

YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting: October 10, 2023
MINUTES

1.0 OPENING PROCEDURES

- 1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education met on October 10, 2023, at 3:33 p.m. at a Regular Board meeting session in person. Board Members present were Shelton Yip, Armando Salud-Ambriz, Tico Zendejas, Melissa Moreno. Elizabeth Esquivel is absent. President Zendejas presided. Superintendent Garth Lewis was present. (Roll Call held).
- 1.2 Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement. The land acknowledgement statement was conducted.
- 1.3 Pledge of Allegiance. The pledge of allegiance was conducted.
- 1.4 Approval of Agenda.
Motion to Approve agenda.

MOTION: Yip **SECOND:** Moreno **AYES:** Yip, Moreno, Salud-Ambriz, Zendejas **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** Esquivel

2.0 RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2.1 YCOE Employee of the Month – October 2023
Stan Mojsich, Assistant Superintendent, Equity and Support Services presented the Employee of the Month certificate for October 2023 to the Support Operations Services (SOS) team, College and Career Readiness (CCR) team, and Cesar Chavez Community School team. Mr. Mojsich thanked staff for their hard work while helping students. Vice President Yip thanked the team for supporting students. Superintendent Lewis commented on staff and how their goals lead to lasting success on behalf of all colleagues and students.
- 2.2 2022 Innovation Grant Presentation – Teachers Pay Teachers School Access Subscription
Dee Pitto, teacher, Deaf and Hard of Hearing presented the PowerPoint on “Teachers Pay Teachers School Access.” Vice President Yip thanked Ms. Pitto for finding this program to help support teachers.
- 2.3 Yolo Solano Center for Teacher Credentialing Presentation
Julianna Sikes presented the PowerPoint “Yolo Solano Center for Teacher Credentialing.”

Trustee Moreno thanked Ms. Sikes for her work on the program and commitment to education. She asked about the demographics of teachers and state school boards diversifying teacher cohorts. Ms. Sikes stated that there had been a significant shift for racial diversity and language. She will prepare more specific

data to send to trustees in future. President Zendejas is interested in additional demographic data tuition amounts for intern program. He also asked about preservice data. Ms. Sikes discussed the preservice information which is twice in summer and spring, four (4) nights a week and tuition costs vary by credential. The cost of preservice tuition for the two (2) year program varies, and more information is also available online. Vice President Yip thanked Ms. Sikes for the update on the program.

3.0 Public Comment

None

4.0 REPORTS

4.1 Board Reports

President Zendejas

- Attended Youth Empowerment Summit (YES).
 - Huge success.

Trustee Salud-Ambriz

- Attended YES.
 - Great to see youth from county.
 - Participated in table talks with city managers, CEOs, and city clerks on how government is run. Twenty-Eight (28) electeds participated including the Board of Supervisors, Board of Education, Superintendents, and students.
 - Youth commissioner was the master of ceremonies.
 - Thanked Stan Mojsich, Assistant Superintendent, Equity and Support Services and Maria Arvizu-Espinoza for leading this event.
- Shared that the visit from the Mexican delegation had a huge focus on students, youth, education and what they can contribute to Yolo County. Teachers from Yolo (Woodland) immersion program and teachers from district live with students/families and are immersed in the culture and education.
- Attended Latino Caucus Gala in Los Angeles.

Trustee Moreno

- Attended California Latino School Boards Association (CLSBA) conference.
 - Postponed conference due to labor relations.
- Attended grand opening at UC Davis Gorman Museum.
 - Lots of students, educators, and leaders attended.
 - Currently working on Native American studies model curriculum.
 - Pleased that Cesar Chavez Community School took students to the Native American garden at the Cache Creek nature preserve recently.

- Will be attending the “Yolo County Everyone Rally” today at 5:30 PM.
 - Will represent the West side of Yolo County. This is regarding the Davis threat bombings that have occurred recently and to support teachers and students who support LGBTQIA students and constituency.
- On October 23 she will attend the Woodland Session for Educators Session on the Native American community. Members will discuss Native American studies at the local school districts at 6 PM.

