

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

September 23, 26, 1968
Education Building
Sacramento, California

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	J. E. Walker
G. A. Hutchings	

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m., September 23, by Donald E. Wilson, Chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Education.

Meeting of the National FFA Board of Directors

This meeting was reported on by Mr. Wilson. The full text of this report was mailed to all staff members on September 13, 1968.

Thailand Inspection Trip

Mr. Burlingham reported on his recent inspection trip to Thailand. The project under Warren Smith is making excellent headway. Mr. Burlingham plans to give a more detailed account in the near future.

Cal Poly Guatemalian Project

Mr. LaSalle was called upon to revisit the Cal Poly Guatemalian Project. This he did several weeks ago. He reports conditions are tense, but the project seems able to proceed unhampered, at least for the present.

FFA Executive Committee Meeting

Mr. Davis reported on the September 12 FFA Executive Committee Meeting. The following items were considered:

1. Change in FFA name - no vote
2. Change in the creed - no vote
3. Change in admitting girls - vote yes
4. Change in degree
5. Change in age limit from 21 to 20 years - vote yes
6. Change in dues at national level, in favor of moderate increase.

A set of 2 x 2 slides are available at the National Center on National Convention trip. This year delegates will fly both ways. Fare is \$200 per person. They will leave Tuesday, October 15, from Los Angeles or San Francisco and return Sunday, October 20. The delegation will be staying at the Palm Sheraton in Kansas City.

FFA Magazine

The California FFA magazine is in need of news, especially this time of year. The October issue may be out some time in November. There is a possibility of having the magazine printed in Sacramento, rather than San Luis Obispo. Also the possibility of having paid ads or finding some other source of funds was discussed. Mr. Davis will look further in using paid ads or ways for financing the magazine and will report back at a future staff meeting.

National FFA Week Publicity

Regional Supervisors should coordinate publicity with chapters on use of billboard signs provided by the Bureau.

Seminar on Area Vocational Schools

The seminar was held in Ohio September 16, 1968, and was reported on by Mr. Graf. The purpose of this four and a half day session was to discuss high school area vocational schools. Eventually the recommendations will be published and distributed; e.g., the Penta area vocational school has 1,100 vocational students out of 7,500 from 17 high schools in the area.

Students meet graduation requirements the first and second year of high school, so third and fourth year is spent in area school.

Students with production agriculture possibilities stay in home school and in grades 9 through 12 study related fields rather than go to area school.

The Penta system attempts to be a comprehensive high school, but it puts vocational core with academic subjects supporting.

Honorary State Farmer Candidates

The following were suggested for consideration this year:

Mona Chisholm
Bill Gould (certificate of appreciation)
George Strathearn
Ralph Nissen
Graham Allen

(See old list of September 25, 1967)

Cal Expo

This was reported on by Warren Reed. In general, the event went okay. Dates for the 1969 FFA section are July 16 - 20. A recent poll shows that most teachers are in favor of new dates rather than the old State Fair time.

Support is needed for livestock sale. Bank of America and other Sacramento buyers are main supporters at present. The number of chapters is up and the number of exhibitors is down.

Facilities, in general, are excellent. Twenty-five per cent of animals entered did not show up; and if they had, the space would be crowded. Shades are needed on the east and west sides of barns.

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Bureau Committee, Criteria for Vocational Education in Agriculture

The committee, chaired by Mr. Graf, will meet October 15, 1968, at Cal Poly.

Agricultural Education Study

Mr. Becket reported. The study has been divided into three phases:

1. The description of jobs
2. The enumeration of jobs
3. Projections for the future

The descriptive phase is in progress, with interviewing currently being done in Stanislaus County, the first of ten counties. Local people (generally retired), are being used as interviewers. The first industry projection panel was scheduled to meet October 5 but was postponed.

Department Evaluations

Department evaluations for the coming year were emphasized by Mr. Wilson. As indicated in the Program of Work, each Regional Supervisor is to complete at least two; and it was agreed these would be in cooperating schools, except for those regions not having a sufficient number of cooperating schools.

Forms Committee Report

Mr. Maynard reported on the Form, B-15, "Characteristics of Effective Agriculture Program." Motion was passed to reproduce forms as presented.

