

YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting: June 27, 2023
MINUTES

1.0 OPENING PROCEDURES

- 1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education met on June 27, 2023, at 3:31 p.m. at a Regular Board meeting session in person and via Zoom. Board Members present were Elizabeth Esquivel, Melissa Moreno, Shelton Yip, Armando Salud-Ambriz, Tico Zendejas. 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:** Salud-Ambriz **AYES:** Yip, Salud-Ambriz, Esquivel, Yip, Zendejas **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** None

2.0 RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2.1 Introduction of New Staff
Superintendent Lewis introduced Cindy Nguyen, the new Interim Executive Director for Human Resources and Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services introduced Lorelle Mudd, the new Director of External Business Services.
- 2.2 Presentation on the Plan for the Mixed Delivery Grant on Behalf of the Yolo Childcare Planning Council (LPC). Shannon McClarin, Director, Early Childhood Education presented the PowerPoint in the Board packet. Trustee Salud-Ambriz congratulated staff on the grant. Vice President Yip commented that we have been pushing a foundational program for early childhood education for years and he is happy to hear about the program and work. President Zendejas thanked Ms. McClarin for her leadership on the project.

3.0 Public Comment.

None

4.0 REPORTS

4.1 Board Reports

Vice President Yip

- Attended YCOE Staff appreciation on May 18.

- Attended CSBA delegate assembly and CCBE on May 20.
- Attended celebration of two (2) students who got AA degree.
 - One of the students was accepted to San Diego State University.
- Attended facility committee meeting.
- Attended YCOE retirement celebration on June 1.
 - 125 years of service and memories.
- Attended graduations for ALS, Horizon, etc.

Trustee Salud-Ambriz

- The Board meeting is the second meeting he participated in after surgery.
- Attended facility committee meeting and it was great to hear from Ms. Huey on what has been done to upgrade facilities and plan for the future.
- Attended brunch event with Senator Dodd. It was great to continue conversations.
- Attended some graduations and looks forward to providing more reports in the future.

Trustee Esquivel

- Attended State of City of West Sacramento address.
- Attended CCBE annual conference planning meeting.
- Attended CSBA Policy committee platform meeting.
 - Discussed how do we continue to move advocacy efforts forward. Excited to be more engaged at county level.
 - Also discussed staff shortages and how to provide incentives and promote within.
- Attended a scholarship ceremony for a Latino student studying political science on behalf of family.
- Attended press conference in West Sacramento to launch statewide efforts regarding library imagination.
 - Beautiful to see young kids participate along with the state senator.
- Attended Cesar Chavez Community School graduation.
 - Great to see the support from families and students and to hear testimonials from mentors and teachers.
- Attended son's TK graduation.
- Attended West Sacramento's Juneteenth event.
- Attended West Sacramento's Roundtable even on mental health care.
 - Representatives from Yolo County were at the event who discussed services and continued conversation on topic. There was also a report on the Roadmap to the Future.
- Discussed the Governor and legislative budget agreement.
 - Eighty (80) million go to community schools. Happy to see that amount is being provided.
 - Currently working on accountability language. It was great to see all of the county board resolutions which took a lot of effort and legwork. County board members played a big part in support.

Trustee Moreno

- Attended Greengate graduation.
- Secured keynote presenter for California Latino School Boards Association (CLSBA) conference in Long Beach this year. Silvia Mendez will be keynote. She received the medal of freedom award from President Obama. The Board was invited to attend the conference.
- Served as master of ceremonies for Cesar Chavez bilingual school. This graduation was at the same time as Cesar Chavez Community School graduation, and she was not able to attend. Promotion of bicultural education was celebrated.
- Attended Davis Joint USD district award ceremony for ethnic studies to celebrate Yolo Academy youth for work being done.
- Attended 3-day ethnic studies event at UC Davis Institute. Connected with Humboldt COE on their work with ethnic studies to develop and improve curriculum.
- Recommended two (2) people to become teachers and to go through COE program for teaching.

President Zendejas

- Currently recruiting Executive Director for RISE and has accepted a new position on July 3 as the Yolo County Diversity, Equity and Inclusion manager.

Superintendent

- Congratulated President Zendejas on his new position.
- Attended graduations.
- Thanked Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services and Debra Hinley, Director, Internal Fiscal Services for all their hard work and congratulated them on their upcoming retirement.
- Discussed two (2) day retreat for leadership alongside union leadership.
 - Focused on welcoming new members of team, highlights and looking forward to new year with the evolving role of COEs. The focus was on driving culture of One YCOE – interdependence and value of diversity of perspective and expertise. Promoted and practiced continuous improvement with the Excel lab. Reviewed vision of model service, innovation, and impact.
- Trustee Esquivel commented on funding for COEs.

