



Minutes

Thursday, March 20, 2025

A. OPENING CEREMONY

Vice President Masumoto

1. Call Meeting to Order
The Meeting was called to order at 1:32 PM.
2. Flag Salute
3. Roll Call – Establish Quorum
Board Members Present: Vice President Masumoto, Member Burton, and Member Robles. A quorum was established.
President Clyde and Member Tapscott-Munson were absent.

County Superintendent and Staff Present: Dr. Michele Cantwell-Copher, Fresno County Superintendent of Schools, and Ex-Officio Secretary and Executive Officer of the Board; Kevin Otto, Deputy Superintendent Business Services; Dr. Diane Lira, Deputy Superintendent Instructional Division; Jason Parkin, General Counsel; Jennifer Breitigam, Public Relations Officer, and Angela Bowlin, Administrative Assistant to the Board.
4. Inspirational Reading was given by Jenny Brietigam.
5. Jacob Cavazos gave a report on Career Technical Education Charter High School

B. ADOPT AGENDA

Adopted Agenda of March 20, 2025, Regular Board Meeting.

The motion to adopt was

Moved by: Itzi Robles

Seconded by: Bryan Burton

Yes Bryan Burton, Dr. Marcy Masumoto, and Itzi Robles

The motion carried. 3-0

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved Minutes for February 18, 2025, Regular Board Meeting.

The motion to approve was

Moved by: Bryan Burton

Seconded by: Itzi Robles

Yes Bryan Burton, Dr. Marcy Masumoto, and Itzi Robles

The motion carried. 3-0

D. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Laura Arambula-Morelos, Expanded Learning Program Site Lead - Safe & Healthy Kids was recognized as the March's Employee of the Month.

E. RECOGNITION

1. Zoe Stacy, University High School was recognized as the March 2025 Superintendent's Superstar.
2. Cesar Chavez Student Essay Contest Recognition.

F. RECESS

A recess was called at 2:08 p.m. for the reception celebrating the honorees. Vice President Masumoto reconvened the meeting at 2:22 p.m.

G. COMMUNITY INPUT

There was no community input.

H. PUBLIC HEARING

Held Public Hearing for the Big Picture Educational Academy Charter School - Charter Renewal Petition (Dated July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2030). The public hearing was called to order at 2:22 pm. Correspondence dated March 17, 2025, was accepted from Big Picture Educational Academy and made part of the public hearing file. Comments supporting Big Picture Educational Academy and its impact were received from the following:

- Diana Gonzalez - Superintendent, Big Picture Educational Academy (BPEA)
- Victoria Rocha, Parent
- Ariana See, Student
- Marus Ortega, Student
- Elias Ramirez, Student
- Sively Avila, Student
- Demetrius Mayberry, BPEA Teacher
- Gustavo Arias, Student
- Alexander Menton, BPEA Teacher
- Sonia Reyna, Advocate for teen success
- Katie Adams - Special Ed. Director, Student Services, BPEA
- Dora Rodriguez – Student
- Jesus Tiburicio, Student
- Natalie Abrams, Principal, Big Picture HS
- Nick Shankels, BPEA Teacher
- Stephanie Henton, Executive Director, BPEA
- Kyle Bowers, Parent
- Kyle Crouch, BPEA Teacher
- Princessa Lopez, Student
- Rosa Quintero, Food Service, BPEA
- Carter Anderson, Student

The public hearing was closed at 3:17 p.m.

I. REPORTS/INFORMATION/Discussion

There were no reports.

J. ACTION ITEMS

1. Adopted Resolution No. 2025-08 approving the CTEC Renewal Charter Petition for a term of 5 years (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2030).

