



FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REVISED MINUTES August 21, 2014

- CALL TO ORDER** President Eubanks called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an inspirational reading by Dr. Kathryn Catania.
- ATTENDANCE** Members present: President Keith Eubanks, Vice President Mike Robinson; Members Delbert Cederquist, Allen Clyde and Barbara Thomas.
- 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; and Gloria Ferrer, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education.
- AGENDA**
Approved Member Cederquist moved to approve the revised August 21, 2014 agenda; seconded Member Clyde; motion carried by the following roll call vote:
- Member Thomas – Yes
Vice President Robinson – Yes
Member Clyde – Yes
Member Cederquist – Yes
President Eubanks – Yes
- MINUTES**
Approved Member Clyde moved to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2014 Board meeting, as presented; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried by the following roll call vote:
- Member Thomas – Yes
Vice President Robinson – Yes
Member Clyde – Yes
Member Cederquist – Yes
President Eubanks – Yes
- COMMUNITY INPUT** There were no comments from the public.
- Employee of the Month**
July 2014 Hou Vang, Information Technology Tech in the Information Systems and Technology Department, was selected as the July Employee of the Month. When it comes to teamwork, Hou is always willing to help others and is a pivotal member of the IS&T department. As an IT analyst, Hou assists multiple departments with a variety of projects, including setting up websites, troubleshooting critical systems and running reports on SQL servers. He is one of his department's go-to people when it comes to solving major problems or issues.
- “I like the variety of my day,” said Hou, who spends half of his day resolving issues and the other half working on long-term projects. “I’m exposed to a lot of different technologies from the many different school sites I work with.” When Hou is not behind the scenes pulling the strings to get things done, he enjoys riding his Kawasaki motorcycle and hanging out with family. He also is fond of nature and shares his home with two parakeets, two turtles and fish. “I don’t seek recognition, but being nominated is an honor,” said Hou. “I’m grateful to work here.
- Congratulations, Hou, we are proud to honor you as the June 2014 Employee of the Month.

MINUTES CONTINUED

Employee of the Month
August 2014

Delaine Johnson, Consultant II for Instructional Technology Department, was selected as the August Employee of the Month. Delaine is an amazing professional who has a tremendous technical skill set, as well as interpersonal skills and a demeanor that helps create warm, nurturing learning and working environments. Some of Delaine's strengths include her flexibility, her continual desire to grow and learn, as well as her ability to effectively collaborate with peers. Since joining the ITS team in 2009, Delaine has always put the needs of her colleagues and those she helps ahead of her own. In the five years that she has been with FCOE, Delaine has focused her attention on developing her own skill set to ensure that she provides the best possible services and is prepared to meet future educational technology needs.

Delaine is a nationally sought after Microsoft Certified Trainer and Microsoft Innovative Educator Master Trainer, both firsts for a member of the FCOE staff. This past summer, Delaine applied for and was accepted into an elite class of educational professionals and became a Google Certified Teacher. Delaine continues to share her expertise at conferences while maintaining the County Office media portal, which provides educational resources to thousands of educators and students throughout Fresno County.

Congratulations, Delaine, we are proud to honor you as the August 2014 Employee of the Month.

RECOGNITION
Peer Tutors – Selma High School

Superintendent Yovino recognized the efforts of the Special Day Class Peer Tutors from Selma High School. The program has had a huge impact on student's overall behavior and social skills.

RECESS

A recess was called for a reception to honor the Employees of the Month and the Selma High Peer Tutors.

REPORTS
CLAS Program Update

Manuel Escandon and Cedric Hardamon updated the Board on the Civility-Leadership-Academics-Service (CLAS) Program. The CLAS process is a comprehensive, strength based prevention and intervention model which emphasizes a "holistic" approach of student and family engagement. The program equips environmentally at-risk students and families with skills that will improve their chances of success in school, the workplace, and their personal lives.

Facilities Update

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

ACTION
2014-15 Court & Community Schools Curriculum Guide Handbooks

Approved

Motion by Member Thomas, seconded by Member Clyde, approving the 2014-15 Court & Community/Community Day Schools Curriculum Guide Handbooks, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Member Thomas – Yes
Vice President Robinson – Yes
Member Clyde – Yes
Member Cederquist – Yes
President Eubanks – Yes

Resolution No. 2014-13
September as Attendance Awareness Month

Approved

Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Vice President Robinson, adopting Resolution No. 2014-13, recognizing September as Attendance Awareness Month, as presented; motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Member Thomas – Yes
Vice President Robinson – Yes
Member Clyde – Yes
Member Cederquist – Yes
President Eubanks – Yes

MINUTES CONTINUED

Resolution No. 2014-14
Constitution Day,
September 17, 2014
Adopted

Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Vice President Robinson, adopting Resolution No. 2014-14, recognizing September 17, 2014 as Constitution Day, as presented; motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Member Thomas – Yes
Vice President Robinson – Yes
Member Clyde – Yes
Member Cederquist – Yes
President Eubanks – Yes

2013-14 Forest Reserve
Receipts
Approved

Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Thomas, approving the Forest Reserves Apportionment from Tulare County to Kings Canyon Unified School District, as presented; motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Member Thomas – Yes
Vice President Robinson – Yes
Member Clyde – Yes
Member Cederquist – Yes
President Eubanks – Yes

Superintendent's
Compensation Agreement
Approved

This item was tabled until the September 18, 2014 Board meeting.

TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES
Travel Requests

There were no requests for travel.

Travel/Mileage
Reimbursements

There were no travel reimbursements submitted.

Comments by the Board

- ROP Career Tech Night

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent Yovino reported on the following:

- Common Core Presentation by Dr. Corey Greenlaw

Expulsion Appeal – Selma
Unified School District

The hearing was called to order in open session at 2:05 p.m.

Those present at the hearing included: appellant and appellant's mother, Patricia Barranco; Judy Galvez, FCOE translator; Selma Unified School District Attorney, Kidd Crawford, and Selma Unified School District representatives, Wayne Dixon and Steve Gonzalez; Jim Yovino, Superintendent of Fresno County Schools; Linda Bacon, General Counsel and Jason Parkin, Legal Counsel, Fresno County Office of Education; Deputy Superintendents Dr. Kathryn Catania and Richard Martin; and Gloria Ferrer, Administrative Assistant to the Fresno County Board of Education.

Board members sought input from those present.

The Board moved into closed session for deliberations at 2:40 p.m.

The Board reconvened into open session at 3:25 p.m.

Upon a motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Vice President Robinson, the Findings of Fact were adopted by the following roll call vote:

Member Thomas – Yes
Vice President Robinson – Yes
Member Clyde – Yes
Member Cederquist – Yes
President Eubanks – Yes

Findings of Facts:

1. The district governing board did proceed without or in excess of its jurisdiction in expelling the student.
2. The student was not afforded a fair hearing before the district governing board.
3. There was not prejudicial abuse of discretion by the district governing board.
4. There is not relevant evidence which, in the exercise of reasonable diligence, could not have been produced or which was improperly excluded at the hearing before the district governing board.

Order of the Board:

The Fresno County Board of Education Reversed the Decision of the District's Governing Board to Expel the Appellant and ordered the District to re-enroll the student and expunge the records of any reference to the expulsion.

Vice President Robinson moved to adopt the above order, seconded by Member Thomas. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Member Thomas – Yes
Vice President Robinson – Yes
Member Clyde – Yes
Member Cederquist – Yes
President Eubanks – Yes

Expulsion Appeal –
Kingsburg Elementary
Charter School District

The hearing was called to order in open session at 3:32 p.m.

Those present at the hearing included: appellant and appellant's mother, Jessica Paredes, Kingsburg Elementary Charter School District Attorney, Kidd Crawford, and Kingsburg Elementary Charter School District representative, Melanie Sembritzki; Jim Yovino, Superintendent of Fresno County Schools; Linda Bacon, General Counsel and Jason Parkin, Legal Counsel, Fresno County Office of Education; Deputy Superintendents Dr. Kathryn Catania and Richard Martin; and Gloria Ferrer, Administrative Assistant to the Fresno County Board of Education.

Board members sought input from those present.

The Board moved into closed session for deliberations at 3:47 p.m.

The Board reconvened into open session at 4:10 p.m.

Upon a motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Vice President Robinson, the Findings of Fact were adopted by the following roll call vote:

Member Thomas – Yes
Vice President Robinson – Yes
Member Clyde – Yes
Member Cederquist – Yes
President Eubanks – Yes

MINUTES CONTINUED

Findings of Fact:

1. The district governing board did not proceed without or in excess of its jurisdiction in expelling the student.
2. The student was afforded a fair hearing before the district governing board.
3. There was not prejudicial abuse of discretion by the district governing board.
4. There is not relevant evidence which, in the exercise of reasonable diligence, could not have been produced or which was improperly excluded at the hearing before the district governing board.

Order of the Board:

The Fresno County Board of Education Affirms the Decision of the District Governing Board to Expel the Appellant.

Member Cederquist, moved to adopt the above order, seconded by Member Clyde. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Member Thomas – Yes
Vice President Robinson – Yes
Member Clyde – Yes
Member Cederquist – Yes
President Eubanks – Yes

INTERDISTRICT
TRANSFER APPEAL

This item was resolved by the parents and removed from the Board agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Thomas denying the claim (N.P, a minor) against the Fresno County Board of Education. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Member Thomas – Yes
Vice President Robinson – Yes
Member Clyde – Yes
Member Cederquist – Yes
President Eubanks – Yes

FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS

Superintendent's Salary Compensation Agreement

NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held on September 18, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. The time was moved an hour earlier than originally scheduled. The Public Hearing regarding Sufficiency/ Insufficiency of Textbook Materials will begin no earlier than 5:00 p.m. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Member Thomas – Yes
Vice President Robinson – Yes
Member Clyde – Yes
Member Cederquist – Yes
President Eubanks – Yes

ADJOURNMENT

There was a consensus to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

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