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Administrative Services

- Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services reviewed her Board report.
- Acknowledged and praised the SOS department and Matt Juchniewicz, Director, SOS with his success on internships. Three (3) students have joined the SOS department. Ms. Huey commented on the upcoming

beautification by front entrance being done by SOS and interns and is excited and embraced participating in interns' growth.

Educational Services

- Maria Arvizu-Espinoza, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services reviewed her Board report.
- Discussed graduations, Special Education, Cesar Chavez Community School and thanked staff and families for support.
- Congratulated retirees.
- Discussed summer programs.
 - Head Start and preschool are still open. Special education team ESY still ongoing.

Committees

Trustee Salud-Ambriz stated that there are no updates on student board representatives or facilities. Will explore process to see what state is doing with this issue. More information will be reported later this fall.

- 2.2 Associations
None.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda.

Motion to approve consent agenda with Trustee Moreno's amendment to her report.

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

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 6.1 2023-2024 Local Control and Accountability Plan
Gayelynn Gerhart, Director, Special Projects presented this item. Changes were made from feedback at the last meeting.

Trustee Moreno had questions on page 57 in regard to Cesar Chavez mobility at 54% need and the impact vs. statewide average. Also, a question on page 122 on the social and emotional funds for students. Ms. Gerhart answered and discussed the LCAP funding in which she stated that most funding is done by grants, etc. and is not reflected in LCAP. Funding could be out of different sources for staff. Funding can also be shifted. Trustee Moreno also commented that students are asking to go beyond Chicano studies and she has never heard about Chicano studies in curriculum. The first time this subject has come up was in the last meeting in terms of data or feedback survey results. She stated that it is important

to clarify what survey and when it was presented in LCAP.

Ms. Gerhart discussed the specific tasks to get input from staff and community on this topic. Interviews, meetings, gatherings were scheduled to meet goals and find out what students are feeling. Trustee Moreno thought it would be interesting to tell the story of students in a document or in the future to present a report to measure accountability, graduation, and attendance. Ms. Gerhart discussed the large markers and measurements for Chavez including Star testing (annual), math test, consolidated application report showing measurements. Other ways to measure student growth is circle time, individual data. credits, attendance, home data, etc. Staff try to look beyond the dashboard and talk to students who they follow day by day. She stated that there is data, it just looks different from traditional school data.

Motion to approve 2023-2024 Local Control and Accountability Plan.

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

6.2 2023 School Plan for Student Achievement

Motion to approve 2023 School Plan for Student Achievement.

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

6.3 2023-2024 Budget Adoption for Yolo County Office of Education

Trustee Moreno had questions on the funding for COVID-19. Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Fiscal Services, commented on the funds and how they are shown in the report. She discussed the needs of YCOE, how long deficit is reflected and program needs. She also discussed the planning process for carryover in prior years and revenue for next year and how the lotto funds work for schools.

Motion to approve 2023-2024 Budget Adoption for Yolo County Office of Education.

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

6.4 2023-2024 Education Protection Account Spending Plan

Motion to approve 2023-2024 Education Protection Account Spending Plan

MOTION: Yip **SECOND:** Salud-Ambriz **AYES:** Yip, Salud-

Ambriz, Moreno, Esquivel, Zendejas **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** None

6.5 Temporary Interfund Cash Transfers

Trustee Salud-Ambriz asked if the Board received a report on when staff has to make these transfers? Trustee Moreno asked if this practice can be proposed in case it is needed. Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Fiscal Services stated that past practice is for this to happen at the beginning of the fiscal year to cover year and yes staff would report to the Board when cash is transferred out.

Motion to approve the Temporary Interfund Cash Transfers.

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

6.6 Second Reading of Board Policies (9000 series)

Motion to approve Board Policies:

BB 9000 - Role of the Board
BB 9005 - Governance Standards
BB 9010 - Public Statements
BB 9011 - Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information
BB 9012 - Board Member Electronic Communication

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

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 Attendance Board Report – June 2023

Interim Principal Heather Schlaman, Cesar Chavez Community School (CCCS) presented this item. She thanked the Board for attending the CCCS graduation. Trustee Moreno asked if students are involved in multiple programs. Staff stated it is usually one program or the other, for example YCCP. Most students take core work and participate in the YCCP program. She also stated that four (4) YCCP students are interning this summer. Trustee Moreno asked about dual enrollment courses and if they are offered to students from Chavez? Ms. Schlaman stated that there has been a conversation currently on this topic and more information will come to the Board on dual enrollment and college access. Staff have also discussed Chicano studies and are currently working on curriculum to support the new principal.

