

YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting: November 8, 2022
MINUTES

1.0 OPENING PROCEDURES

- 1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education met on November 8, 2022 at 3:33 p.m. at a Regular Board meeting session in person and via Zoom. Board Members present were: Melissa Moreno, Carol Souza Cole, Shelton Yip, Tico Zendejas. President Moreno presided. Superintendent Garth Lewis was present. Elizabeth Esquivel was absent. (Roll Call held).
- 1.2 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: Souza Cole **SECOND:** Zendejas **AYES:** Moreno, Souza Cole, Yip, Zendejas **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** Esquivel

- 1.5 Public Comment.
None.

Trustee Elizabeth Esquivel arrived at 3:37 PM

2.0 REPORTS

2.1 Board Reports

Trustee Yip

- Congratulated Trustee Esquivel for receiving the award for the Sacramento Business Journal's 40 under 40 Awards.
- Attended Greengate Harvest Festival.
 - Great to see students and community members.
- Attended CSBA webinar on Saved by the Bell – emergency procedures/preparedness for districts.
- Attended Ed Talks
 - Superintendent Lewis was one of the speakers' discussing lessons learned from pandemic
- Commented on Breaking Barriers Conference coming back.
 - Hope that a team from Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE) will participate.
- California School Boards Association (CSBA) is breaking delegates into

four pillars this year.

- How to strengthen government.
- Will also discuss how to improve conditions of youth, funding, insure achievement.
- Met with Davis and West Sacramento recently.
- Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) will honor students succeeding and overcoming barriers. He asked if anyone from Cesar Chavez had been nominated. Staff will look into it.
 - Deadline is Thursday.

Trustee Souza Cole

- Commented on her final meeting.
 - The last eight (8) years on the Board have been very fulfilling.
 - Worked with nine (9) trustees and two (2) superintendents. All of them are inspiring.
 - Thanked the staff and administrators that have moved YCOE forward.
 - Grateful to have been able to serve.

Trustee Esquivel

- Attended city hall event for kids on election day.
 - Lots of fun.
 - Kids voted and participated in a holiday party.
 - Proud to be part of Yolo County.
- Attended many Fall festivals in West Sacramento.
- Attended rotary meeting.
- Attended meeting for funding music education in Yolo County.

Trustee Zendejas

- Happy November 8th.
- Discussed the importance of voting and to be community and civically engaged.
- Attended Harvest festival at Greengate school.
 - Happy to be there.
- Looking forward to attending the CSBA conference.
- Congratulated trustees Esquivel and Yip for continuing with the Board.

Trustee Moreno

- Thank you to Trustee Souza Cole for her leadership and mentorship.
- Congratulated Trustee Esquivel on receiving Sacramento Business Journal's 40 under 40 award.
- Attended Yolo School Boards Association meeting and debriefed the Excellence in Education Awards event.
- Discussed working with Trustees Fowler and Villagrana along with UC Davis on a conference geared towards girls.
- Working with the California Latino School Boards Association (CLSBA)

on the CSBA conference that is upcoming. Trustee Moreno is currently the Director of programming and working on keynote speakers at a future conference which is exciting.

- Worked closely with Cesar Chavez Elementary School, which has 600 students on a Fall celebration for Day of the Dead. Had a ten (10) person band and outdoor activities for the community to participate.
- Currently trying to schedule a tour of Empowering Possibilities International (EPIC) school.
- Had a good meeting with Superintendent Lewis.
 - Shared reflections on role and serving in the President position with Vice President Zendejas.
 - Great opportunity to reflect on leadership and YCOE in midst of election climate.

Trustee Esquivel

- Discussed the CASBO Guide to school business and finance.

Superintendent

Welcomed staff from EPIC:

Jason Sample, Deputy Superintendent

Dr. Cindy Petersen, Superintendent

Dr. Heather Gold, Executive Director, Educational Programs (TK)

Omaira Reyna, Chief Business Official

Dr. Jerry Kosch, Principal

Mr. Sergey Terebkov, Director of School, Parent & Governmental Relations

Morri Elliot: Executive Director, Educational Programs (Secondary)

Patti Robles, Analyst, Human Resources honored the Employee of the Month for November 2022: Lisa Munoz-Vasquez. Staff thanked her for her hard work and dedication.

