

YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting: May 14, 2024
MINUTES

1.0 OPENING PROCEDURES

1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education met on May 14, 2024, at 3:32 p.m. at a Regular Board meeting session in person. Board Members present were Tico Zendejas, Shelton Yip, Armando Salud-Ambriz, and Melissa Moreno. President Yip presided. Superintendent Garth Lewis is on Zoom. (Roll Call held). Elizabeth Esquivel is absent.

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

2.0 RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE) Employee of the Month – May 2024
Cindy Nguyen, Interim Executive Director, Human Resources introduced Marty Remmers, Director, Special Education who presented the recognition to Rosie Vargas, Administrative Secretary, Special Education. Staff and the Board appreciate her hard work.

Elizabeth Esquivel arrived at 3:38 PM

3.0 Public Comment

None.

4.0 REPORTS

4.1 Board Reports

Trustee Zendejas

He thanked staff for their hard work this year.

Trustee Moreno

- Recognized weekend of appreciation for mothers and teachers.
- Attended Whole Child Equity Summit.
 - Dynamic speakers

- Discussed Davis Joint USD implementation of ethnic studies.
- Attended National Association of Chicano studies and discussed dual enrollment strength and challenges.
 - Elected Indigenous Caucus Chair for upcoming years.

Trustee Esquivel

- Trustee Esquivel stated that the Board Retreat was successful.
- She attended the anniversary party for United Way.
- Attended Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) awards gala where President Yip was honored.

Vice President Salud-Ambriz

- Attended the ACSA awards where President Yip was honored. He thanked President Yip for all he does to mentor new trustees.
- Attended California School Board Associations (CSBA's) Coast2Coast Federal Advocacy Trip.
 - Fight for needs of districts, states, regions, urban areas.
 - Proud to be the voice of students.
- Testified on AB 2627 (Voter Registration and Outreach Programs).
- Congratulations on another school year.
 - Hope all staff will enjoy the break.

President Yip

- Thanked the Board for flexibility on time for the April 9, 2024, Regular Board meeting.
- Thanked the Board and staff for Board retreat.
- Attended Equity Summit.
 - Thanked Gayelynn Gerhart, Director, Special Projects and team for work.
 - Trustee Moreno commented that it was a powerful event and had a great turnout with 120 people.
- Commented on the honorees for the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) group.
- Referenced submitting a letter to CSBA at retreat regarding membership.

Superintendent

Items discussed include:

- Roadmap hosting interagency collaboration.
 - Needs Assessment to be submitted June 29 to the Board of Supervisors, our Board and other elected bodies throughout Yolo County.
- Attended General Membership Meeting for California County Superintendents hosted at Santa Barbara COE.
 - Lots of focus on strategic planning and priorities.

- Influence positive outcomes for students.
- Attended Yolo Philanthropy Breakfast along with Anthony Volkar, PIO.
- Thanked Board for Retreat.
 - Very productive
- Attended Child Equity Summit
 - Thanked staff for coordinating.
- Attended School Safety Advisory committee meetings
 - Superintendent Lewis thanked Matt Juchniewicz, Director, Support Operations Services for making this a priority.
- Discussed the new cohort at UC Davis CANDEL program.
- Attended Early Childhood Education (ECE) tour with Collaborative Woodland Youth (CWY).
 - Expressed appreciation for Associate Superintendent Veronica Coronado and Ray Lippincott, YCOE Project Manager, for their work on this project.
- Presented with Karleen Jakowski, Assistant HHSA Director | Mental Health Director, Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency at the Celebrate Hope & Resilience with NAMI Yolo County.
- Recognized SELPA Community Advisory Committee (CAC) award winners on May 13th at YCOE.
- Invited trustees to attend staff appreciation event at Nelson’s Grove on May 16, 2024.

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Educational Services

Maria Arvizu-Espinoza, Deputy Superintendent, Educational Services

Items discussed included:

- Congratulated President Yip on being an ACSA award winner.
- Thanked staff for end of school year work and summer school.
 - Three (3) grants received. She gave a description of each one that provides mental health and wellness services to support kids.

Administrative Services

Veronica Coronado, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services

Items discussed included:

- Brief update on child education center and Cesar Chavez Community School construction.
 - Thanked Mr. Ray Lippincott, Project Manager, for his work on site.
- California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE)

reached out to Matt Juchniewicz, Director, Support Operations Services (SOS) on YCOE interest in participating in open door webinar sessions on the micro grid project.

- On May 22 there will be a short presentation on the project and energy and grid resilience.
- Auditors here next week.
- Budget development will be discussed at the June 11 board meeting.
- May revise update will also be included in the June 10 revision.

Trustee Moreno asked about the Governor’s budget cuts and how does Average Daily Attendance (ADA) impact schools? Is ADA a factor? She would like clarification. Ms. Coronado stated that there is still a lot we don’t know. She stated that the Governor is trying to still prioritize LEA’s overall and maintain fiscal solvency but is not sure what level of reductions could occur. She stated we won’t know the full impact until they release the full budget and trailer bill language.

President Yip is excited about grants, facilities work, and appreciates staff for this work. Congratulations!

Committees

None.

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Associations

None.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda.

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

6.0 ACTION ITEM

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6.1 RESOLUTION #23-24/45 California Day of the Teacher – May 8, 2024

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #23-24/45 California Day of the Teacher – May 8, 2024

President Shelton Yip presented resolution to Cyndi Hale, President YEA.

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

6.2 RESOLUTION #23-24/46 Classified School Employee Week – May 19-25, 2024

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #23-24/46 Classified School Employee Week - May 19-25, 2024.