Vice President Yip

- On September 19 attended Resilient Yolo.
 - Thanked Anthony Volkar, PIO for being the Master of Ceremonies.
 - Great to come together and work with the community.
- On September 25 attended the Excellence in Education (EIE) awards event.
 - It was wonderful to present awards to YCOE winners.
- Attended YES summit with students.
 - Participated in a table talk with Woodland and River City High School students. The questions asked were amazing and the students had wonderful ideas about the world and what they wanted to do.

Superintendent

Items discussed included:

- Statewide systems leaders, Universal Transitional Kindergarten (UTK), Transitional Kindergarten (TK) expansion and grant opportunities.
- University of California (UC) Davis student aid commission workshop at YCOE.
 - Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) workshop well attended.
 - Dispelled issues on the affordability for college.
- Attended YES conference.
 - Great success.
- Discussed EIE awards event.
 - Phenomenal event.
 - Thanked staff for their work on this event.
- Discussed components of Roadmap to Community Advisory Committee (CAC).
 - Important feedback for student’s needs and special needs in the school system.
 - Invited Board to take a tour of the Woodland Central Head Start campus facility.

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Administrative Services

Veronica Moreno, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services did not attend the meeting. Superintendent Lewis congratulated her for getting married this weekend.

Educational Services

- Maria Arvizu-Espinoza, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services reviewed her Board report.

She also discussed:

- Thanked Educational Services team for serving students effectively.
- Chavez Center for Alternative Education currently has students enrolled in college.
 - Great support and guidance for students.
- The Harvest Festival at Greengate school is on October 25 at 9:30 am.

Committees

Vice President Yip stated that the Facilities committee had a meeting. Ray Lippincott, Project Manager, Support Operations Services and Veronica Moreno, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services shared work being done at facilities which include thirteen (13) projects at Cesar Chavez Community School, Early Childhood Education (ECE) expansion project, solar power, etc. He emphasized that at the Cesar Chavez site staff reached out to students for their voice on what they wanted to see and their needs at facility were received.

- 2.2 Associations
None.

- 5.0 **CONSENT AGENDA**
Motion to Approve Consent Agenda.

MOTION: Yip **SECOND:** Salud-Ambriz **AYES:** Yip, Salud-Ambriz, Moreno, Zendejas **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** Esquivel

6.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

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- 6.1 RESOLUTION #23-24/17 Declaring November 5-11, 2023, as California Retired Teachers Week
Vice President Yip presented RESOLUTION #23-24/17 Declaring November 5-11, 2023, as California Retired Teachers Week to Gil Walker, President of Div. 83, California Retired Teachers Assn. Mr. Walker thanked Yolo COE for allowing them to meet four (4) times a year at the YCOE building. He stated that the association mourns the loss of Evelia Genera who was a tremendous mentor and guide to the educational community. Recently the association awarded five (5) \$700 scholarships to high school seniors going into education and provided classroom teacher grants.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #23-24/17 Declaring November 5-11, 2023, as California Retired Teachers Week

MOTION: Yip **SECOND:** Salud-Ambriz **AYES:** Yip, Salud-Ambriz, Moreno, Zendejas **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** Esquivel

6.2 RESOLUTION #23-24/18 Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month (November 2023)

President Zendejas presented this resolution to Dr. Amrik Singh, Sacramento Valley Charter. He thanked the Board and young Californians.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #23-24/18 Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month

MOTION: Salud-Ambriz **SECOND:** Moreno **AYES:** Salud-Ambriz, Moreno, Yip, Zendejas **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** Esquivel

6.3 Supervisors of Attendance Certification

Gayelynn Gerhart, Director, Special Projects presented this item. There are no questions from the Board.

Motion to approve Supervisors of Attendance Certification.

