



FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES November 21, 2013

- CALL TO ORDER** President Clyde called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an inspirational reading by Armen Bacon.
- ATTENDANCE** Members present: President Allen Clyde; Vice President Keith Eubanks; Members Mike Robinson, and Delbert Cederquist. Barbara Thomas was absent.
- Participating staff: County Superintendent of Schools Jim Yovino; Deputy Superintendents Dr. Kathryn Catania, Educational Services, and Richard A. Martin, Business Services; Linda Bacon, General Counsel, Legal Services; Armen Bacon, Public Relations/Communications; and Gloria Ferrer, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education.
- AGENDA**
Approved Vice President Eubanks moved to approve the October 17, 2013 agenda; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried unanimously.
- MINUTES**
Approved Member Cederquist moved to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2013 Board meeting, as presented; seconded by Member Robinson; motion carried unanimously.
- COMMUNITY INPUT** There were no comments from the public.
- Employee of the Month**
October 2013 Teresita Lopez was selected as the November 2013 Employee of the Month. For nearly ten years Teresita has been a Paraeducator II in the Special Education Department. She is currently working with Adult Transition Program students. Teresita was born in Costa Rica, one of 17 children; Teresita has a heart for helping others. She received her degree and began her teaching career in Costa Rica. Shortly thereafter, Teresita had a child with disabilities. Knowing that her son's needs could be better served in the United States, Teresita left her family and friends and moved across the country. When she arrived in the United States, she knew her teaching degree would not be valid, so she took a job as a housekeeper and went to school to learn English. Over five years ago, Teresita opened up her home to adults with disabilities meeting all the requirements necessary in order to qualify for the Mentor Home Program. She now provides special needs adults with opportunities they would not otherwise have.
- Teresita knows that ATP students really enjoy Special Olympics, so she started her own independent team called "Fresno United." This team includes present and former ATP students. They practice twice a week, after school at a local park. She has completed the Special Olympics certifications in basketball, soccer, winter sports, and bocce ball. She attends Special Olympic meetings and makes sure the ATP teachers get all the needed information. Recently, Teresita took two basketball teams to the California regionals and they had overwhelming success. She invests countless hours and weekends in helping students become successful, providing opportunities they might not normally have. Teresita is a woman of endless energy and extreme internal drive.
- Congratulations, Teresita, we are proud to honor you as the November 2013 Employee of the Month.
- RECESS** A recess was called for a reception to honor the Employee of the Month.
- REPORTS**
Facilities Jeff Becker updated the Board on current and future building and modernization projects.

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	Jan Biggs gave the Board an update regarding the Scout Island property. The Board would like to revisit this item in December.
FCOE First Interim Financial Report Received	Kevin Otto reported on the First Interim Financial Report as of October 31, 2013. The Board acknowledged receipt of FCOE's First Interim Financial Report. The information was made available to the public.
2012-13 FCOE Budget Actual Comparison Received	Kevin Otto reported on the 2012-13 FCOE Budget/Actual Comparison through June 30, 2013. The Board acknowledged receipt of the 2012-13 FCOE Budget/Actual Comparison.
Early Care and Education Department Report Received	Wilma Hashimoto and Dr. Michele Cantwell-Copher reported that the Early Care and Education Department endeavors to support all children in their development as lifelong learners and contributing members of the community, and to support families in their essential work as parents and caregivers. The department provides Local Planning Council services, and oversees special projects such as workforce development, teen parenting, transitional kindergarten, birth through third grade initiative and quality rating system. Access to high-quality early education and care is a top priority of FCOE.
First Reading of Revised Superintendent/Board Policies Received	The Board received the first reading of the following revised Superintendent/Board Policies: Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plans: S/BP 0410; Community Relations: S/BP 1325 and 1330.
PUBLIC HEARING Edison Bethune Charter Academy Renewal Petition	President Clyde opened a public hearing giving the public an opportunity to comment regarding the petition renewal for Edison Bethune Charter Academy. Many supporters for the petition renewal spoke in favor and support of the petition renewal.
ACTION Resolution No. 2013-21 Annual Organizational Meeting Adopted	Motion by Member Robinson, seconded by Member Cederquist, adopting Resolution No. 2013-21, setting the date of December 12, 2013, as the Fresno County Board of Education's Annual Organizational Meeting, as presented; motion carried unanimously.
Resolution No. 2013-22, California Sikh Awareness Appreciation Month Adopted	Motion by Member Robinson, seconded by Vice President Eubanks, adopting Resolution No. 2013-22, observing November 2013 as Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month, as presented; motion carried unanimously.
Resolution No. 2013-24, School Psychology Awareness Week Adopted	Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Vice President Eubanks, adopting Resolution No. 2013-24, recognizing School Psychology Awareness Week, November 11-15, 2013, as presented; motion carried unanimously.
FCOE 2013-14 Budget Revisions Approved	Motion by Vice President Eubanks, seconded by Member Robinson, approving FCOE's 2013-14 Budget Revisions, as presented; motion carried unanimously.
TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES Call for County Nominations CSBA Delegate Assembly Approved	Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Eubanks, nominating Barbara Thomas to represent Region 10 on CSBA's Delegate Assembly; motion carried unanimously.
Travel Requests	There were no travel requests to approve.

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Travel/Mileage
Reimbursements

There were no mileage reimbursements to approve.

Receipt of Correspondence

No correspondence reported.

Comments by the Board

- Member Cederquist expressed his appreciation to Superintendent Yovino and the Board for the plant received after the passing of his mother-in-law

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

- Washington, DC Trip
- CCSEA Meeting
- District Meetings
- Superintendent's Forum Page
- Intervention and Prevention Mentor Projects
- Fresno City College Applied Technology Program
- CTA Settlement
- CSEA Negotiations

FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS

1. Early Care and Education Department Update in the Spring
2. Dr. Tom Crow invitation regarding STRIVE

ADJOURNMENT

There was a consensus to adjourn the meeting at 3:48 p.m.