Superintendent Lewis reviewed the following items:

- Attended the State of the County
 - Angel Barajas, Board of Supervisors discussed the county wide projects and priorities, ARP funds and Roadmap to the Future.
- Discussed the Innovation Grants awarded to YCOE staff.
 - Approved five (5) grants.
- Attended the Sacramento Business Journal's 40 under 40 event honoring Trustee Elizabeth Esquivel.
- Attended Empty Bowls event along with twenty (20) members of our staff.
 - Very moving event.
 - Testimonials and vision to deepen services.
- Maria Arvizu-Espinoza, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services

will attend a luncheon for the Alejandro Lopez scholarship Latino caucus graduate program.

- Two students from Cesar Chavez were part of the event.
- Participated in the Lessons Learned Ed talk – Yolo County
 - Discussed the value of collaboration during COVID-19 and lessons learned.
- Attended the Davis Joint USD strategic planning meeting.
 - The school district is a community wide process.
 - Student achievement focus.
 - The community came together to support the effort.
- Attended Harvest festival at Greengate school.
- Attended the Evening with the Stars with Sonia Rambo, Director of Prevention & Wellness and Drucella Miranda, Program Specialist I, Youth Development.
 - Moving event.
 - Testimonials given on impact of mentors.
- Provided Board of Supervisors update on Roadmap to the Future.
 - Trustees first round of community engagement to begin in January. There will be five (5) separate sessions in districts and trustees will receive invitations to assist and for outreach.

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Educational Services

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

Items discussed included:

- Strategic plan – To recruit and retain.
 - Directors from Early Childhood Education (ECE), Special Education and Teaching and Learning departments are working on a system to hire staff within.
 - Discussed Yolo-Solano teacher credentialing opportunity for own classified staff.
 - Meeting with National University pipeline to reduce tuition up to 25% to obtain teachers.
 - Discussed Woodland Community College (WCC) partnership that will reinstate internship for Early Childhood Education.
- Information system from Sacramento State regarding adolescent development for 2024.
- Deborah Bruns, Director of Teaching and Learning is personally assisting paraprofessionals in special education in a step-by-step process highlighting work across departments to help find people to work for county office.

Trustee Moreno appreciates staff's hard work.

Superintendent Lewis commented on the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) work that is being piloted at Greengate in advance of work with other sites. Expressed appreciation to Ms. Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services and team.

Trustee Moreno asked if there were any outdoor projects at Cesar Chavez? Maria Arvizu-Espinoza, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services commented on the following items:

- Early Childhood Education (ECE) expansion.
- Gayelynn Gerhart, Director, Special Projects for Student Services commented on the ECE pathway for Cesar Chavez students.
- Repurpose portables.
- More infant slots to Chavez students to parents and community.
 - Slots allocated when licensing is complete.
- Outdoor learning area for Cesar Chavez.
- Bring in a new portable for students to step away.
- Possible exercise area.
- Possible Parent drop off to be preschool compatible with high school outdoor area.
- Walking track.
- Elements aren't finalized.
 - When it is finalized, it will be brought back to Board.

Administrative Services

Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services reviewed her Board report.

Items discussed included:

- Wrapped up unaudited actuals.
- Auditors visited – no findings.
- Human Resources and payroll processes.
- Attendance records checked.
 - Site staff processes are reviewed.
 - Many people were involved.

Trustee Souza Cole asked about the Support Operations Services pilot site for the emergency operations plan. Ms. Huey stated that the EOP is working with a consultant to do assessments of sites. Greengate is a pilot site which will help to create a checklist.

Security cameras are also going in at Cesar Chavez school.

Maria Arvizu-Espinoza, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services introduced Dr. Sonia Rambo, Director of Wellness and Prevention.

Items discussed included:

- Working with Human Resources on staff who work with federal programs and the need for vaccinations.
- Equity and Support Services
- Youth Commission
 - Breakdown of applications on each of supervisor districts.
 - Eighty-seven (87) individual applications were received.
 - Only one (1) did not qualify.
 - Convening meeting on 11/19.
 - Trustee Esquivel asked about outreach.
 - Are there any stipends, hours, etc.
 - Ms. Arvizu-Espinoza stated that the grant was not written to provide a stipend, but staff would like to change that and possibly give credit to individual districts or allocate credits. Staff is working on stipends and credits.
- Superintendent Lewis commented on incorporating participation for syllabus of engagement in districts as well to count towards community service. Trustee Esquivel asked if there was Zoom or virtual meeting options. Staff stated yes.
- Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) funding and how districts use it.
 - Educational services hold meetings at districts which hire coordinators.
 - The County is a place where they could come together for anyone working on ELOP program.

