

YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting: March 12, 2024
MINUTES

1.0 OPENING PROCEDURES

1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education met on March 12, 2024, at 3:31 p.m. at a Regular Board meeting session in person. Board Members present were Tico Zendejas, Shelton Yip, Armando Salud-Ambriz, Melissa Moreno and Elizabeth Esquivel. President Yip 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. President Yip stated that the Board will be flexible on time with Item 5 - Recognition to Honor Cecil Aldana, Cesar Chavez Community School student who received the 2023-24 Every Student Succeeding Award - ACSA Region 3, since the student/family is traveling from school and work.

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

2.0 RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

2.1 YCOE Employee of the Month – March 2024

Patti Robles, Assistant Director, Human Resources introduced Lisette Pereida, Paraeducator in the Visually Impaired program was recognized as the March 2024 Employee of the Month. The Board and Superintendent commented on her support of students and Yolo COE staff.

2.2 Introduction of New Staff

Gustavo Aguilera, Director of Internal Fiscal Services was introduced to the Board. He has ten (10) years of experience in education.

3.0 Public Comment

None.

4.0 REPORTS

4.1 Board Reports

Trustee Zendejas

- No report.

- Appreciates everyone who voted on election day.

Trustee Moreno

- Hosted the *Yolo Empower Her* Conference.
 - 120 students attended at UC Davis
 - Inspired by one-day program which allowed for ideas for future gatherings.
- Continued organizing the California Latino School Boards Association's (CLSBA) upcoming Unity Conference.
- Attended the UC Davis College of Letters and Science gathering in Woodland.
 - Trustee Salud-Ambriz also attended.
- Commented on San Joaquin COE's development of ethnic studies for their teachers.
- Thanked Yolo COE and their support of teachers and staff.

Trustee Esquivel

- Commented on International Women's month.
- Discussed Policy platform with Yolo County School Boards Association group and the Excellence in Education event scheduled in September 2024.
- Attended the California School Boards Association (CSBA) legislative action week to discuss legislative priorities with Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry and Senator Dodd.
- Plan to attend Annual conference for CASBO in April 2024.
 - Will provide professional development for members.

Vice President Salud-Ambriz

- Welcomed new president, Dr. Lizette Navarette, of Woodland Community College (WCC). Incredible to have her in the community and to be represented by her.
- Discussed Breaking Barriers event.
- Will not be present in person at the next Board meeting. He will be attending CSBA Coast to Coast event and will have to participate virtually.

President Yip

- Attended the County Board Governance Workshop.
 - Sessions included boardroom diplomacy, shared governance, charter schools, Yolo County community schools, etc.
 - Thank you to Maria Arvizu-Espinoza, Deputy Superintendent, Alejandra Lopez, Youth Development Program Specialist, Cesar Chavez Community School and Gayelynn Gerhart, Director, Special Projects who gave up their Saturday to share what our community is doing along with student Cecil Aldana who shared his story at the event.
- Reminder to trustees to turn in Form 700 by April 2, 2024.
- Discussed the new Hate Free website – Anthony Volkar, PIO shared

information on the initiative to combat hate in community. More events and information to come.

- Attended the CSBA Legislative Advocacy event this week.
 - Met with Senator Dodd and Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry.
- Reminded trustees to sign up for the Yolo County Elected Leaders event at YCOE on Monday.
- Stated that the Equity Summit is on April 23.
- Currently working on CCBE conference in September. Please let him know if there are any ideas for presentations which include the Annual conference this year also.

