



FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES March 19, 2015

- CALL TO ORDER** Vice President Thomas 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: Vice President Barbara Thomas; Member Delbert Cederquist; Member Dr. Allen Clyde, and Member Ismael Herrera. President Mike Robinson was absent; Member Clyde arrived at 1:35 p.m. A quorum was established.
- Participating staff: County Superintendent of Schools Jim Yovino; Deputy Superintendent Richard Martin, Business Services; Miaya Yang, 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 March 19, 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 – Absent
- MINUTES**
Approved Member Cederquist moved to approve the amended minutes of the February 19, 2015 Board meeting, seconded by 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 – Absent
- Employee of the Month**
March 2015 Farah McGovern was selected as the March 2015 Employee of the Month. Farah has demonstrated exemplary leadership skills in the Preschool Intervention Program, which provides intensive and specialized services to students with autism. She is the school psychologist assigned to all three PIP classes. Because two of the classrooms have experienced vacant teaching positions and have been covered by substitutes, Farah has taken charge of their daily operations, including processing referrals, taking attendance, completing progress reports, creating lesson plans, developing classroom schedules, collaborating with paraprofessionals and assisting with interviews for the teaching positions.
- In addition to these tasks, Farah still finds time to conduct regular home visits to check on the progress of students and address any concerns parents may have. She updates the program manager regularly on the great things going on in the classrooms and alerts administration if any issues occur. Farah truly cares about every student and every employee in the classroom. Farah is also to be commended for her commitment to professional development. She has attained certification as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst and is a member of the California Autism Professional Training and Information Network and serves as the co-chair of the local network chapter.

MINUTES CONTINUED

RECOGNITION
Superintendent's Super Stars

Superintendent Yovino recognized Boy Scout Troop #199 for their volunteer work renovating the garden at Kermit Koontz Educational Complex. Each student was given a certificate of appreciation for their dedication and support to the community.

RECESS

A recess was called for the reception honoring the Employee of the Month and the Superintendent's Super Stars.

ROLL CALL

Member Herrera – Yes
Vice President Thomas – Yes
Member Clyde – Yes arrived at 1:34
Member Cederquist – Yes
President Robinson – Absent

COMMUNITY INPUT

There were no comments from the public.

ACTION ITEMS
New Spirit Charter
Academy MOU

Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by Member Clyde, approving the amendment No. 1 to Charter Memorandum of Understanding with New Spirit Charter Academy.
Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Approved

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

Resolution No. 2015-05,
Week of the Young Child
Adopted

Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Cederquist, adopting Resolution No. 2015-05, Week of the Young Child, April 12-18, 2015. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Resolution No. 2015-06,
Supporting State School
Bond in 2016
Adopted

Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Cederquist, adopting Resolution No. 2015-06, supporting a new state school bond on the 2016 ballot. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES
Travel Requests

Motion by Member Clyde, seconded by Member Cederquist, approving travel request for Vice President Thomas and Member Cederquist to attend the Delegate Assembly meeting in Sacramento in May, 2015. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Travel/Mileage
Reimbursements

There were no travel/mile reimbursements submitted.

MINUTES CONTINUED

Receipt of Correspondence No correspondence was received.

Comments by the Board

- Excellent CCBE Board Member Training
- CSBA Board Bylaws
- Excellent Mock Trial Program
- Fresno Compact
- CSBA Legislative Committee

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Superintendent Yovino reported on the following:

- Medi-Cal MAA Funds
- Recalls/District Issues
- Business Engagement Coordinator
- CIF Tournament
- Bonner Character Education Conference
- State Academic Decathlon
- Career Skills Challenge
- The Mayor's Job Fair
- Fowler Unified Big Brothers/Sisters Alliance
- State Board of Education Charters & Review Process
- Education Matters

FUTURE ITEMS

1. Board Workshop – April 2015 at noon
2. Burrel School Update – April 2015
3. Scout Island North Property

NEXT MEETING The next regular Board meeting will be held on April 16, 2015, at 1:30 p.m., in conference room 301, Fresno County Office of Education.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.