Committees

- Budget committee met informally.
 - Perspective on serving on district board.

2.2 Associations
None.

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA
Motion to Approve Consent Agenda.

MOTION: Zendejas **SECOND:** Souza Cole **AYES:** Zendejas, Souza Cole, Esquivel, Moreno, Yip **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** None

4.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

4.1 Reading of Board Bylaw 9220 - Governing Board Elections
Superintendent Lewis presented this item.

Motion to Approve Board Bylaw 9220 – Governing Board Elections.

Superintendent Lewis presented this item and stated that the policy has been updated in accordance with current statute. Trustee Esquivel asked about terms of office. Staff stated that term ends as of the second Friday in December. Trustee Souza Cole commented on the organizational meeting to elect officers, etc. Superintendent Lewis also commented on the oath of office that will be administered at the beginning of the meeting and new trustees will be seated at that time.

Questions also included:

Costs regarding consolidated elections.
County Board resolution approved by County Board of Supervisors.
Board of Supervisors approves own resolution which allows this board and districts to consolidate.

Motion to approve Board Bylaw 9220 – Governing Board Elections

MOTION: Esquivel **SECOND** Yip **AYES:** Esquivel, Yip, Moreno, Souza Cole, Zendejas **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** None

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Empowering Possibilities International Charter (EPIC) Annual Report Al Rogers, introduced the leadership team from EPIC Charter School:

Jason Sample, Deputy Superintendent
Dr. Cindy Petersen, Superintendent
Dr. Heather Gold, Executive Director, Educational Programs (TK)
Omaira Reyna, Chief Business Official
Dr. Jerry Kosch, Principal
Mr. Sergey Terebkov, Director of School, Parent & Governmental Relations
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EPIC staff presented PowerPoint.

Questions included:

Vice President Zendejas comments – thorough report and asked about increase in demographics.

- Data on percentage of students on free and reduced students
 - 75%
- Resources and services – mental health partners in county? counselors and social workers from other school sites?
 - Worked closely with Slavic Serbian community to provide services.

Trustee Souza Cole comments – thanked EPIC staff for presentation.

- Resolution passed in January 2020.
- Resolution should reflect racial and ethnic balance reflective of population at Washington USD (WUSD).
- Need clarification on student achievement.
 - WUSD numbers?
- Is it possible to send side by side WUSD vs. EPIC data.
- School enrollment for EL Students- 75% is EL per EPIC staff.
 - Hispanic 7%. Vs. WUSD data.
 - Made growth but ways to go.
- WUSD Hispanic/latino students - After 8th grade students where do they go?
 - Class of 21-22 continue to River City, the local high school.
 - Some go to Futures High School Charter school.
 - Most attend River City High School.
- Art program started.
 - Hired an art teacher.
- Ability to serve refugees from Ukraine.
- Languages in school are Spanish, Russian and English. Not Ukrainian. Hard to find Ukrainian language teacher.
- The number of students on IEP is summarized in report.
 - Alternatives with intervention understanding special education.
- Thinking classroom is ideal classroom (students out of their chairs).

Trustee Esquivel comments – Thanked EPIC staff for presentation.

- Students IEP.
- Specific focus on grade levels.
- Will follow up with CAASP data and how it compares with Washington USD. Staff will provide list to Superintendent Lewis to share with Board.

President Moreno comments – Thanked EPIC staff for presentation.

- Material doesn't seem different from past presentations.
- International multiculturalism - Looks like a bicultural school. Hard to tell if increasing enrollment. There is no comparison on how it compares to other surrounding schools.
- Question on demographics.
 - Degree of increased enrollment.
- Outreach and recruitment – how much less from last year? Didn't have details and comparison to last year.
- How are students doing academically – appreciated but didn't see information in PowerPoint.
- What is next? It would help to provide insight on the service you are providing that impacted families that came from turmoil and violence. How much trauma informed therapists are used and what approaches are used? What is school culture? Looking forward to learning more.
- How much outreach to companies and other families is done? Are you expanding into mandarin or other languages. Does the school reflect those

demographics. Reaching out more to the community, welcoming people to campus. More work needs to be done.