The motion to adopt

Moved by: Itzi Robles

Seconded by: Bryan Burton

Yes Bryan Burton, Dr. Marcy Masumoto, and Itzi Robles

The motion carried. 3-0

2. Adopted FCBE Resolution No. 2025-05 - Recognizing April 5-11, 2025, as The Week of the Young Child.

A motion to adopt was

Moved by: Bryan Burton

Seconded by: Itzi Robles

Yes Bryan Burton, Dr. Marcy Masumoto, and Itzi Robles

The motion carried. 3-0

3. Adopted FCBE Resolution No. 2025-06 - Recognizing April as Autism Acceptance Month.

A motion to adopt was

Moved by: Itzi Robles

Seconded by: Bryan Burton

Yes Bryan Burton, Dr. Marcy Masumoto, and Itzi Robles

The motion carried. 3-0

4. Adopted FCBE Resolution No. 2025-07 - Recognizing April 21-26, 2025, as Administrative Professionals Week.

A motion to adopt was

Moved by: Dr. Marcy Masumoto

Seconded by: Itzi Robles

Yes Bryan Burton, Dr. Marcy Masumoto, and Itzi Robles

The motion carried. 3-0

5. Adopted FCBE Resolution No. 2025-09 - Recognizing April 22, 2025, as Earth Day.

A motion to adopt was

Moved by: Itzi Robles

Seconded by: Bryan Burton

Yes Bryan Burton, Dr. Marcy Masumoto, and Itzi Robles

The motion carried. 3-0

6. Adopted FCBE Resolution No. 2025-10 - Recognizing April as National Abuse Prevention Month.

A motion to adopt was

Moved by: Bryan Burton

Seconded by: Dr. Marcy Masumoto

Yes Bryan Burton, Dr. Marcy Masumoto, and Itzi Robles

The motion carried. 3-0

7. Adopted FCBE Resolution No. 2025-11 - Recognizing April as Sikh Heritage Month.

A motion to adopt was

Moved by: Itzi Robles

Seconded by: Bryan Burton

Yes Bryan Burton, Dr. Marcy Masumoto, and Itzi Robles

The motion carried. 3-0

K. CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Gov. Code §54956.8)

Property: APN 049-093-006, 080, 010

Agency Negotiator: Jeff Becker, Executive Director, Facilities and Operations

Under Negotiation: price and terms

In closed session, the board took action to accept an offer letter from the San Joaquin River Parkway Conservancy and Trust to purchase approximately 67 acres of real property owned by the Fresno County Board of Education. Specifically, the property at issue consists of Parcels with APN numbers 047-093-06, 049-093-08, and 049-093-10 and is commonly called Scout Island North. The purchase price set forth in the offer letter is \$1,200,000 and contemplates that the parties will negotiate and enter into a formal sale option agreement regarding the property within 90 days. All board members present voted to accept the offer letter as follows:

Yes Bryan Burton, Dr. Marcy Masumoto, and Itzi Robles

L. TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES

1. Approved the following travel request:
CSBA Delegate Assembly, May 17-18, 2025, Sacramento, CA - Vice President Masumoto.

A motion to approve was

Moved by: Bryan Burton

Seconded by: Itzi Robles

Yes Bryan Burton, Dr. Marcy Masumoto, and Itzi Robles

The motion carried. 3-0

2. Approved the 2024 CSBA AEC Reimbursements for the following members:

- Bryan Burton \$446.80
- Dr. Marcy Masumoto \$381.00
- Kimberly Tapscott-Munson \$555.50

A motion to approve was

Moved by: Itzi Robles

Seconded by: Bryan Burton

Yes Bryan Burton, Dr. Marcy Masumoto, and Itzi Robles

The motion carried. 3-0

3. Receipt of Correspondence
There was no correspondence received.

4. Comments by Board Members:

Member Robles:

- Know Your Rights Parents Guide Workshop, at 9:00 AM on 3/29/25, at CTEC High School

Member Burton:

- Spring Break
- Taste of Freedom, 3/22/25, at Fresno State

Vice President Masumoto:

- CSBA Legislative Action Week, 3/11-3/13/25, three-day virtual legislative advocacy event
- CSBA Update
- FCSTA Spring Dinner Meeting, 3/18/25 Update
- Board Governance Training, 4/3/25, 5:30 PM at FCSS - Room 101T

M. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Guidelines for Annual Board Project, 2025
- 2024 Board Project(s) presentation, April 17, 2025
- Federal education issues/funding
- TK-12 Education & Advocacy
- Season of Excellence - Special Events
 - heARTbeat Awards: Student Art Exhibition, 3/21/25
 - You Matter Day, 3/22/25
 - Braile Competition, 3/22/25
 - Know Your Rights, 3/29/25
 - Governance Training, 4/3/25
 - Design Build Competition, 4/9/25-4/11/25
- Chronic absenteeism
- ELA & Math Scores - Progress
- 5 School Districts - Schools to Watch List
 - Kings Canyon USD | Firebaugh-Las Deltas USD | Sanger Unified |
 - Clovis Unified | Fresno Unified

N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Member Robles discussed potential future agenda item(s) regarding student advocacy issues.

O. NEXT MEETING

The next regular Board meeting will be held on April 17, 2025, at Fresno County Office of Education, 1111 Van Ness Avenue, Fresno, CA 93721.

P. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was

Moved by: Bryan Burton

Seconded by: Itzi Robles

The motion carried 3-0 at 4:17 PM



Superintendent of Schools