



FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES February 20, 2014

- CALL TO ORDER** Vice President Robinson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an inspirational reading by Lisa Birrell.
- ATTENDANCE** Members present: Vice President Mike Robinson; Members Allen Clyde, Barbara Thomas, and Delbert Cederquist. President Keith Eubanks was absent.
- Participating staff: County Superintendent of Schools Jim Yovino; Deputy Superintendent Dr. Kathryn Catania, Educational Services, and Linda Bacon, General Counsel, Legal Services; Lisa Birrell, Public Relations/Communications; and Gloria Ferrer, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education.
- AGENDA**
Approved Member Cederquist moved to approve the revised February 20, 2014 agenda; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried by the following vote:
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| Member Robinson – Yes | Member Cederquist – Yes |
| Member Thomas – Yes | Member Clyde – Yes |
| President Eubanks – Absent | |
- MINUTES**
Approved Member Cederquist moved to approve the revised minutes of the January 16, 2014 Board meeting, as presented; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried by the following vote:
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| Member Robinson – Yes | Member Cederquist – Yes |
| Member Thomas – Yes | Member Clyde – Yes |
| President Eubanks – Absent | |
- COMMUNITY INPUT** There were no comments from the public.
- Employee of the Month**
February 2014 Russ Chinn was selected as the February 2014 Employee of the Month. As the Information Technology Specialist for the PASS/Cyber High program, Russ is the epitome of what it means to be service focused. His dedication to supporting this unique community of learners is summarized in a framed print above his desk that simply says, “Persistence.” Daily, without fail, Russ persistently addresses and provides solutions to every operational issue that arises. “I’m a problem solver,” said Russ, who has been with FCOE since 1998. “I enjoy what I do and I don’t mind answering questions, which makes me a good fit.”
- But answering questions, he so modestly states, is just the beginning of what Russ accomplishes every day. He brings the personable to the technical when staff, administrators and program teachers call looking for a human connection to help them fix a problem. For Russ, it’s about establishing relationships with the 500 schools in the state who participate in PASS/Cyber High. Although Russ tackles and solves problems all day long, his life philosophy is simple: Faith, family and friends. He values the interconnectivity between people. One of his favorite quotes from Zig Ziglar is: “You can have everything in life, if you just help other people get what they want.” Thank you, Russ, for gracefully helping so many others succeed.
- Congratulations, Russ, we are proud to honor you as the February 2014 Employee of the Month.
- RECESS** A recess was called for a reception to honor the Employee of the Month.

MINUTES CONTINUED

PRESENTATIONS

Fresno Area Strive
Dr. Tom Crow

Fresno Area Strive is based on a model developed in Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky, called Strive. The program is designed to support the success of every child from cradle to career. First introduced to key Fresno-area stakeholders in January 2010, Fresno Area Strive is developing a network of local partners who are committed to the success of our youth. The program is being coordinated by the Fresno Compact.

Fresno Area Strive seeks to unite common providers around shared issues, goals, measurements and results, and then actively support and strengthen strategies that are successful. Partners must commit to making an impact in assisting students in the attainment of the goals of Fresno Area Strive. The program uses a data-driven process to focus community-wide needs, establish common strategies for success, and monitor progress.

CIF Invitation

Brent Smither, Consultant for Safe & Health Kids, extended the Board an invitation to join FCOE volunteers at the 9th annual CIF basketball playoffs at the Fresno Convention Center, March 7-8, 2014.

REPORTS

2013-14 Second Interim
Financial Report

Received

Stella Perea reported on the 2013-14 second Interim Financial Report.

Facilities Update

Jeff Becker updated the Board on current and future building and modernization projects. Mr. Becker was awarded the California School Public Relations Association (CalSPRA) Award of Merit for his "Build Understanding" article summarizing the Successful Projects Workshop Series, facilitated by the Fresno County Office of Education.

ACTION

Resolution No. 2014-02,
Cesar Chavez Day of
Service and Learning

Adopted

Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Thomas, adopting Resolution No. 2014-02, observing March 31, 2014 as *Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning*, as presented; motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

FCOE 2013-14 Budget
Revisions

Approved

Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Clyde, approving FCOE's 2013-14 Budget Revisions, as presented; motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

FCOE Court &
Community Schools Single
Plans for Student
Achievement

Approved

Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Cederquist, approving the 2013-14 FCOE Court and Community/Community Day Schools 2013-14 Single Plans for Student Achievement, as presented; motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

FCOE Court and
Community/Community
Day Schools
Accountability Report
Cards

Approved

Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Cederquist, approving the 2013-14 FCOE Court and Community/Community Day School Accountability Report Cards, as presented; motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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Special Education School Accountability Report Card
Motion by Member Thomas, seconded by Member Clyde, approving the 2012-13 Special Education Department School Accountability Report Card, as presented; motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Approved

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

CSBA Delegate Assembly Election Nominee
Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Cederquist, nominating Barbara Thomas as the Region 10 delegate for the 2014 CSBA Delegate Election; motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Approved

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

FUSD Request to Withdraw Waiver Period for Special Election to Fill Trustee Vacancy
Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Thomas, to withdraw and direct Counsel to complete such tasks necessary to do so, as presented motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Approved

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

Jose Barraza, from El Concilio de Fresno and Miguel Arias, Fresno Unified School District representative shared their prospective of the waiver.

TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES
Travel Requests
There were no travel requests submitted.

Travel/Mileage Reimbursements
There were no travel/mileage reimbursements submitted.

Receipt of Correspondence
No correspondence reported.

Comments by the Board

- Fresno Chamber of Commerce Education Committee – Mayor’s Job Fair
- Excellent Martin Luther King Reception
- Conflict of Interest Information – Trustees Association Meeting, March 18

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT
Superintendent Yovino reported on the following:

- Fresno Compact Luncheon
- Kremen Noted Alumni Dinner
- Dr. Castro’s Investiture Ceremony, May 10, 2014
- Any Given Child Arts Program
- LinkUp Arts Program
- State Center Community College Career Tech Education
- The Lisa Project Kickoff in Fresno
- Jeffery Canada Event, March 13, 2014
- Superintendent/Board Protocol
- Scout Island Property

Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Caleb Hull/Fresno Unified School District – 2:30 PM
The Interdistrict Transfer Appeal was removed from the agenda.

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Expulsion Appeal – Fresno Unified School District

The hearing was called to order in open session at 2:35 p.m.

Those present at the hearing included: student’s mother, Shelia Sims, Fresno Unified School District Attorney, Bryan Martin, and Fresno Unified School District representatives, Ambra Dorsey and Rob Reyes; Jim Yovino, Superintendent of Fresno County Schools; Linda Bacon, General Legal Counsel, Fresno County Office of Education; 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 2:58 p.m.

The Board reconvened into open session at 3:13 p.m.

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

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

Findings of Fact:

1. The District governing board did not proceed without or in excess of its jurisdiction in expelling the Appellant.
2. The Appellant was afforded a fair hearing before the District governing board.
3. There was not a prejudicial abuse of discretion by the District governing board.
4. There is not now relevant and material 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/administrative hearing panel.

Order of the Board:

The Fresno County Board of Education affirms the decision of the District Governing Board to Expel the Appellant.

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

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Scout Island Property
2. Update on FUSD Waiver
3. Retiree Health Benefits
4. Truancy Intervention Program in May

ADJOURNMENT

There was a consensus to adjourn the meeting at 4:42 p.m.

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