- Supt. Lewis affirmed the work EPIC is doing.
 - Ensure young people reach potential.
 - Instructional data and progress is being made on tracking and student support, etc.
 - Any intention of an immersion program? Language proficiency. Dual immersion would be wonderful.
 - Kindergarten - Staff have started exploring information into K-8 areas.
 - Students can take Russian or Spanish - Read or write.
 - Thanked staff at YCOE and trustees for input.

Trustee Esquivel is interested in the school demographics of West Sacramento.

- 44 percent white/Hispanic.

5.2 Head Start/Early Head Start Reports

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

Items discussed included:

Trustees asked about the shared services grant and who provides it? Ms. Arvizu-Espinoza will get back to the Board on this question. Staff stated that participants received financial investment for goals and Ms. Arvizu-Espinoza will find out who the twenty-five (25) providers are and how many have signed up.

5.3 Cesar Chavez Attendance Report

Heather Schlaman, Principal of Alternative Education, presented this report and answered questions from the Board.

Items discussed:

- Attendance – two (2) students in Independent Study (IS).
- Follow-up with family on attendance.
- Program works for them.
- Classroom attendance.
- Communication.
- Trustee Esquivel asked about the difference between Chavez students and the Independent Study program enrollment for grades 9-12. Staff have requested IS flexibility.
- YCCP paid students - 73 percent attendance.
 - Engagement and progress.
 - Trustee Moreno asked about other paid internships. No per staff but some in development with Harbor Freight.
- Transportation issues.
- Trustee Souza Cole asked about the extension program. Has

enrollment increased? Staff stated no, they are still at twelve (12). Are you getting referrals? Staff stated that inquiries are not eligible, and they are working on communication with districts.

- Trustee Moreno requested that they survey students on what they need and what will keep them more engaged. Staff is working on assessment and redesigning schedule; also, what is drawing them to YCCP for eight (8) hours a day. How do we mirror what is good and engage students in conversation.
- Superintendent Lewis stated that Dr. Heather Schlaman, the new Principal, has only been at Cesar Chavez for five (5) weeks. With that level of detail on the Alternative Education program and individual assessment and response he commended Dr. Schlaman and team for their response.
- Trustee Esquivel thanked staff and is interested in seeing correlation expulsions and the increases in enrollment next month.

5.4 Initial Proposal to the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools from the California School Employees Association and its Yolo County Office of Education Chapter No. 369 (“CSEA”) to the Yolo County Office of Education (“COUNTY OFFICE”) Regarding the 2022-2025 Successor Agreement Negotiations. Superintendent Lewis presented this item.

5.5 Initial Proposal to the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools from the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO (AFSCME) Contract Opener/reopener for Certificated Employees. Superintendent Lewis presented this item.

5.6 Initial Proposal to the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools from the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO (AFSCME) Contract Opener/reopener for Classified Employees. Superintendent Lewis presented this item.

5.7 A-G Grant
Karen Swan, Program Specialist I, College and Career Readiness presented this item and answered questions from trustees.

Items discussed included:

- CSU requirements.
- Ethnic Studies class.
- The curriculum program adopted A-G eligibility.
- Curriculum and adoption support students in meeting requirements at college. Trustee Esquivel asked about rules used to make up class and funds for other purposes. Is there a strategy to support students who need to retake classes? Staff stated there might be a few but not a lot that we are still serving.

- 5.8 2022-23 First Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for YCOE Schools
Deborah Bruns, Director, Teaching and Learning presented this item. The letter will be included in the packet for the next meeting.
- 5.9 Monthly Board Financial Report
Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services presented this item and answered questions from trustees.
- 5.10 Set Date of Organizational Meeting in December 2022
Superintendent Lewis presented this item and answered questions from trustees. Staff recommends scheduling Tuesday, December 13 as date for organizational meeting. Trustee Souza Cole stated that our board bylaw 9100 outlines election of president and vice president. President Moreno thanked Trustee Souza Cole for her level of detail. Board Bylaw 9100 should also be updated. This item will be discussed during organizational meeting per Garth.
- 5.11 Suggested future agenda items.
- Turnover and emergency credential conditions in YCOE – Future update
 - Facilities update – Future meeting
- 6.0 ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

MOTION: Zendejas **SECOND:** Souza Cole **AYES:** Zendejas, Souza Cole, Esquivel, Moreno, Yip **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** None



Garth Lewis, Superintendent