



FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES August 18, 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. Member Clyde departed the meeting at 2:35 p.m.
- 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 Tannenbaum moved to approve the August 18, 2011 revised agenda; seconded by Vice President Thomas; motion carried unanimously.
- MINUTES**
Approved Member Eubanks moved to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2011 Board meeting as presented; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried unanimously.
- COMMUNITY INPUT** There were no comments from the public.
- Employee of the Month**
August 2011 Brent Smither was selected as the August 2011 Employee of the Month. Brent is the mastermind and expert behind Scout Island's annual Adventure Challenge. Brent's passion and commitment to young people is evident as he helps students break through personal barriers of fear and doubt and return home with a profound sense of competence and accomplishment. Over 200 high school students venture out each year to attempt to match wits with the irrepressible Mr. Smither who creates the theme each year and personally builds all new activities so that students will have a new "adventure" each time.
- Congratulations, Brent, we are proud to honor you as the August 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 1:58 p.m.
- PUBLIC HEARING**
Preliminary Environmental
Assessment Report - VHEA President Cederquist opened a public hearing to give the public an opportunity to express comments or concerns regarding the Preliminary Environmental Assessment Report for Violet Heintz Education Academy. There were no comments from the public.
- Motion by Vice President Thomas, seconded by Member Eubanks, to close the public hearing, motion carried unanimously.
- PUBLIC HEARING**
VHEA Site Acquisition and
Improvement Project President Cederquist opened a public hearing to give the public an opportunity to express comments or concerns regarding Violet Heintz Education Academy Site Acquisition and Improvement Project using the California Department of Education's Site Selection Standards. There were no comments from the public.
- Motion by Member Eubanks, seconded by Vice President Thomas, to close the public hearing, motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES CONTINUED

ACTION

Material Revisions for Big Picture High School, Fresno
Approved

Motion by Vice President Thomas, seconded by Member Clyde, approving material revisions for Big Picture High School, Fresno, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2011-24, Superintendent's Contract
Adopted

Motion by Member Eubanks, seconded by Member Clyde, adopting Resolution No. 2011-24, regarding the County Superintendent retirement/appointment, as presented; motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Resolution No. 2011-21, VHEA Site Acquisition & Improvement Project
Adopted

Motion by Member Tannenbaum, seconded by Member Clyde, adopting Resolution No. 2011-21, making findings related to the Violet Heintz Education Academy Project and authorizing the Superintendent of Schools or his designee to file a CEQA Notice of Exemption for the project, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Transfer of Title – Beth Ramacher Educational Complex
Approved

Motion by Member Tannenbaum, seconded by Member Eubanks, approving the transfer of title for the Beth Ramacher Educational Complex from the County of Fresno to the Fresno County Board of Education, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2011-22, Medicare Division Election for Classified/Supervisory/Confidential Employees
Adopted

Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Vice President Thomas, adopting Resolution No. 2011-22, authorizing a Medicare Division Election for those employees who are not covered by Medicare, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2011-23, Constitution Day 2011
Adopted

Motion by Member Tannenbaum, seconded by Member Clyde, adopting Resolution No. 2011-23, in observance of United States Constitution Day on September 17, 2011, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Adopt Superintendent/Board Policies/Administrative Regulations
Adopted

Motion by Member Eubanks, seconded by Vice President Thomas, adopting revised Superintendent/Board Policy/Administrative Regulations 5131.5, 6153, 6155, 6155, 6158, 6161.2, 6161.3, 6162.5, 6162.51, 6162.51, 6162.54, 6163.2 and 6163.2, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Facilities Update

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

Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Farris/Clovis Unified School District – 2:15 PM

The Board discussed the appeal by Wendy Farris of a denial of an interdistrict transfer by the district of residence. Those present at the hearing included: Mrs. Wendy Farris, parent; and Dr. Greg Bass, Director of Student Services, Clovis Unified School District.

The Board sought information from Mrs. Farris and Clovis Unified School District, the district of residence.

Vice President Thomas made a motion to uphold the District's denial for the Farris children to transfer to Chawanakee Unified School District in Madera Unified School District. The motion was seconded by President Cederquist; motion carried by a 3-1-1 roll call vote:

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

MINUTES CONTINUED

Interdistrict Transfer Appeal
Griffith/Clovis Unified
School District – 2:15 PM

The Board discussed the appeal by Mrs. Renee Griffith of a denial of an Interdistrict transfer by the district of choice. Those present at the hearing included Mrs. Griffith, parent; and Dr. Greg Bass, Director of Student Services, Clovis Unified School District.

The Board sought information from Mrs. Griffith and Clovis Unified School District, the district of choice.

Member Eubanks made a motion to reverse the district of choice’s denial to attend Clovis Unified School District from the district of residence, Fresno Unified School District; motion died for a lack of a second.

Member Tannenbaum, made a motion to uphold the district of choice’s denial for an interdistrict transfer to Clovis Unified School District from the district of residence, Fresno Unified School District, seconded Vice President Thomas; motion carried by a 3-1-1 roll call vote:

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

TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES
CSBA Call for Nominations
Directors-at-Large

The Board went into closed session at 3:07 p.m. and reconvened at 3:10 p.m. Returned to closed session at 3:37 p.m.

CSBA Call for Nominations
2011 Legislator of the Year

Motion by Vice President Thomas, seconded by Member Eubanks, nominating Mrs. Sara Wilkins, Madera County Office of Education Board member to the CSBA position of Director-at-Large, County; motion carried unanimously.

Travel Requests

There were no nominations for 2011 Legislator of the Year.

Travel/Conference
Reimbursements

There were no requests for travel.

Receipt of Correspondence

There were no travel/conference reimbursements submitted.

Comments by the Board

Mrs. Thomas received a request from CCBE requesting a donation of a gift basket to be used as a door prize drawing at the September Fall Conference.

SUPERINTENDENT’S
REPORT

- Superintendent’s 2011 Horizon Award
- State Budget
- Arts Program
- All Staff Day, August 26, 2011
- Foundation @ FCOE
- Mendota Unified School District
- Golden Plains Unified School District

FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS

1. Arts Report from Bob Bullwinkle
2. Buchanan Baseball Team Recognition
3. Mendota Chess Team Recognition

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Member Eubanks, seconded by Member Tannenbaum, to adjourn the meeting at 3:43 p.m.; motion carried unanimously.