assigned to Kermit Koontz Education Complex, working in a classroom with probation referred students in the morning, and ELL students in the afternoon. Joe has a genuine, contagious spirit. His enthusiasm and passion to deliver the highest quality educational experience for his students is exceeded only by his patience. Those who work with Joe know he is an excellent and trustworthy employee and a frequent volunteer for extra-curricular activities. Joe cares about his students and has the ability to relate to the at-risk youth population, to their parents, and to fellow staff members. His ability to speak Spanish has been an invaluable resource for the program. Joe was also selected by his colleagues to be the Court and Community Schools' Teacher of the Year for 2010- 2011 school year.
- Congratulations, Joe, we are proud to honor you as the May 2011 Employee of the Month.
- RECESS** A recess was called at 1:45 p.m. for a reception to honor the Employee of the Month. The meeting reconvened at 1:55 p.m.
- RECOGNITION**  
Slick Rock Winners VHEA teachers Chris Hudson and Brian Bishop recognized winners of the Slick Rock video contest. The project was called "The Talk." It was entered in the Suicide Prevention category. The project won first place and will be taken to the National Convention for Suicide Prevention and shown there. It features students Madeline Vasquez, Darin Coleman, Antonio Palomino and Kevin Lau. The "Bronc Riders of California" video was also shown.
- PUBLIC HEARING**  
New Spirit Charter  
Academy Petition President Cederquist opened a public hearing to give the public an opportunity to express comments or concerns regarding the New Spirit Charter Academy petition. The public hearing closed at 2:30 p.m.
- Community Input** Kathy Brown, Fred Ratzlaff, Shelly Melton, and Dr. Carol Boblin spoke in support of the New Spirit Charter Academy petition.

MINUTES CONTINUED

REPORTS

Career Skills Challenge

Valerie Vuicich, ROP Administrator, gave an overview of this year's event and a viewing of the winning Public Service Announcement. The Career Skills Challenge is an annual competitive event supported by the State Center Consortium, Fresno City College, the Fresno County Office of Education, and Fresno ROP. Its primary purpose is to allow high school students the opportunity to demonstrate developed career skills in a competitive environment. Additionally, it is hoped that the event will promote career education, improve student participation in all educational programs, and serve as a linkage among educational entities.

First Reading of Revised Superintendent/Board Policies and Administrative Regulations

**Received**

The Board received the first reading of the following revised Superintendent/Board Policies and Administrative Regulations: 1100, 1111.1, 1120, 1313, 1314, 1416, 1500, 6178, 6178.1 and 6178.2 regarding Community Relations and Instruction.

Facilities Update

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

ACTION

Resolution No. 2011-16, VHEA Property

**Adopted**

Motion by Vice President Thomas seconded by Member Clyde, adopting Resolution No. 2011-16, approving the agreement and amendment in authorizing the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement, to exercise the option to purchase the property upon satisfaction of the pre-condition stated in section 3.1.2 of the agreement, and to take all proper actions necessary to open, process and close escrow on the property, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Fresno ROP Board of Management Regular Meeting

**Ratified**

Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Tannenbaum, ratifying the approved minutes of the ROP Advisory Board of Management Regular Meeting of January 19, 2011, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2011-17, Short Term Loan to Washington Unified School District

**Approved**

Motion by Member Tannenbaum, seconded by Member Clyde, adopting Resolution No. 2011-17, authorizing the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools to make an apportionment to the Washington Unified School District, as presented; motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Resolution No. 2011-18, Inspire Fresno Charter School Petition Appeal

**Pulled**

This item was removed from the agenda by Inspire Fresno Charter School.

Memorandum of Understanding with Crescent View West Public Charter School

**Approved**

Motion by Vice President Thomas, seconded by Member Tannenbaum, approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the Fresno County Board of Education and Crescent View West Public Charter School, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Apportionment of Forest Reserves (Tulare County)

**Approved**

Motion by Vice President Thomas, seconded by Member Tannenbaum, approving the Forest Reserve Apportionment from Tulare County to Kings Canyon Unified School District for 2010/11, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Cancellation of July 2011 County Board of Education Meeting

**Approved**

Motion by Vice President Thomas, seconded by Member Clyde, approving the cancellation of the July 21, 2011 County Board of Education meeting, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES CONTINUED

TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES  
Travel Requests

Motion by Vice President Thomas, seconded by Member Clyde, allowing any Board member to attend CSBA's Annual Education Conference in December and CCBE conference in September, motion carried unanimously.

Travel/Conference  
Reimbursements

Motion by Vice President Thomas, seconded by Member Tannenbaum, approving mileage reimbursements for President Cederquist in the amount of \$73.44, Vice President Thomas in the amount of \$30.60, Member Clyde in the amount of \$183.60, and Member Tannenbaum in the amount of \$38.25, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Receipt of Correspondence

Thank you letter to Board members from Karen VonFelton.

Comments by the Board

- iPads and Training
- Clearing House for Fruits and Vegetables
- Southwest Transportation

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT

- CCSESA
- Pink Heals
- Superintendent Changes
- School Services May Revise
- Board Member Travel Budgets
- Fresno County Charter List
- CDE Approval of West Fresno Lapsation
- Chicago Arts Summit
- Arts Education Award

FUTURE AGENDA  
ITEMS

There were no future items discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Vice President Thomas, to adjourn the meeting at 3:32 p.m.; motion carried unanimously.