



FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES March 21, 2013

- CALL TO ORDER** President Clyde called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Board member roll call.
- ATTENDANCE** Members present: President Allen Clyde; Vice President Keith Eubanks, Members Mike Robinson and Barbara Thomas. Member Delbert Cederquist 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 Thomas moved to approve the March 21, 2013 agenda; seconded by Member Robinson; motion carried unanimously.
- MINUTES**
Approved Vice President Eubanks moved to approve the minutes of the Special Board meeting of February 13, 2013, as presented; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried unanimously.
- Member Robinson moved to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2013 Board meeting, as presented; seconded by Vice President Eubanks; motion carried unanimously.
- COMMUNITY INPUT** There were no comments from the public.
- Employee of the Month**
March 2013 Elizabeth Vasquez, Paraeducator II in the Special Education Department, was selected as the March 2013 Employee of the Month. For the last eight years, Elizabeth has worked with special needs students with severe cognitive delays and behavioral difficulties. Whether she is managing students with assaultive and hard-to manage behaviors at Kerman Middle School or feeding and changing a 3–6 year old in a preschool setting at Sutherland Center, Elizabeth always does what it takes with love, patience, respect and encouragement. Elizabeth makes things happen. She can always be counted on to promptly provide students with the highest level of care. From implementing SELPA approved techniques to prevent or minimize injuries for staff and students to offering resourceful services and mobility assistance to preschoolers, Elizabeth is extremely creative in her approach. Elizabeth enjoyed her work so much as a Paraeducator that she decided to go back to school to earn her teaching credential. She was recently accepted into the teacher internship program and hired as a Special Day Class Teacher. Elizabeth's passion and enthusiasm motivate all those around her. She truly has a zest for life and the desire to enhance the quality of life for others.
- As a full time employee, who also attends school, Elizabeth always has the energy, time and compassion for her own three young children, one of whom has autism. She volunteers for Special Olympic events, she runs 5ks to raise funds for various charities and she participates in her children's education and school activities. She also recently won third place in the FCOE Fit Club Biggest Winner Weight Loss Challenge! Elizabeth believes that working with special needs students is her true calling. Regardless of the disability or unique situation, Elizabeth knows that all students can excel academically and socially. Elizabeth's goal is to make her classroom a place where her students feel safe, confident, respected, motivated and challenged, every day! Congratulations, Elizabeth, we are proud to honor you as the March Employee of the Month.
- RECESS** A recess was called for a reception to honor the Employee of the Month

MINUTES CONTINUED

REPORTS

Wellness & Nutrition
Cyndi Dean

Cyndi Dean and Lois Ewert updated the Board on the Burrel Union Get Healthy Project. The program offered opportunities where clinical services, community partners, health and nutrition education and fitness programs combined efforts in order to optimize the role of school health services in the fight against childhood obesity.

After School Program
Alix Frazer

Fresno County Office of Education is the Local Education Agency (LEA) for 133 after-school programs. On each regular school day, each of these programs provide a safe and stimulating environment with a nutritious snack, homework/tutorial assistance, and educational enrichment opportunities.

Facilities Update

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

ACTION

FCOE Court &
Community Schools
Approved

Motion by Member Robinson, seconded by Vice President Eubanks, approving the 2012-13 FCOE Court and Community/Community Day School Accountability Report Cards, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent/Board
Policies/Board Bylaws
Adopted

Motion by Member Robinson, seconded by Member Thomas, adopting the Superintendent/Board Policies/Board Bylaws, as presented below; motion carried unanimously.

S/BP 1240	S/BP 5144	S/BP 6174
S/BP 2231	S/BP 5144.1	S/BP 6185
S/BP 3260	S/BP 5145.3	BB 9120
S/BP 3514	S/BP 5145.6	BB 9300
S/BP 3515.2	S/BP 5145.7	BB 9322
S/BP 3515.5	S/BP 6145	BB 9323.2
S/BP 5131.7	S/BP 6161.1	BB 9323.3
S/BP 5132.2	S/BP 6161.11	
S/BP 5113.1	S/BP 6173.1	

Member Thomas requested approval for she and Member Cederquist to attend the CSBA May Delegate Assembly meeting scheduled for May 18-19, 2013, in Sacramento. Motion by Member Robinson, seconded by Vice President Eubanks approving the requests; motion carried unanimously.

TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES
Travel Requests

There were no travel requests submitted.

Travel/Mileage
Reimbursements

No travel/mileage reimbursements submitted.

Receipt of Correspondence

No correspondence was reported.

Comments by the Board

- Charter School In-service
- Special Ed Speech Therapy Department
- Special Ed Legal Fund
- Successful CIF Event

The Board took a 5 minute break and reconvened at 3:30 pm.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

- Law Enforcement Safety Meeting

CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Legal Counsel per Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1).

The meeting reconvened at 3:46 pm

ACTION ON CLOSED
SESSION

Motion by Member Thomas, seconded by Vice President Eubanks, adopting the Finding of Facts and Order of the Fresno County Board of Education regarding Pupil Expulsion heard November 17, 2011, as presented; motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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Member Robinson	Abstained
Vice President Eubanks	Yes
Member Thomas	Yes
President Clyde	Yes
Member Cederquist	Absent

FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS

1. Special Ed/SELPA Department presentation in April
2. PASS/Cyber High Presentation to the Board in May.
3. Board Project Update/Statistics in August

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Member Thomas, seconded by Member Eubanks, adjourning the meeting at 3:50 p.m.; motion carried unanimously.