Bureau Committee Assignments

Committee assignments for Program of Work were reviewed by Mr. Wilson and re-emphasized, as many of them have specific staff responsibility assigned

Project Competition

Request staff review page 6 of Planning Session meeting as it relates to project competition. Teachers must be alerted at once, rather than in January. Included is the fact that local competition must happen in order for chapters to be eligible.

Specialists Program

Farm Mechanics specialist program was reviewed. Mr. Maynard will communicate with Mr. Pedersen as to dates and coordination of specialists in their regions. January 1 - February 1, 1969, specialist will be with Emile LaSalle for workshop on hydraulics.

Indications are that another session on small engines was needed during Skills Week.

IMP specialist (Don Heaney) will work in southern and north coast regions. Dates are not yet firmed.

Farm Account Record Book

As a result of the assignment to rewrite the instruction book of the Farm Account Record Book, a new book designed by Mr. Walker and Mr. Maynard was developed. They presented two new record books--one an ownership project book; and the other, a supervised experience book. Much discussion followed, with the following suggestions.

It was agreed the new books should be tried for at least one year in a limited number of selected schools. Results of a vote regarding a change to use these books were:

Major revision	8)	
Minor	5)	Bureau Staff Vote
No change	0)	

A major revision will include equal emphasis on ownership and work experience projects.

An additional page was to be added which would bring together the work experience-ownership project phase so the book would appear as one section. A committee was appointed to add this page. The committee consists of Mr. Walker (Chairman), Mr. Maynard, Mr. Reed, and Mr. Hutchings.

The committee was to have a prototype ready to go at the November meeting.

Standard Designated Teaching Credential

The supervisors indicated a real need for this credential. Dr. Juergenson, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Burlingham were to attend the Board of Education meeting October 9 in San Francisco at the Del Webb Townhouse.

Junior College Report

Mr. Matthews reported that Reedley Junior College will initiate agricultural education curriculum. Included will be work on safe application of agricultural chemicals. Lassen College has been designated as a developing college.

Additional Teacher Education Institutions

Fresno State and Cal Poly Pomona have been invited to develop a proposal to prepare teachers of agriculture--without funds. The program may begin September 1, 1969.

Interns

Interns are expected to attend all CATA meetings in addition to other requirements. Regional Supervisors should be made aware if the intern has not received full credential or still in the program. Teacher educators are responsible for providing this information to supervisors.

Sears-Roebuck Project Grants

In 1968, \$14,925.00 was allocated to schools for livestock and equipment. To date, \$9,600 has been claimed. The balance needs to be applied for by November 15.

The following schools were allocated grants and need to submit invoices:

Superior Region

Orland--Beef
Red Bluff--Swine

Central Region

Galt--Sheep
Fairfield--Sheep
Newman--Sheep

Southern Region

Escondido--Sheep
Norte Vista--Sheep
Ramona--Sheep
San Jacinto--Sheep
Calexico--Sheep
Perris--Squeeze Chute

North Coast Region

McKinleyville--Swine
Covelo--Swine
Livermore--Squeeze Chute

San Joaquin Region

Bakersfield--Beef

Southwestern Region

Costa Mesa--Sheep
Mission Viejo--Equipment
Sunny Hills--Equipment
La Fuente--Equipment

Teacher Placement

At present, all positions are filled except Los Gatos. Ninety-eight positions have been filled statewide. Fifteen interns are in this group.

P.L. 88-210 Projects

Mr. Graf reported that VEA claims returned to districts for correction and those not submitted are:

ABC Unified
Armijo
Ceres
Coalinga College

Colusa
Cutler-Orosi
Liberty Union
Los Angeles Unified
Los Angeles Junior College
Modoc-Tulelake
Napa Junior College
Porterville
Red Bluff
Ripon
San Mateo
Santa Barbara
Santa Cruz
Anderson
Oakdale
Oroville

Great Western Livestock Show

New dates for the show are November 5-10.

Bureau Staff Meeting Dates

The next staff meeting will be November 6 and 7, with an evening meeting on November 6.