Superintendent

Items discussed included:

- Participated in open office hours at Alyce Norman Educational Center and Cesar Chavez Community school.
 - Participated in problem solving and connected with staff.
- Participated in needs assessment advisory committee for the Roadmap to the Future.
 - Very supportive and energetic group with diverse areas of expertise. Will submit recommendations on investment of American Rescue Plans (ARP) funds to the Board of Supervisors on June 30.
- Commented on the March 18 elected officials' event at YCOE that is upcoming.
 - Congressman Mike Thompson will attend.
- Updated trustees on the Women's History month event in March at YCOE.
 - Dr. Nancy Dome will focus on compassionate conversations.
- Thanked team from YCOE for work.
 - Acknowledged team for digging in and continuing to be energetic with current workload across all divisions.
- Maria Arvizu-Espinoza, Deputy Superintendent, is not here this afternoon but she sends regards.

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Educational Services

Maria Arvizu-Espinoza, Deputy Superintendent, Educational Services is not in attendance today.

Administrative Services

Veronica Moreno, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services

Items discussed included:

- Busy with facilities and energy conservation projects at YCOE.
 - Will discuss the Greengate structural project in more detail

later in the meeting.

- Cesar Chavez Community Schools outdoor expansion project bids accepted/rejected. Project award information is upcoming.
 - Trustee Moreno asked about the construction company that was accepted and if their approach fits into the environmental resolution we approved. Matt Juchniewicz, Director, SOS stated that yes, they fit all the legal requirements. Trustee Moreno is asking about the environmental aspect? Superintendent Garth Lewis stated that it does to the greatest extent possible.

Committees

- Facilities met recently and their presentation is part of today's meeting.
- Trustee Esquivel commented on legislation recently introduced. The Policy committee will look at this and discuss. Plan is to provide resolutions to support in the future.

2.2 Associations
None.

5.0 RECOGNITION TO HONOR CECIL ALDANA, CESAR CHAVEZ STUDENT WHO RECEIVED THE 2023-24 EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDING AWARD - ACSA REGION 3

Shelton Yip, President described the award program and discussed the recent presentation at County Governance meeting where trustees were very impressed by Mr. Aldana.

Principal Coughlan presented a certificate to Mr. Aldana. He also discussed his journey as a student.

Trustee Moreno congratulated him and appreciated his leadership. Vice President Salud-Ambriz congratulated him also. Trustee Esquivel congratulated his resilience for transitioning in high school and how it shows much maturity and dedication to his future. Trustee Zendejas congratulated the student.

6.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda.

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

7.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

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- 7.1 RESOLUTION #23-24/34 Child Abuse Prevention Month – April 2024
President Yip presented resolution. Doni DeBolt, Executive Director, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) & Cecilia Lopez, Executive Director for the Yolo County District Attorney’s Office- Multi-Disciplinary Interview Center (Children’s Advocacy Center). They commented on prioritizing the well-being of children and families. Ms. Lopez also discussed the CAPSES event that will be on April 26 where they will host a pinwheel garden and are requesting sponsorships. She also commented on visiting the website yolo.org for more information. Trustee Moreno stated she has much gratitude for this organization which addresses oppression.

Trustee Esquivel left at 4:14 and returned at 4:16 pm

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #23-24/34 Child Abuse Prevention Month – April 2024

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

- 7.2 RESOLUTION #23-24/35 In Support of High School Voter Weeks, April 15-30, 2024
Vice President Salud-Ambriz presented resolution to Karen Urbano, League of Women Voters. He appreciates her support to get students to register to vote.

Trustee Esquivel recalls the opportunity given to her as a high school student to see a polling location and how it really impacted her to make sure she votes in every election. Thanked her for work that is greatly needed.

President Yip thanked the elections office and Vice President Salud-Ambriz for their work with voter’s accessibility committee making sure community members who speak different languages have all the equipment needed, interpreter and access to voting.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #23-24/35 In Support of High School Voter Weeks, April 15-30, 2024.

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

- 7.3 Proposed Dan Jacobs School Calendar
Motion to approve Dan Jacobs School Calendar.

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

- 7.4 National External Diploma Program (NEDP)
Motion to approve the National External Diploma Program (NEDP).

