



## FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES  
August 20, 2015

- CALL TO ORDER** President Robinson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an inspirational reading by Lisa Birrell.
- ATTENDANCE** Members present: President Mike Robinson, Vice President Barbara Thomas, Member Delbert Cederquist, Member Dr. Allen Clyde, and Member Ismael Herrera. A quorum was established. Member Dr. Clyde arrived at 1:32 p.m.
- Participating staff: County Superintendent of Schools Jim Yovino; Deputy Superintendent Dr. Kathryn Catania, Educational Services; Deputy Superintendent Richard A. Martin, Business Services; Lisa Birrell, Public Relations/Communications; Maiya Yang, General Counsel, Legal Services; and Gloria Ferrer, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education.
- ROLL CALL**
- Member Herrera – Yes  
Vice President Thomas – Yes  
Member Clyde – Absent  
Member Cederquist – Yes  
President Robinson – Yes
- AGENDA**  
**Approved** Member Cederquist moved to approve the August 20, 2015 agenda, seconded Member Herrera. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:
- Member Herrera – Yes  
Vice President Thomas – Yes  
Member Clyde – Absent  
Member Cederquist – Yes  
President Robinson – Yes
- MINUTES**  
**Approved** Vice President Thomas moved to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2015 Board meeting, seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried by the following roll call vote:
- Member Herrera – Yes  
Vice President Thomas – Yes  
Member Clyde – Yes  
Member Cederquist – Yes  
President Robinson – Yes
- Employees of the Month**  
**July and August 2015** Maria Williams was recognized as the July 2015 Employee of the Month. Willa Welsh was recognized as the August 2015 Employee of the Month.
- RECOGNITION**  
**Superintendent's Super Stars** The recognition of the Superintendent Superstars. Joseph Ochoa and Janice Castrejon were recognized for their participation in the Fowler Unified Summer Enrichment program to restore Storyland.
- RECESS** A recess was called at 1:53 p.m. for the reception honoring the Employee of the Month and the Superintendent Super Stars.
- COMMUNITY INPUT** There were no comments from the public.

MINUTES CONTINUED

REPORTS  
Facilities

Jeff Becker, Facilities Director, updated the Board on generator project, door and security project, Van Ness Building elevator project, and state school bond.

ACTION ITEMS  
Constitution Day,  
Resolution No. 2015-13

Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Clyde, adopting Resolution No. 2015-13, recognizing September 17, 2015 as Constitution Day, as presented; motion carried by the following roll call vote:

**Adopted**

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

Resolution No. 2015-14,  
Housing and Community  
Development Relocatable  
Buildings

Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Cederquist, adopting Resolution No. 2015-14, Certification that Housing and Community Development Relocatable Buildings are no longer used for school purposes:

**Adopted**

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

Real Property Transfer, Boy  
Scout Road Grant of  
Easement

Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Clyde, authorizing Jan Biggs to negotiate and finalize, and President Robinson to execute, the grant of easement for vehicular traffic along Boy Scout Road for the potential agricultural development of property to James S. Anderson and emergency access between the Fresno County Board of Education and Fig Garden Golf Course, Inc.: motion carried by the following roll call vote:

**Approved**

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

New Spirit Charter  
Academy Response to  
Notice of Violation and  
Opportunity to Remedy and  
Discontinuing Revocation  
of Charter

Motion by Vice President Thomas, seconded by Member Clyde, to evaluate New Spirit Charter Academy's response to the Notice of Violation and Opportunity to Remedy and discontinue revocation of New Spirit Charter Academy's Charter; motion carried by the following roll call vote:

**Approved**

Member Herrera – Absent  
Vice President Thomas – Yes  
Member Clyde – Yes  
Member Cederquist – Yes  
President Robinson – Yes

New Spirit Charter  
Academy Material Revision  
Deleting Existing Schoolsite  
and Adding New Site

Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Clyde, approving Amendment No. 2 to the New Spirit Charter Academy's Memorandum Of Understanding and charter regarding the relocation of its school site from Trinity Lutheran Church, 3973 North Cedar Avenue, Fresno, California 93726 to the Saint James' Anglican Cathedral, 4147 E. Dakota Ave, Fresno, California 93726; motion carried by the following roll call vote:

