



FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES January 19, 2012

- CALL TO ORDER** President Thomas 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 Barbara Thomas; Vice President Allen Clyde; Members Sally Tannenbaum, Keith Eubanks and Delbert Cederquist.
- Participating staff: County Superintendent of Schools Larry L. Powell; Deputy Superintendents Jim Yovino, Educational Services, and Richard A. Martin, Business Services; Linda Bacon, Legal Counsel, Legal Services; and Gloria Ferrer, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education.
- AGENDA**
Approved Member Cederquist moved to approve the revised January 19, 2012 agenda; seconded by Vice President Clyde; motion carried unanimously.
- MINUTES**
Approved Member Cederquist moved to approve the revised minutes of the December 8, 2011 Board meeting as presented; seconded by Vice President Clyde; motion carried unanimously.
- COMMUNITY INPUT** There were no comments from the public.
- Employee of the Month**
January 2012 Lucas Schuman joined the Court & Community Schools Program in September of 1999. Over the past twelve years, he has served FCOE in several vital roles. As a Community School Teacher, Lucas has worked in various group homes and Community School settings including Pine Street, North Cedar, Abby, Teilman Educational Complex, Floradora, and Kermit Koontz Educational Complex. In every assignment, Lucas cultivates trusting relationships with his students and fellow colleagues. Lucas genuinely cares for others by respecting the dignity of every person and in every role. As a Teacher on Special Assignment, Lucas has worn just about every hat one can wear in a school setting. He has been the WASC Chair for the past two visits to Community Schools; he has served in leadership roles for the Peer Assistance and Review Program; he continually assists his colleagues with their technology needs; and he is a longstanding member and most recently the Treasurer for the KKEC PTA. Lucas also coordinates the testing for the entire Court & Community School Program.
- As a father of a special needs son, Lucas uses his training and expertise to help students with special needs and educational struggles. His calm, perceptive and engaging manner opens lines of communication with students and their families. He is both admired and respected by all.
- Congratulations, Lucas, we are honored to celebrate you as the January 2012 Employee of the Month.
- RECOGNITION**
Washington Union High School Football Team The Washington Union High School Football Team was recognized for winning the State Football Championship in Division III of the Central Section.
- RECESS** A recess was called at 1:55 p.m. for a reception to honor the Employee of the Month and the Washington Union High football team.
- PUBLIC HEARING**
Big Picture High School Charter Renewal President Thomas opened a public hearing at 2:07 p.m., giving the public an opportunity to express comments or concerns regarding the Big Picture High School Charter renewal. The following individuals spoke in favor of the Charter renewal:

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John Morris, Dr. Jerry Kat, Myra Spenhoff, Reyna Martinez, Adrian Alvino, Fresno Chafee Zoo Learning Director Adrienne Castro, Tim Johnson, Alicia Lopez, Leslie Peterman and Joey Campbell.

President Thomas closed the hearing at 3:18 p.m.

REPORTS

Facilities Update

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

First Reading of Revised Superintendent/Board Policies/Administrative Regulations/Board Bylaws
Received

The Board received the first reading of the following revised Superintendent/Board Policies/Administrative Regulations/Board Bylaws: Community Relations AR 1200.1; Business and Noninstructional Operations BP/AR 3553; Instruction BP 6011, BP/AR 6020, AR 6112, AR 6152, BP/AR 6154, PB/AR 6179, AR 6183, AR 6185, PB 6190 & BP 6200; Bylaws of the Board 9230, presented by Linda Bacon, Legal Services.

Redistricting and Adoption of Trustee Areas

Linda Bacon, Legal Counsel, provided the Board with information regarding redistricting to conform to the supervisorial districts adopted by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors. The supervisorial areas have been redrawn by the Board of Supervisors to conform to the changes required by the 2010 census, and the County Board has adopted the new area plan. Because the County Board's jurisdiction goes beyond the county line, the County Board trustee areas must include the areas of those relevant school districts that are in Madera, San Benito, Monterey, Tulare and Kings counties. Even though the populations area of these "out of county" areas is small, the County Board trustee area plan must be reviewed for compliance with state and federal voting rights law, and then adopted by the Board. The plan is then forwarded to the Fresno County Committee on School District Organization for approval. It is anticipated that the proposal will be presented at the February Board meeting.

Board Vacancy Process and Procedure

The County Superintendent received a letter of resignation from Board Member Dr. Sally Tannenbaum. The County Board has 60 days from the date the seat becomes vacant to appoint to the position. In addition to reviewing the Board's policy regarding the filling of vacancies, the Board may confirm the timeline and consider developing a process for the reviewing and interviewing of interested candidates.

ACTION
Resolution No. 2012-01,
Cesar Chavez Day
Adopted

Motion by Vice President Clyde, seconded by Member Eubanks, adopting Resolution No. 2012-01, observing March 31, 2012, as Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES
Travel Requests

There were no travel requests submitted.

Travel/Mileage Reimbursements

Motion by Member Eubanks, seconded by Vice President Clyde, approving travel and conference mileage reimbursements for October-December 2011, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Receipt of Correspondence

There was no correspondence reported.

Comments by the Board

- The Board received an invitation from Pepperdine University Graduate School of Education and Psychology honoring Superintendent Powell as one of two Superintendents of the Year ("Superintendent of Distinction") for his outstanding service in school leadership
- The Board and Superintendent Powell expressed appreciation to Dr. Sally Tannenbaum for her service and commitment to the Board and the children of Fresno County over the last 15 years

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- State Budget and its impact on districts and programs
- JJC Probation Strike

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EXPULSION APPEAL This item has been removed from the agenda until further notice.

CLOSED SESSION This item has been removed from the agenda until further notice.
Conference with Real
Property Negotiators
(Gov. Code § 54956.8)

FUTURE AGENDA 1. Closed Session, Conference with Real Property Negotiators
ITEMS 2. Expulsion Appeal – Fresno Unified School District
 3. Board Vacancy Appointment

ADJOURNMENT Motion by Vice President Clyde, seconded by Member Eubanks, adjourning the meeting at
4:10 p.m.; motion carried unanimously.