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

- 7.5 Yolo County Office of Education Budget Revision and Second Interim Report
Veronica Coronado, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services presented the PowerPoint. Trustee Esquivel appreciates the work of staff to put this item together. She also has a question on assumptions and what is the difference between estimated Annual Cost-of Living Adjustments (COLAs) and state COLA? What does it mean at local level based on Average Daily Attendance (ADA) and varying with districts? Is there a timeframe to try and best estimate budget? Ms. Coronado described the COLA impact per pupil rates and enrollment which is based on local population figures for programs, for example Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) funding applies to rates statewide and is based on local data. Funding generating is an estimate and Ms. Coronado stated that each period they are grabbing the most current information pulled from CALPADS, enrollment supplemental concentration rates and P-1 attendance.

Trustee Moreno thanked staff for their work. She asked about ADA at Greengate, Cesar Chavez Community School and Dan Jacobs School and how do they compare to other continuation programs in the district? Ms. Coronado stated that the ADA for COE funding is different than school districts. She described the funding formula for countywide enrollment. Trustee Moreno commented on Davis JUSD and ADA. She asked if YCOE is stable or increasing? Staff stated that it varies and that Special Education ADA reports on behalf of school districts. ADA generates revenue for school districts. Trustee Moreno asked if those amounts are estimates? Ms. Coronado stated that yes, it is estimated, and it can also be affected by world events, etc.

Motion to approve the Yolo County Office of Education Budget Revision and Second Interim Report

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

8.0 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 8.1 Head Start/Early Head Start Reports
Shannon McClarin, Director, Early Childhood Education presented this item.

Items discussed:

- Attended Conference: Success of Young African-American Boys.

Commented on conference where staff attended training on cultural responsiveness and health. Program managers will continue to attend training.

- Discussed virtual focus area one (1) review in April. Vice President Salud-Ambriz asked about the number of countywide students in Head Start. Is there a breakdown of race of students? Ms. McClarin stated that they have not been pulling information for race specific to African American boys. Trustee Moreno commented on K12 Sacramento consortium grant offering funds for improving college rates of boys of color but unfortunately does not include Head Start.

8.2 Cesar Chavez Attendance Report for March 2024
Principal Coughlan presented this item.

Items discussed included:

- Vacancy in program at Cesar Chavez Community School (CCCS).
 - Hoping numbers will increase in the program.
 - Trustee Moreno asked about Cesar Chavez (CS) and decreased numbers for attendance and why it is different from the previous month. Staff stated that there has been a decrease. Trustee Moreno asked why? Staff stated that they are making phone calls and making visits to get numbers up. Staff, Principal, and Youth Development Specialist all make calls.

8.3 California Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP) Implementation Grant to the California Department of Education

Alejandra Lopez presented this PowerPoint. Committed to becoming a full-service community school regardless if they receive grant. Services discussed becoming a full-service community school. Plan to tap into family's engagement which includes student, parent and staff voices. Will provide after-school or out of school activities. Discussed the Antibias Grant and practices. If received will receive funds for 5 years.

Vice President Salud-Ambriz asked about what unduplicated pupils is. Ms. Coronado stated that it is English learners, foster homeless youth, etc. Trustee Moreno believes Ms. Lopez is the best person to lead this work and commends her for this work. The implementation phase will take about five (5) years. Planning phase discussed. Principal Coughlan discussed attendance and the plan for staff to visit homes, use the phone system and the community outreach to boost attendance.

Trustee Esquivel stated that she couldn't agree more to having Ms. Lopez lead. Her passion to serve students and the community is amazing and we are fortunate to have her here. She wanted more clarification on the timeframe and additional funding. Is the funding per year the anticipated amount or is there a maximum?

She admires the dedication of the county office to continue the work even though we may not receive the grant. Ms. Lopez stated that the grant application is a specific amount based on student population. President Yip stated that he hopes YCOE receives the grant.

Trustee Esquivel left at 5:22 and returned at 5:25 pm

8.4 Energy Conservation Project Overview

Matt Juchniewicz, Director, SOS presented this PowerPoint.

