

YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting: April 9, 2024
MINUTES

1.0 OPENING PROCEDURES

1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education met on April 9, 2024, at 6:02 p.m. at a Regular Board meeting session in person. Board Members present were Tico Zendejas, Shelton Yip, Armando Salud-Ambriz (virtually), Melissa Moreno and Elizabeth Esquivel is absent. President Yip presided. Superintendent Garth Lewis was present. (Roll Call held).

1.2 Consider Approval of Virtual Participation of the Yolo County Board of Education Regular Meeting by Vice President Armando Salud-Ambriz and Trustee Elizabeth Esquivel due to Just Cause (AB 2449)

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

1.3 Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement. The land acknowledgement statement was conducted.

1.4 Pledge of Allegiance. The pledge of allegiance was conducted.

1.5 Approval of Agenda.
Motion to Approve agenda.

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

**Vice President Salud-Ambriz's Zoom connection is not working. He is not
able to participate in the meeting.**

2.0 RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE) Employee of the Month – April 2024
Jared Coughlan, Principal introduced Alejandra Lopez, Program Specialist I at Cesar Chavez who was recognized as the April 2024 Employee of the Month. Ms. Lopez commented on her support of the students at Cesar Chavez Community School. Trustee Zendejas stated that they are lucky to have you. Trustee Moreno congratulated Ms. Lopez and she is not surprised by the recognition and her true commitment and willingness to do the work. President Yip appreciates her work and Superintendent Lewis appreciates that Ms. Lopez acknowledges the work of others in support of all students. Staff congratulated her recognition.

3.0 Public Comment

None.

4.0 REPORTS

4.1 Board Reports

Trustee Zendejas

None.

Trustee Moreno

- Good evening. I also have a short report.
- I've been continuing to work with the California Latino School Board Association (CLSBA) setting up our next Unity Conference. She is also truly excited about the new Board appointment of Dr. Theresa Montano.
- Lastly, they have been processing the evaluations for the Yolo Empower Her Conference which have showed fantastic results and is a collaboration with a UC Davis and elected women in education.

President Yip

- Discussed the Yolo County Elected Official's event.
- Wonderful Event with great information.

Superintendent

Items discussed included:

- Discussed Yolo County Elected Official's event.
- Held a fruitful conversation at the safety advisory committee which included participation from districts, law enforcement, etc.
- Hosting interagency coordination sessions in collaboration with Roadmap to the Future. Thanked staff and partners for all of their work on this: Gayelynn Gerhart, Director, Special Projects, Sonia Rambo, Director, Prevention and Wellness and Anthony Volkar, PIO.
- Discussed partnership with West Ed which is helping with needs assessments and identifying strategic alignment.

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Educational Services

Maria Arvizu-Espinoza, Deputy Superintendent, Educational Services

Items discussed include:

- Whole Child Summit is upcoming.
 - Thanked team for work on Summit which include Gayelynn Gerhart, Director, Special Projects, Hailley Garske, Administrative Secretary, Annisa Iniquez, Administrative Assistant and Stan Mojsich, Assistant Superintendent, Equity and Support Services.

- The summit will focus on advancing equity.
- The event is sold out.

Administrative Services

Veronica Moreno, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services

Items discussed included:

- Deadlines approaching for the fiscal year.
- Budget development 24-25.
- Brief construction update.
 - Chavez project.
- Board report.
- CASBO conference.

Trustee Elizabeth Esquivel joined on Zoom at 6:28 PM

Committees

None

- 2.2 Associations
None.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda.

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

6.0 ACTION ITEM

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- 6.1 Second Reading of BP 3470 – Debt Issuance and Management
Veronica Coronado, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services presented and reviewed this item. Policy concerns handling debt.

Motion to approve Second Reading of BP 3470 – Debt Issuance and Management

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

7.0 PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 4217.12 AND 4217.13 CONCERNING AN ENERGY SERVICES CONTRACT AND RELATED EQUIPMENT LEASE/PURCHASING FINANCING

Public Hearing opened at 6:35 PM and closed at 6:36 PM

8.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 8.1 Adoption of Resolution 23-24/39 Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement for Energy Conservation Project
Veronica Coronado, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services presented this item.

Motion to approve Adoption of Resolution 23-24/39 Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement for Energy Conservation Project

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

- 8.2 Energy Services Agreement with Syserco Energy Solutions, Inc.
Veronica Coronado, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services presented this item.

President Yip thanked everyone for work done on this Agreement.

Motion to approve Energy Services Agreement with Syserco Energy Solutions, Inc.

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

- 8.3 RESOLUTION #23-24/40 In Recognition of California Retired Teachers Association's (CalRTA) 95th Anniversary.

President Shelton Yip presented resolution to Gil Walker and Bob Gonzalez from CalRTA.