Trustee Moreno presented resolution to Austin Creamer, President CSEA and Amelia Abonce, AFSCME. Trustee Moreno commented that classified staff provide all support and are critical to the success of educational programs. Both Mr. Creamer and Ms. Abonce accepted on behalf of all classified staff. Staff and trustees appreciate all their work on behalf of all the families.

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

6.3 RESOLUTION #23-24/47 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and/or Ally + (LGBTQIA+) Pride Month – June 2024

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #23-24/47 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and/or Ally + (LGBTQIA+) Pride Month – June 2024

Vice President Salud-Ambriz presented resolution to Anoosh Jorjorian from the Davis Phoenix Coalition who is pleased and honored to accept resolution. She commented on the creation of Davis Phoenix Coalition which is dedicated to ending hate crimes and lifting marginalized communities. She also commented on the expansion of rights and creating space for kids to be themselves and for communities to be more inclusive. She thanked the Board for taking a stand and for wanting the kids to feel safe and secure.

Trustee Moreno commended Anoosh for her work with the Davis Phoenix Coalition that includes saving lives and is appreciated for the teaching and learning that takes place while advocating for children and teachers. President Yip thanked Anoosh for her work and supporting students and community members. On June 1 and 2 there will be a joint pride celebration along with a running event on June 2. He invited the Board and community to come out and join.

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

6.4 RESOLUTION #23-24/48 Brown v. Board of Education 70th Anniversary – May 17, 2024

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #23-24/48 Brown v. Board of Education 70th Anniversary – May 17, 2024

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

Superintendent Garth Lewis presented this resolution. Trustee Moreno thanked the Board for acknowledging Brown v. Board with resolution. She also commented on Mendes v. Westminster and the struggle of Mexican American segregation with students in 1946.

6.5 RESOLUTION #23-24/49 Ordering Board of Education Member Regular Election and Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the Counties of Yolo, Solano, And Sutter to Consolidate Elections with Regular Election Held on November 5, 2024

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

6.6 Yolo County Board of Education (YCBE) Policy Proposals for Support Consideration

Trustee Esquivel presented this item. She reviewed policies in the Board Packet and is requesting Board support for all the listed policies as a slate. She stated they would write a letter to support the policies on YCBE letterhead. Goal letters will be submitted towards end of May and early June.

Trustee Moreno asked about SB 1094 (Social Sciences and Civic engagement). Is this already mandated? She wanted more clarification. Trustee Esquivel described the policy in detail. There is an ethnic studies requirement that activate students to become more engaged which is in line with the civic engagement program. Vice President Salud-Ambriz thanked President Yip and Trustee Esquivel for putting the list together.

Motion to approve Yolo County Board of Education (YCBE) Policy Proposals for Support Consideration.

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

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 Head Start/Early Head Start Reports

Shannon McClarin, Director, Early Childhood Education presented this item and answered questions from the Board.

- President Yip asked about the waiting list.
 - Ms. McClarin stated that they cap classes at a certain number if most kids are under three (3).
- Described grants received for program.
- Commented on professional development across county.

Update – Yolo County Child Development Conference is on May 18 at the Community Center in Woodland. Early learning care professionals in Yolo County are invited. There will be swag and raffles and a keynote speaker on trauma and resilience.

7.2 Cesar Chavez Attendance Report for April 2024

Principal Jared Coughlan, Alternative Education presented this item and answered questions from the Board.

Trustee Tico Zendejas left meeting at 4:43 pm

Items discussed included:

- Open house tomorrow night at Cesar Chavez Community School.
 - Interactive events for students and families.
 - Show off students' workload.

7.3 Cesar Chavez Community School Calendar 2024-25

Stan Mojsich, Assistant Superintendent, Equity and Support Services reviewed the Cesar Chavez Community School Calendar for 2024-25.

7.4 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

Superintendent Garth Lewis presented this item and asked if there were any questions from the Board. No questions.

7.5 Williams Quarterly Report on Yolo County Identified Schools: Covering the months of January, February, and March 2024

Heather Schlaman, Coordinator, Language and Literacy presented this item and answered any questions from the Board.

Items discussed included:

- Reviewing SARCS in May.
- President Yip asked if the number is higher this year. Ms. Schlaman said yes but we had a wave of retirements and resignations, and filling positions is difficult for districts.
- Trustee Moreno wanted more context on Washington USD and why there are missed assignments. Ms. Schlaman stated that she does

not know enough of the context to answer question.

7.6 P-2 Attendance

Gustavo Aguilera, Director, Internal Fiscal Service presented P-2 attendance report. No questions.

7.7 2024-2025 Education Protection Account Spending Plan

Gustavo Aguilera, Director, Internal Fiscal Services presented this item and answered questions from the Board. Trustee Moreno asked if that amount is average. Mr. Aguilera stated that in past years it has been lower, but it is increasing slightly.

7.8 Monthly Board Financial Report

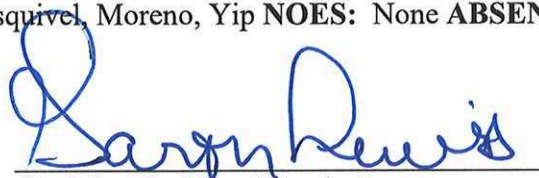
Gustavo Aguilera, Director, Internal Fiscal Services presented this item. No questions.

Suggested future agenda items.

- EL RISE – Future meeting.
- Status of Juvenile Hall – Cost and how many students (requested by Trustee Moreno at Board Retreat)
- Vice President Salud-Ambriz publicly invited the Winters girls soccer team to the next Board meeting to celebrate their historic win.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT. Adjourned at 4:53 PM

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



Garth Lewis, Superintendent