The March staff meeting will be March 11-13 in Redding. Mr. Walker will make arrangements.

Forestry Workshop

Mr. Pedersen reported the workshops for Summer 1969 on forestry and natural resources were possible through use of VEA funds via county project application. Each Regional Supervisor should find out if there is interest in this area and report at the November staff meeting.

Swift Marketing Schools

There will be no more schools, as Swift's agricultural research section has been eliminated.

Adult and Young Farmer Program

There was much discussion on the subject of need, especially in the areas of Young Farmer and agricultural mechanics.

FFA Leadership Conference

Mr. Davis reported that State Officers attended the State Workshop in Oregon. More sectional Leadership Workshops with State FFA Officers will be held this year. A sectional Leadership Workshop is being planned for the Imperial Valley and North Coast section in the near future.

Work Experience

Mr. Reed reported on the work experience booklet from the State of New York. The program is highly structured involving 200-300 hours including released time from class for students. It was recommended that each supervisor get a copy of the manual.

Dr. Juergenson is to send a copy of the Special Unit on Work Experience (VEA UCD project) to each supervisor. This unit is designed for student teachers to use in their cooperating schools.

Legislation

Mr. Smith participated in the meeting and discussed vocational education amendments currently before Congress. Last minute (Senate bill) amendment eliminates cuts from legislation. Bureau members were urged to contact Congressmen personally known by Bureau staff to be present and vote for amendment. The request should indicate urgency to secure house approval of the House Senate Counsel Report on vocational education amendments of 1968, and act upon these before adjournment; i.e., known as vocational education amendments of 1968.

Smith-Hughes, George-Barden Reimbursement to Schools

Approved claims

\$842,808.41 - claims

\$225,710.10 - Smith-Hughes, George-Barden funds available

\$617,098.31 - needed from VEA funds to make 100% reimbursement

Regional Supervisors should urge all districts to submit claims soon if they have not done so in order to finalize the situation. Hopefully some VEA funds will be available to reduce negative proration to schools.

California Bankers Association Certificate

The California Bankers Association wants top individuals in the State. The winner selected will receive a \$500 scholarship. A form has been developed by Mr. Davis, and each region can submit one candidate. Each regional winner will receive a plaque and cash. The original form as presented by Mr. Davis will be corrected, printed and distributed to Regional Supervisors. The awards are to be presented at the Cal Expo breakfast, and winners must be present to win.

FFA Foundation

Todd & Bishop (Grass Valley) are working on development of articles of incorporation and charter. Letters are going to regional agriculture teachers. The President's draft will be gone over in the November staff meeting.

Descriptive Report

A suggested form was distributed to the staff. The form is to be completed and submitted by the June planning meeting.

Sears-Roebuck Program Committee

The committee met and set up the budget for 1969. Mr. Cutler also reported that the committee recommended a statewide meeting be called to evaluate and make recommendations for the Sears-Roebuck program in the future.

Special Needs Presentation

Mr. Pedersen reported that the plan for the November meeting is to have an expert in to orient the staff and spend a half-day on the program.

Mileage Committee

Mr. LaSalle reported that there is a lack of uniformity on claims. It was recommended that there should be a maximum mileage based on the number of teachers. The use of a school bus was not clear. A guideline is needed to decide whether a bus claim is legitimate or not. Mr. Graf is to look into the present laws governing claims for school bus mileage, etc., and report at the November meeting.

Workshops

Mr. Maynard reported that a parks, grounds workshop was given in San Bernardino County as a VEA in-service training program. There was high interest and attendance. It is planned to offer a workshop on turf grass in the near future, with VEA support through the county office.

Mr. Pedersen reported that a Rural Recreation workshop was given at Covelo. Twenty-seven persons attended (including two extra). It was a very successful project.

Mr. Hutchings reported that the Crocker Citizens Bank sponsored a two-day workshop on agriculture credit at Fresno State. Forty persons attended. The workshop was very well received.

Mr. Pedersen reported that he conducted, as per the set-up in the Bureau Program of Work, a two-day workshop for new teachers on curriculum development. It was very successful and should be undertaken by each Regional Supervisor for all new teachers in his region.