Mr. Walker and Mr. Gonzalez discussed CalRTA work that includes supporting Assembly bills involving senior teachers, welfare, aging, current and future educators. They will also be awarding five (5) scholarships to high school students. They are keeping active teachers informed before they retire. They thanked the Board for the recognition of their 95th Anniversary.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #23-24/40 In Recognition of California Retired Teachers Association's (CalRTA) 95th Anniversary.

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

- 8.4 RESOLUTION #23-24/41 Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month – May 2024

President Shelton Yip presented resolution to Norb Kumagai. His father was his mentor to President Yip. He discussed his advocacy work and ways to support the needs of the community and individuals. Mr. Kumagai thanked the Board for allowing him to be here and thanked President Yip about his kind words of his dad. He discussed moving to Davis in the summer of 1969 and participation in the special admission program for disadvantaged and students of color, Upward Bound programs, and internment camps. Trustee Moreno thanked the entire Kumagai family for their dedication and commitment to authentic equity and inclusion. Your family was spearheading equity before the term was used in education.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #23-24/41 Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month – May 2024.

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

8.5 RESOLUTION #23-24/42 Mental Health Awareness Month – May 2024

Trustee Tico Zendejas presented resolution to Tony Kildare, Clinical Manager, Child, Youth and Family Branch, Yolo County Health, and Human Services Agency (HHSA) and Karleen Jakowski, Assistant HHSA Director and Mental Health Director for Yolo County HHSA. Trustee Zendejas stated that they are champions for the community and county.

Ms. Jakowski is honored to accept resolution and she is proud of the K-12 school partnerships. She commented on the vision of having a mental health clinician in every school. She is grateful for partnership and the impact it has and will have on lives and community. Mr. Kildare is impressed with the quality and relationship with YCOE and other partners with foster youth advocacy, etc. He thanked Trustee Zendejas and the Board for their kind words. Discussed experience with YCOE and the partners to achieve its mission to help people in community with addiction, homelessness, etc. HHSA is also trying to interact with young people early on to connect with resources and life cycle, treatment and reducing stigma.

President Yip stated that it is a long time coming with this partnership. The impact has turned a corner, and we now have what is necessary to help students and families. Stigma is slowly becoming acceptable to access services. Superintendent Garth Lewis commented on the importance of authentic partnerships and being able to make phone calls and know they are going to pick up and respond. Trustee Moreno commented on Chicano Latino population and their efforts to reach more who are bilingual to find out more information on resources on mental health.

Trustee Elizabeth Esquivel left at 7:02 PM

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #23-24/42 Mental Health Awareness Month – May 2024.

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

- 8.6 RESOLUTION #23-24/43 National Foster Care Month – May 2024
Trustee Melissa Moreno presented this resolution to Michael Fleming and his foster kids. She commented that resource families are invaluable. Mr. Fleming stated that they are blessed, and he discussed foster kids being part of their family and what he gets out of fostering is amazing. The Board thanked him, and President Yip stated how important it is to find homes and love for youth. He thanked Mr. Fleming for accepting the resolution and commented on the need for more foster parents.

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

- 8.7 RESOLUTION #23-24/44 Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month – May 2024
Superintendent Garth Lewis presented this resolution. Trustee Zendejas commented on data in which there has been a significant reduction in pregnancies.

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

9.0 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 9.1 Head Start/Early Head Start Reports
Maria Arvizu-Espinoza, Deputy Superintendent presented this item.

Items discussed: NO questions.

- Highlighted annual report.
 - Very comprehensive.
 - Submitted with grant.
 - Highlights discussed.
 - President Yip commented that the annual report was well done.
 - Attendance is higher than federal and state.
 - Kudos to Ms. McClarin and staff.
 - Trustee Zendejas gave kudos to the team, and he also stated that the annual report stands out.

- 9.2 Cesar Chavez Attendance Report for April 2024
Principal Jared Coughlan, Alternative Education presented this item.

Items discussed included:
Transportation questions from President Yip.

- 9.3 2023-2024 Third Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for Yolo

County Office of Education (YCOE) Schools

Heather Schlaman, Coordinator, Language and Literacy presented this item. Will discuss the misassignment report and uniform complaint reports at next meeting.

9.4 Monthly Board Financial Report

Veronica Coronado, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services presented this item.

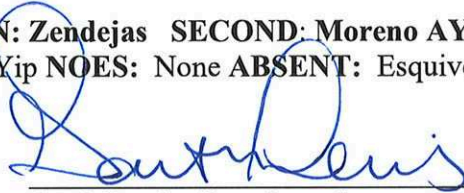
- Cash portion included. The new sheet was provided for trustees.
- No questions.

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 7:34 PM

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



Garth Lewis, Superintendent

