



FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES September 19, 2013

- CALL TO ORDER** President Clyde called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an inspirational reading by Armen Bacon.
- ATTENDANCE** Members present: President Allen Clyde; Members Mike Robinson, Delbert Cederquist, and Barbara Thomas. Vice President Keith Eubanks 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 Member Robinson moved to approve the September 19, 2013 agenda; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried unanimously.
- MINUTES**
Approved Member Cederquist moved to approve the minutes of the August 15, 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**
September 2013 Dennis Foley was selected as the September 2013 Employee of the Month. Dennis began his teaching career with the Fresno County Office of Education over nine years ago at the VHEA campus when it was located near Caruthers. From day one, Dennis provided engaging learning opportunities for Court School students, making real life connections to their learning goals. His teaching strategies routinely infused relevant media and meaningful writing instruction to support student comprehension. His instructional planning resulted in active student participation, whether he was teaching Algebra, Biology, Personal Social Development or Physical Education.
- Dennis recognizes the critical role the Court School partnerships play with his students, parents and community members. In recognition of this, Dennis regularly attends working lunch meetings with our partnering agencies on campus to ensure we are working within an equitable approach. He is also a regular facilitator for our evening meetings with students and parents. Dennis always inspires and leaves a reassuring and professional impression with our students, parents and meeting attendees.
- Congratulations, Dennis, we are proud to honor you as the September 2013 Employee of the Month.
- RECESS** A recess was called for a reception to honor the Employee of the Month.
- REPORTS**
Facilities Report Jeff Becker updated the Board on current and future building and modernization projects.
- First Reading of Revised**
Superintendent/Board
Policies and
Administrative Regulations
Received The Board received the first reading of the following revised Superintendent/Board Policies and Administrative Regulations: 3280, 3320, 3513.3 and 3514.1 regarding Business and Non-instructional Operations.

MINUTES CONTINUED

PUBLIC HEARING
Instructional Materials
Sufficiency in Court
Schools and Special
Education

President Clyde opened a public hearing giving the public an opportunity to comment regarding Sufficiency or Insufficiency of Instructional Materials in the Fresno County Court Schools, Special Education Programs and FCOE Authorized Charter Schools.

There being no comments, the hearing was closed.

ACTION
Resolution No. 2013-16,
Instructional Materials
Sufficiency
Adopted

Motion by Member Robinson, seconded by Member Thomas, adopting Resolution No. 2013-16 regarding Instructional Materials in the Fresno County Court Schools, Special Education Programs and FCOE Authorized Charter Schools, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2013-17,
Attendance Awareness
Month
Adopted

Motion by Member Robinson, seconded by Member Cederquist, adopting Resolution No. 2013-17, regarding September as Attendance Awareness Month, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2013-18,
Various State Funding
Applications
Adopted

Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Thomas, adopting Resolution No. 2013-18, authorizing signatories and submittal of school facility program applications for various projects, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

2013-14 Court &
Community Schools
Handbooks
Approved

Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Robinson, approving the 2013-14 Court & Community/Community Day School Handbooks, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Fresno ROP
Board of Management
Regular Meeting
Ratified

Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Thomas, ratifying the approved minutes of the ROP Advisory Board of Management Regular Meeting of May 15, 2013, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES
Travel Requests

There were no travel requests to approve.

Travel/Mileage
Reimbursements

There were no mileage reimbursements to approve.

Receipt of Correspondence

- Letter from Fresno High School Parent

Comments by the Board

- Board Member Visits to Charter Schools
- College Night
- KKEC Open House
- All Staff Day

INTERDISTRICT
TRANSFER APPEALS
Matthew Raley

The Board sought information from student's father, Mr. Christopher Raley, and Julie Hoopes, representative of the district of residence, Fresno Unified School District.

Member Robinson made a motion to uphold the district of residence's denial for an interdistrict transfer to Clovis Unified School District, seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried unanimously.

Interdistrict Transfer
Appeal – Abigal Martinez-
Conrad

The Board sought information from student's parent, Carrie Conrad, and Dennis Weichmann, representative of the district of residence, Sanger Unified School District.

Member Thomas made a motion to uphold the district of residence's denial for an interdistrict transfer to Clovis Unified School District, seconded by Member Robinson; motion carried by a roll call vote of 3-1.

MINUTES CONTINUED

Interdistrict Transfer
Appeal – Gretchen
Blackburn

The Board sought information from student’s parent, Carrie Conrad, and Dennis Weichmann, representative of the district of residence, Sanger Unified School District.

Member Thomas made a motion to uphold the district of residence’s denial for an interdistrict transfer to Clovis Unified School District, seconded by Member Robinson; motion carried by a roll call vote of 3-1.

Interdistrict Transfer
Appeal – Jailene Nunez

The inter-district transfer remained status quo. The appellant did not attend the hearing.

Interdistrict Transfer
Appeal – Pedro Nunez

The inter-district transfer remained status quo. The appellant did not attend the hearing.

Interdistrict Transfer
Appeal – Sophia Martinez

The Board sought information from student’s parent, Marvela Trevino, and Craig Bowden, Superintendent from district of preference, Washington Colony Elementary School District.

Member Cederquist made a motion to uphold the district of residence’s denial for an interdistrict transfer to Washington Colony Elementary School District, seconded by Member Robinson; motion carried by a 3-1 roll call vote.

CLOSED SESSION

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

No action was taken in closed session.

SUPERINTENDENT’S
REPORT

- All Staff Day
- Foundation Gala
- College Night
- School District Visits
- LCFF
- Career Tech Night

Deputy Superintendent Richard Martin shared that the Governor’s new Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) replaced the previous model of funding school districts with a more streamlined formula and removed many of the existing spending restrictions. While the LCFF will provide additional revenue to many of our school districts, the formula has actually reduced the amount of unrestricted revenues to FCOE which means we will continue to be faced with tight budgets.

FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS

There were no future agenda items discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

There was a consensus to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.