



FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES October 18, 2012

- CALL TO ORDER** President Thomas called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, Board member roll call; followed by an inspirational reading by Armen Bacon.
- ATTENDANCE** Members present: President Barbara Thomas; Vice President Allen Clyde; Members Keith Eubanks and Delbert Cederquist. Member Mike Robinson was absent.
- 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 October 18, 2012 agenda, seconded by Vice President Clyde; motion carried unanimously.
- MINUTES**
Approved Vice President Clyde moved to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2012 Board meeting, as presented; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried unanimously.
- COMMUNITY INPUT** Superintendent Powell recognized Richard Martinez from University High for winning the 2012 USA Wrestling Greco-Roman National Championship and the silver medal in Speech at the 2012 State Academic Decathlon.
- Employee of the Month**
August 2012 Bob Bullwinkel was selected as the August 2012 Employee of the Month. Bob's reputation in the theatre arts community was rock solid long before he joined the FCOE family. His legacy began through his work as a teacher at McLane and Sunnyside high schools where his creative genius and visionary endeavors made an extraordinary impact on hundreds of students in the Fresno Unified School District. Now, Bob's work is legendary throughout Fresno County.
- As the Coordinator II of Visual and Performing Arts, Bob is making an even greater impact on students and schools. With the inspiring support of Superintendent Powell and the gifts from the community through the nonprofit arm of FCOE, Bob is in charge of numerous arts projects where students are writing, acting, performing, and singing. He has taken his original job description and, over the last six years, vastly expanded the level of services offered. His ability to implement standards-based arts instruction and collaborate with artists and arts organizations on large scale projects is recognized at the local, state and national levels.
- Bob meets every opportunity with intellect, optimism, creativity, and political savvy. His skills in program development are unmatched in arts education administration and FCOE is extremely fortunate to have Bob at the helm of these emerging opportunities. Congratulations, Bob, we are proud to honor you as August 2012 Employee of the Month.
- Employee of the Month**
October 2012 Belia Martinez-Lopez was selected as the October 2012 Employee of Month. Belia first joined the Safe & Healthy Kids Department as a Staff Secretary in June of 2002 and within a short time it was evident that she would be a perfect fit for this team of amazing talent.
- Belia does not just *work* at FCOE – she *loves* FCOE! No matter what day of the week it is, or what time of the day, Belia is always ready, willing and able to do whatever she can to support the vision of the Safe & Healthy Kids Department and the mission of the Fresno County Office of Education.

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Belia's contributions over the years are incredible. She has taken the lead on multiple projects, ultimately increasing the efficiency of the department. Now, in her position as an Administrative Assistant II, Belia is a role model for countless others in support positions. She always carries herself with unquestioned dignity, professionalism, and class. Whenever Belia interacts with the public, she does so with tremendous integrity and professional pride.

Belia is the rock of the department. She provides structure, security and support. She is never more than an arm's-length away. Belia has an intuitive sense for what people need. Her foresight ensures that the work essentials are always available in a moment's notice. She is motivated, cooperative and extremely positive, and always willing to help others at any time. Congratulations, Belia, we are proud to honor you as October 2012 Employee of the Month.

RECESS

A recess was called for a reception to honor Richard Martinez and the Employees of the Month.

REPORTS

Facilities Update

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

Legal Services

Linda Bacon

Received

Motion by Vice President Clyde, seconded by Member Cederquist, to receive the First Reading of Superintendent/Board Policies: 0420, 0420.1, 0430, 0500, 0510, 0520.2, 0520.3, 1114 and 6175, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Curriculum/Instruction

Dr. Kathryn Catania

Dr. Catania reported that there were no Williams Compliance issues in the third quarter. As part of the Williams/Valenzuela Lawsuit Compliance Settlement Agreement, all districts are mandated to report to their Board of Trustees, on a quarterly basis, summarized data on any complaints received and the nature and resolution of all complaints. These complaints may include instructional material insufficiencies, teacher vacancies, misassignments, or facilities concerns. This month's report also included the Annual Report which is the summary data for the Williams site verification visits.

PUBLIC HEARING

FCOE Conflict of Interest Policy

President Thomas opened a public hearing giving the public an opportunity to express comments or concerns regarding the proposed amendments to the FCOE Conflict of Interest Policy. There were no comments from the public.

ACTION

Resolution No. 2012-20
Appropriation Limit for
2011-12

Adopted

Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Vice President Clyde, adopting Resolution No. 2012-20, regarding the Actual Appropriation Limit for 2011-12 and the Estimated Appropriation Limits for the 2012-13 Fiscal Year, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2012-21
FCOE Conflict of Interest
Policy

Adopted

Motion by Member Eubanks, seconded by Member Cederquist, adopting Resolution No. 2012-21, FCOE's Conflict of Interest Policy, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Ratification of ROP Board
of Management Meeting
Minutes

Ratified

Motion by Vice President Clyde, seconded by Member Eubanks, ratifying the Fresno ROP Advisory Board of Management Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2012, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2012-22
California Sikh American
Awareness Month

Adopted

Motion by Vice President Clyde, seconded by Member Eubanks, adopting Resolution No. 2012-22 observing November as California Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Interdistrict Transfer
Appeal – Ayleen Llamas

The Board sought information from student's mother, Mrs. Llamas, and MaryAnn Carousso, Administrator for district of residence, Kings Canyon Unified School District. Judy Heredia, FCOE employee translated for Mrs. Llamas.

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Vice President Clyde made a motion for student to return to district of residence, Kings Canyon Unified, no later than the end of the 2012 fall semester, seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session Conference with Legal Counsel per Government Code Section 54956.9(b) Potential Litigation (one case) – 3:00 p.m.

Reconvene to Open Session – 3:10 p.m.

Report out on Closed Session

There was no action taken in Closed Session.

ACTION ITEMS, cont.
Resolution No. 2012-16
Employment
Compensation Agreement
Adopted

Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Vice President Clyde, adopting Resolution No. 2012-16, ratifying Employment Compensation Agreements and Addendums thereto with former Superintendent of Fresno County Schools Peter G. Mehas, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES
Travel Requests

No travel requests were submitted.

Travel/Mileage Reimbursements

Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Vice President Clyde, approving the mileage reimbursements for Board members totaling \$343.81, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Receipt of Correspondence

The Board reported receiving a newsletter from Crescent View Charter School.

Comments by the Board

- VHEA Fall Event
- Court Schools Graduation
- Foundation Gala Event

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- State Budget Uncertainty
- Cen-Cal Mentoring Program

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Member Eubanks, seconded by Member Cederquist, adjourning the meeting at 3:49 p.m.; motion carried unanimously.