MOTION: Yip **SECOND:** Salud-Ambriz **AYES:** Yip, Salud-Ambriz, Moreno, Zendejas **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** Esquivel

6.4 Committed Fund Balance

Frances Palu, Director, Internal Fiscal Services presented this item. There are no questions from the Board.

Motion to approve Committed Fund Balance.

MOTION: Yip **SECOND:** Salud-Ambriz **AYES:** Yip, Salud-Ambriz, Moreno, Zendejas **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** Esquivel

6.5 Committed Fund Balance Pension Contribution

Frances Palu, Director, Internal Fiscal Services presented this item. There are no questions from the Board.

Motion to approve Committed Fund Balance Pension Contribution.

MOTION: Salud-Ambriz **SECOND:** Moreno **AYES:** Salud-Ambriz, Moreno, Yip, Zendejas **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** Esquivel

- 6.6 Adoption of the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 Gann Limit
Frances Palu, Director, Internal Fiscal Services presented this item. There are no questions from the Board.

Motion to approve Adoption of the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 Gann Limit

MOTION: Moreno **SECOND:** Yip **AYES:** Moreno, Yip, Salud-Ambriz, Zendejas **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** Esquivel

- 6.7 Yolo County Superintendent of Schools' Compensation
Motion to approve Yolo County Superintendent of Schools' Compensation package July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

- *Annual Salary: \$247,611.00*
- *Annual Post-Graduate Degree Stipend (Masters/Doctorate – Max of 2 allowed) \$2,500.00*
- *Total Salary: \$250,111.00*

MOTION: Yip **SECOND:** Salud-Ambriz **AYES:** Yip, Salud-Ambriz, Moreno, Zendejas **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** Esquivel

- 6.8 Second Reading of Board Policies (9000 series)

Motion to approve Board Policies:

BB 9240 - Board Development
BB 9260 - Legal Protection
BB 9310 - Formulation and Adoption of Bylaws and Policies
BB 9320 - Meetings and Notices

MOTION: Salud-Ambriz **SECOND:** Yip **AYES:** Salud-Ambriz, Yip, Moreno, Zendejas **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** Esquivel

7.0 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 7.1 Empowering Possibilities International Charter (EPIC) Annual Report
Jason Sample, Superintendent/CEO, Gateway Community Charters presented PowerPoint, "Empowering Possibilities International Charter – Annual YCOE Board Presentation" along with Dr. Jerry Kosch, Principal. Trustee Melissa Moreno thanked staff for the presentation and the guided tour she participated in earlier in the year. She appreciated witnessing student engagement in math dynamics, facility growth, arts, and core values. She is concerned with diversification at the school regarding the African American community and Latino population. It is commendable that EPIC school has global migrants from Europe, but she wonders if the attention in recruitment is only in that population or is to diversify? She has not seen diversification and methods seem limited.

President Zendejas stated that he liked slides 88 and 99 showing EPIC and Washington demographics (overall community and graphics). Mr. Sample stated that they are intentional in their work. Trustee Salud-Ambriz requested a list of events that EPIC has attended or hosted to increase community outreach efforts. Other staff introduced included Ms. Omaira Reyna, Chief Business Official and Mrs. Joi Tikoi, Executive Director, Educational Programs.

7.2 Head Start/Early Head Start Reports

Shannon McClarin, Director, Early Childhood Education presented this item.

Update:

- Woodland Central Playground is fully licensed as of Monday.
- Continuing with recruitment of students.

President Zendejas asked if the Board is interested in a tour of remodeled center in Woodland how do they schedule? Ms. McClarin asked trustees to contact her directly or reach out to Yvette Seibert, Executive Assistant to schedule.

7.3 Cesar Chavez Community School Attendance Report

Principal Jared Coughlan, Alternative Education presented this item. Trustee Moreno asked about the Dan Jacobs Juvenile Detention Facility and status. Stan Mojsich, Assistant Superintendent, Equity and Support Services stated that there is no decision yet on facility.

7.4 2022-2023 Unaudited Actuals

Frances Palu, Director, Internal Fiscal Services presented this item. There are no questions from the Board.