This energy conservation project is not just planning for today but for the future. It affects cost and student wellbeing along with community sustainability.

Vice President Salud-Ambriz commented that staff did an amazing job compiling information. Trustee Moreno thanked staff for emphasizing alignment to resolutions and earth. She stated that she knows there was a concern on safety and security around Santa Anita and a discussion of security cameras, hiring security, and fencing. Has that been addressed? Superintendent Lewis stated that since the gate has been added to Santa Anita those instances have decreased. Staff discussed conversation with the Yolo County Climate Action Commission and Environmental Health Division and the Board of Supervisors on feedback of plan.

Discussion on air filters has been ongoing. Mr. Juchniewicz commented on the investment in fencing, which has helped, and security cameras have been installed along with other projects. Fencing has blocked access to railroad tracks to help with traffic.

HVAC discussed included bipolarization and control over these installations. CO2 in the rooms will now close outside air dampers which will help with smoke inside and better air quality indoors. Affordability on this project in terms of duct work was discussed. Trustee Moreno stated that this project seems so unique and includes the County Board of Supervisors goal of reducing carbon in the county.

Trustee Esquivel commented that this presentation is very well put together and should be a possible proposal at conferences. This is very cutting-edge information that should be shared with other schools. She would like a better understanding of eligibility for programs with the state and appreciates putting environmental issues in the front of priorities along with students learning. Along with PG & E raising costs and schools budget considerations can be very frustrating.

Trustee Moreno asked if this similar technology and approach was happening at Cesar Chavez Community School and Greengate? Staff stated the document includes which technologies will be at which campuses. President Yip thanked staff for their innovation and sustainability. Thank you for your leadership.

8.5 Energy Conservation Project Financial Analysis

Rich Malone, Chief Operating Officer, Government Financial Services Joint

Powers Authority (GFSJPA), presented a PowerPoint. Stated that on April 17 financing closes. He discussed the next steps to facilitate this project.

Ms. Coronado thanked Mr. Malone and staff (including Jonathan Edwards) for working on this project. Other items discussed included the investment tax credit if approved.

Trustee Moreno asked about savings and does it take account repairs for facilities in 30 years or so. She also asked about Bank of America and why it was identified as the best bank to loan money to cover equipment and cover costs in whole construction and equipment. How do we know it has the lowest rates? Does YCOE usually go with Bank of America on projects? Do we take bids for the project. Staff stated that the County office is not a school district, and we work directly with them on the interest rate, which is better. Staff also stated that the short answer to the question about savings is yes and that is accounted for along with the annual cost of maintenance.

- 8.6 Energy Services Agreement with Syserco Energy Solutions
Veronica Coronado, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services presented this item. She discussed the design project scope. There will be public notice and public hearing on this agreement. The team has reviewed and will bring forward a finalized agreement for adoption.

President Yip left at 6:11 and returned at 6:13

- 8.7 First Reading of BP 3470 – Debt Issuance and Management
Veronica Coronado, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services reviewed the policy managing YCOE’s debt. She commented on YCOE’s commitment to financial health. This will come back to the Board next month for Action.
- 8.8 First Reading of BP 6185.1 Chavez Extension Program (CEP)
Veronica Coronado, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services presented this item. Auditors recommend policy on student eligibility as a best business practice. She thanked Gayelynn Gerhart, Director of Special Projects for constructing this policy. This will come back to the Board next month for Action.
- 8.9 Monthly Board Financial Report
Veronica Coronado, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services presented this item. No questions.
- 8.10 Discuss Yolo County Board of Education’s Retreat Goals for April 12, 2024
President stated that the agenda has been finalized. If there are any changes, please let staff know. President Yip asked if trustees could bring their handbook to review. Trustee Zendejas will also work on Strength Finders’ question.

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. Adjourned at 6:20 PM

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



Garth Lewis, Superintendent