

CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION  
STAFF MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 6, 7, 1968  
State Building  
Fresno

Present

D. E. Wilson	E. M. Juergenson
J. W. Becket	E. J. LaSalle
H. H. Burlingham	W. J. Maynard
K. B. Cutler	R. H. Pedersen
J. T. Davis	W. D. Reed
E. D. Graf	R. D. Regan
G. A. Hutchings	J. E. Walker

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 A.M., March 5 by Donald E. Wilson, Chief, Bureau of Agricultural Education.

It was pointed out that notes on the Summer Conference were missing from the minutes of the last Staff Meeting. Additions and corrections were made to the proposed agenda.

Holstein-Friesian Award

The Holstein-Friesian Association Award was discussed. Mr. Hutchings was asked to meet with Jim Deaver, Holstein-Friesian fieldman, about the Holstein Award. Clarification on the requirements for this award need to be developed for further information for the supervisors.

FFA Safety Kits

Mr. Davis explained the purpose and contents of the safety kit. Each chapter shall receive one. Additional materials can be ordered from Mr. Davis if needed.

Summer Workshop for Teachers

Discussion followed on possible workshops for selected schools or on a general invitation program. Suggestions were made for occupational experience, natural resources, state farmer application scoring, W.E.E. and CATA sponsored activities programs.

Mr. Wilson asked Mr. Becket to work on the W.E.E. and occupational experience program. He suggested that Mr. Reed and Mr. Walker look into the possibility of a workshop in state farmer application scoring and Mr. Burlingham and Dr. Juergenson to develop a program for a teacher workshop for supervising teacher training centers.

Standards for Selecting Cooperating Schools

Discussion followed on criteria for selecting cooperating schools. Mr. Wilson suggested that criteria be developed from the first Supervising Teacher Workshop report. He asked the Teacher Training Committee to develop this criteria prior to Planning

These people benefited tremendously from this. A discussion followed on whether similar opportunities should be provided in the future for weak student teachers. It was agreed that this proposal be tried on a pilot basis.

#### Young Farmer Convention

Mr. Pedersen reported on the state convention, claiming it a success. Two constitutional changes were proposed, with only one passing. This change allows associate members to vote.

Mr. Pedersen was disappointed that only four parliamentary procedure teams participated. Much discussion followed on the feasibility of continuing the parliamentary procedure contest. Mr. Wilson asked supervisors to do all they can to bring about increased participation in this contest at the State Young Farmer Conventions.

#### Identification of Staff Functions and Activities Which Might be Assumed by CATA

Representatives of CATA have asked what duties they might assume as an organization to relieve supervisors so they might have more time to visit schools and conduct more evaluations. The CATA might help out with scoring the state farmer books, arranging for bus transportation, project competition, public speaking, and parliamentary procedure. The CATA will probably do the Conference Minutes.

Mr. Wilson suggested that teachers sponsor more of these activities. Much discussion followed on the time available for teachers to assume greater loads. It was pointed out that teachers are already involved in heavy work loads, extension courses, etc., and this would affect the kind of program the Bureau might have if some of its responsibilities were transferred to the teachers.

#### State Farmer Applications

The quality of the applications is about the same as last year. Mr. Davis suggests that sectional star farmers be picked this year to broaden the recognition. An award is available.

#### FFA Executive Committee

Some discussion followed on the feasibility of continuing to have the past state officers on this committee. It was the consensus that the past state president should be included.

#### Swift Market Study

This will be held in Los Angeles starting at noon on August 4 and ending at noon on August 8, 1968. The question was raised as to whether the Swift Marketing Advanced School was still in existence. This project does not apply to teachers. Usually livestock industry men attend this workshop.

#### Progress on Evaluation of Cooperating Schools

Mr. Wilson asked which regions have done their evaluations. The Central and South Coast Regions are done.

### Vocational Education Administration Interns

In order for a person to participate, he must be able to get his supervision credential within a year. He works for the district for one year at 75% VEA reimbursement. Dr. Juergenson said he needs six years' experience plus work in field supervision and other specific requirements; then he can apply directly for his supervision credential.

### Current Legislation

Mr. Graf reported on a bill that would put all of vocational education in the Department of Labor. Another bill combines all of the vocational education acts into one. Work Study money is available for the balance of this school year and for June and July.

### Farm Foreman Labor Program in Florida

Mr. Becket spent two weeks assisting the Florida Extension Service to plan a program for training farm foremen. He gave his opinions of the Florida teacher strike.

### Review of FFA 75% Membership

Membership for this year may reach 12,900. This is approximately 100 less than the previous year. Mr. Wilson thinks the 75% membership moratorium should be extended for another year. Several members present feel that it will not be possible to maintain and enforce a required membership limitation.

Supervisors are distressed about the illegibility of the membership lists.

It will be the policy of the Bureau in the future that it is the regional supervisor's responsibility to be sure that participants in sectional and regional FFA activities are members of the FFA. It is recommended that the CATA arrange to check on the eligibility of FFA participants at their fairs.

### Summer Skills Week Planning

1. Small engines
2. Surveying
3. Industrial equipment
4. Ornamental horticulture
5. Welding - beginning and advanced
6. Physical and chemical soil science
7. Problems and soil management - lab soil testing
8. Equipment and crop cost analysis
9. Workshop in FFA
10. Agriculture chemicals
11. Biological principles
12. Instructional technology - visual materials
13. Instructional manual - farm account book

Mr. Wilson asked for a list of teachers who should be involved in a Workshop in FFA. The supervisors who have not yet replied to Mr. Wilson were requested to do so immediately. These candidates may be interns, new teachers, out-of-state teachers

It was agreed to have the "Demonstration Schools" during Administrators' Day.

- Professional Sections --
1. Junior college
  2. Instructional technology
  3. Assimilation of girls in FFA
  4. Articulation of FFA -- Junior College\*

\*It was suggested at the January meeting that on the third day, all groups would discuss articulation of high schools and junior colleges. It was moved, seconded, and passed to follow this suggestion.

It was moved and seconded to delete item 2 (Instructional technology). The motion failed.

#### Agricultural Mechanics Specialist Report

Mr. Coyes stated that workshops in small engines will be held for Leland High School and San Luis Obispo High School during the month of April. Mr. Coyes expressed belief that agricultural mechanics programs are very weak in curriculum planning, housekeeping and organization. He feels there is a great need for more workshops throughout the state. The supervisors asked Mr. Coyes many questions about urban-type programs, main problem areas, O.H. mechanics, etc. His presentation was well received.

#### FFA Constitution Revisions

Mr. Davis distributed copies of the constitution for possible revisions. He asked supervisors to read and mark areas for consideration. Much discussion centered on a membership deadline date and its enforcement.

Mr. Wilson mentioned some proposed changes in the names of various degrees.

#### Junior College Report

Mr. Matthews reported that the posters, developed as previously suggested, will soon be ready for distribution by the junior colleges to the high schools. He referred to a study he is conducting on cost per student-contact hours. He also explained a "multi-track curricula for junior college agriculture students."

#### Arthur D. Little Report

Mr. Wilson reviewed this report as well as the report of the Governor's Task Force. He urged all staff members to read both of these reports.

#### Emphasis on VEA Projects

Mr. Graf gave a report on the distribution of VEA projects money, equipment, etc. It was the consensus of the supervisors that the information prepared by Mr. Graf be given to Dr. Don Heaney and developed into overlays or slides. Mr. Graf will make arrangements for this project, and the information will be given to supervisors to be used at sectional and regional levels.

Mr. Wilson reminded supervisors that salary requests in VEA Projects should be limited to new programs or additional periods.