7.5 2023-2024 Budget Development Calendar

Frances Palu, Director, Internal Fiscal Services, presented this item. There are no questions from the Board.

7.6 Disposition of Surplus Equipment

Frances Palu, Director, Internal Fiscal Services, presented this item. Trustee Salud-Ambriz asked where the surplus items go? Carl Fahle, Director, Information Technology commented on how the inventory is collected and discussed process of disposition. Trustee Salud-Ambriz asked if the equipment is open to the public for purchase or can be given away to future delegations from Mexico, etc. Mr. Fahle stated that the equipment is currently not open to the public to purchase and traditionally there have been problems with direct sales of technology and selling them has not been part of past practice in the organization. If there is a future interest in this topic, he can investigate this. Trustee Salud-Ambriz asked if staff could follow up on future equipment sales on surplus equipment.

Trustee Melissa Moreno left at 5:20 pm

7.7 Monthly Board Financial Report

Frances Palu, Director, Internal Fiscal Services presented this item. There are no questions from the Board.

7.8 First Reading of Board Bylaws (9000 Series)

Superintendent Lewis reviewed the first reading of Board Bylaws (9000 Series):

BB 9321 - Closed Session Conduct and Reports

BB 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials

BB 9323 - Meeting Conduct

BB 9327 - County Board Minutes and Recordings

BB 9500 - Superintendent's Compensation

Vice President Yip has the following changes:

BB 9321 Closed Session

Vice President Yip asked if student discipline issues need to be done in closed session as per revised policy? One of the appeals that comes before the Board is an appeal of interdistrict transfer which this policy doesn't address. Superintendent Lewis stated that it doesn't address because it is for open session deliberation. He also stated that there is a handbook on how sessions are conducted, and that deliberation is allowable with student and family present at meetings. Vice President Yip stated that the two (2) times we have had an appeal meeting they were in closed session and the handbook doesn't contemplate this situation. Superintendent Lewis stated that was because it was a separate issue related to the appeals process.

BB 9322 Agenda/Meeting Materials

Vice President Yip asked if we could reflect the review of the board meeting agenda to include the executive committee in the revised policy which is currently our practice. Also, the same reference to the Executive should be in BB 9500 Superintendent's compensation revised policy. Superintendent Lewis stated that staff will make those edits.

BB 9323 Meeting Conduct

Vice President Yip stated that currently the public can make a comment, but they are asked to fill out a card to present. In the revised policy it states that they don't have to fill out cards. Are we going away from that? Is that dictated by education code. He also needs clarification on public speaking on issues not on the agenda. Currently the Board does not respond to those comments. In the revised policy it states that the Board can respond to the public comments. He would like clarification on this revised policy also.

BB 9500 – Superintendent's Compensation

Vice President Yip asked about retired superintendents and benefits. He knows that COEs are different from LEAs regarding retirement, but does that mean that if


a superintendent does not run for office that you are retired and do you get benefits? For example, if a superintendent does run and loses does that classify them as retired and do, they still get benefits also? He would like clarification on that piece in the revised policy since it is an elected position.

8.0 Suggested future agenda items.

- EL RISE – Future meeting.
- Status of Juvenile Hall – Cost and how many students (requested by Trustee Moreno at Board Retreat)

9.0 ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 PM. The Board meeting was adjourned in memory of Evelia Genera. Superintendent Lewis commented that she will be remembered for her career in education, and foremost how she was a tremendous mentor and guide for so many in the community. He remembers how she hosted many gatherings at her home for colleagues and how she advocated for students to engage in the election process and to vote. Trustee Salud-Ambriz worked with her in elections, and she advocated for ensuring students are registered and engaged. Vice President Yip commented on her being an educator extraordinaire and how he worked with her in many capacities. She will be greatly missed.

MOTION: Salud-Ambriz **SECOND:** Yip **AYES:** Salud-Ambriz, Yip, Moreno, Zendejas **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** Esquivel



Garth Lewis, Superintendent