**Approved**

Member Herrera – Absent  
Vice President Thomas – Yes  
Member Clyde – Yes  
Member Cederquist – Yes  
President Robinson – Yes

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Big Picture High School–  
Fresno Material Revision  
for Nonclassroom-Based  
Attendance Accounting  
**Approved**

Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Vice President Thomas, approving Amendment No. 3 to the Big Picture High School-Fresno’s charter and Memorandum Of Understanding by changing the primary mode of instruction to nonclassroom –based instruction; motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Big Picture High School-  
Fresno Alternative Schools  
Accountability Model  
Application  
**Approved**

Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Clyde, approving certification of the Alternative Schools Accountability Model Alternative School of Choice and Charter School Application on behalf of the Big Picture High School-Fresno; motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

CLOSED SESSION  
Expulsion Appeal: Laton  
Unified School District,  
Student No. 2 (Educ. Code  
§48920)

President Robinson adjourned the meeting to closed session at 2:37 p.m. for the hearing on the Student expulsion appeal: Laton Unified School District, Student No. 2.

Conference with Real  
Property Negotiators

Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Gov. Code § 54956.8) regarding Assessor Parcel Nos. 049-093-006, 049-093-008, and 049-093-010, 38498 Avenue 8, Madera, California 93636, commonly referred to as Scout Island North; Jan Biggs, Senior Administrator; Jeff Becker, Director of Facilities and Operations as the agency negotiators.

RECONVENED TO OPEN  
SESSION

President Robinson reconvened the meeting to open session at 2:51 p.m.

REPORT OF ACTIONS  
TAKEN IN CLOSED  
SESSION

No reportable action was taken in closed session regarding Assessor Parcel Nos. 049-093-006, 049-093-008, and 049-093-010, 38498 Avenue 8, Madera, California 93636, commonly referred to as Scout Island North

At the request and agreement of the appellant and Laton Unified School District, the Board approved a continuance for Expulsion Appeal: Laton Unified School District, Student No. #2 to the Board’s meeting of September 17, 2015; by the following roll call vote:

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

TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES  
CSBA Call for Nominations  
2015 Legislator of the Year

There were no nominations for CSBA 2015 Legislator of the Year.

Travel Requests

There were no travel requests submitted.

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Travel Expenses and Reimbursements

Motion by Vice President Thomas, seconded by Member Clyde, approving travel/conference reimbursement for all Board members in the amount of \$1,450; motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Member Herrera – Absent  
Vice President Thomas – Yes  
Member Clyde – Yes  
Member Cederquist – Yes  
President Robinson – Yes

Receipt of Correspondence

There was no correspondence received.

Comments by Board Members

- Member Herrera shared third party communication regarding local vendor
- Career Tech Ed Expo – October 14, 2015
- CSBA Conflict of Interest
- Mr. Larry Powell's father's passing
- Board Workshop – Form 700

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Yovino reported on the following:

- Lease leaseback arrangements
- All Staff Day – Friday, August 21, 2015
- Nine new school district superintendents
- Status of recall elections – Golden Plains Unified School District, Selma Unified School District, Raisin City Elementary School District, and Kingsburg Joint Union High School District
- Parlier Unified School District: Fresno County Grand Jury Report, County Superintendent letter ordering audit pursuant to Education Code section 1241.5(b); meeting with two board members
- New Spirit Charter Academy's Renewal Petition
- CTA agreement; CSEA tentative agreement
- Storyland Grand Opening – September 4, 2015
- Fresno County Youth Choir at Rotary
- FCOE Department Budget Reserves
- CSU Fresno Top Dog Awards
- Education Matters – Honoring Dr. Floyd B. Buchanan Foundation @ FCOE Gala – September 19, 2015

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Board training workshop in October 2015

NEXT MEETING

The next regular Board meeting will be held on September 17, 2015, at 4:00 p.m., in conference room 301, Fresno County Office of Education.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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