Trustee Esquivel left at 4:37 PM returned at 4:40 PM

7.2 Head Start/Early Head Start Reports

Director McClarin presented this item.

Items discussed included:

- QRIS grant and continued funding.
- Current support for preschool programs. President Zendejas asked which summer programs are closed. Ms. McClarin discussed the schedule.
- Superintendent Lewis asked a question about the QRIS grant and which programs are supported. Ms. McClarin commented that all California State preschool programs are eligible. YCOE supports Washington USD, Woodland, Esparto and Winters. The Shores of Hope School in West Sacramento is also supported.
- YCOE Head Start federal programs. Superintendent Lewis discussed the mixed delivery model access and quality and the role Ms. McClarin, and her team would play across Yolo County.
- The Local Planning Committee (LPC) community needs assessment. Where the programs are located and what the children need in community and LEAs.

7.3 Section 52066 LEA Support Plan

María Arvizu-Espinoza, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services presented this item. She discussed the annual report under the education code and the levels of support. Trustee Moreno asked about the increase in administration at YCOE. Ms. Arvizu-Espinoza commented on the increase of services to districts and the state increasing the requirements of services and reports to the districts. There is a changing role of leadership for county offices of education. Funding was also discussed and when it is available, we do hire. Sometimes the need to hire is absorbed within the office also.

Trustee Esquivel asked about Differentiated Assistance. Staff discussed the dashboard at the state level for district schools and students. Results update every fall from school districts and items reported include absenteeism, suspension rate and the graduation rate. YCOE provides technical assistance to districts and the districts can request support to address certain issues. Trustee Moreno asked if districts pay for this service. YCOE receives state funding for this assistance and to train staff. Trustee Moreno asked if an LCAP has not been approved in the past? Ms. Arvizu-Espinoza stated that she is not aware of that happening. Superintendent Lewis stated that YCOE has sent LCAPs back to a district to make changes which have been done on occasion. The team works with districts and guides them through the process to avoid any issues.

7.4 2023 Local Indicators

Staff described the data gathering process for this report. Trustee Moreno asked about the response rate from students. Staff stated that eleven (11) responded out of a possible twenty-five (25) so it's about 50% response rate. Staff stated that it is a voluntary survey for staff and students. Vice President Yip commented on the percentages of climate and culture and asked the possible reasons why voluntary.

Staff stated that the survey is anonymous and that they are trying to understand measures of effectiveness and ideally, we would want all students to answer survey but given circumstances they are given a three (3) week window.

Trustee Esquivel commented and stated that she is concerned about the comments on campus climate, ethnicity and consistency on campus and there is still a good number of students who feel different about cultural background. Those items stand out and is good information to know as staff prepares for a new school year especially with the change in leadership. Staff stated this is all a work in progress.

Trustee Salud-Ambriz stated that he doesn't rely on surveys. They don't always show the full situation. He asked if he could see results from the last two (2) years if possible. Staff stated that the surveys are not a direct comparison they use various tools dependent on LEA's discretion. President Zendejas stated that maybe next year they could use a like survey for comparison, and maybe this would be more concise could be a good baseline for improvement. Trustee Moreno stated that it is very important to have conversations and measure perception. She stated she is glad she has visited CCCS for context and has seen the caring education given to students. Staff stated that the survey is not a research tool, it is a self-assessment of staff and students and not part of metrics on LCAP. Ms. Arvizu-Espinoza clarified the deadline to the state.

- 7.5 Williams Quarterly Report on Yolo County Schools in Decile 1-3; Covering the months of April, May and June.
No findings. Staff stated that all districts were in compliance.
- 7.6 Monthly Board Financial Report
Debra Hinely, Director Internal Fiscal Services presented this item. There were no questions.
- 7.7 Statement Certifying Insurance to Cover Assets Purchased with Certificates of Participation
Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services presented this item. She gave context on the financing of property at Santa Anita and the requirements were reviewed.
- 7.8 No Event of Default Certification
Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Service presented this item. No questions.
- 7.9 Covenant to Budget and Appropriate for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year
Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Service presented this item. No questions.
- 7.10 First Reading of Board Bylaws (9000 Series)
Superintendent Lewis reviewed the first reading of Board Bylaws (9000 Series):

BB 9100 - Organization
BB 9121 - President and other Officers
BB 9130 - Board Committees
BB 9140 - Board Representatives
BB 9200 - Limits of Board Members Authority

Policies will come back to the Board as an action item at the next meeting.


8.0 Suggested future agenda items.

- Turnover and emergency credential conditions in YCOE – Future meeting.
- EL RISE – Future meeting.
- Organ donation resolution for August meeting.

Shelton thanked staff for a successful year supporting families.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 PM.

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



Garth Lewis, Superintendent