

**YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Meeting: April 12, 2022**  
**MINUTES**

**1.0 OPENING PROCEDURES**

- 1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education met on April 12, 2022 at 3:32 p.m. at a Regular Board meeting session in person. Board Members present were: Carol Souza Cole, Elizabeth Esquivel, Shelton Yip and Tico Zendejas. Melissa Moreno was absent. Vice President Zendejas presided. Superintendent Garth Lewis was present. (Roll Call held).
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance. The pledge of allegiance was conducted.
- 1.3 Approval of Agenda.  
*Motion to Approve Agenda.*

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

President Melissa Moreno arrived at 3:33 p.m.

- 1.4 Public Comment.  
None

**2.0 REPORTS**

2.1 Board Reports

Trustee Esquivel

- Attended the Board Retreat on April 4, 2022.
  - Great conversations and work toward setting goals.

Trustee Yip

- Attended the Board Retreat on April 4, 2022.
- Attended CCBE Board of Directors retreat.
  - Discussed strategic plan for CCBE.
  - Tool kits activation.
- Made aware of how county boards are doing.
  - Different forms of communication in regards to policy and advocacy.
- Participated in CSBA Legislative Action Day.
  - Met with two legislators in area and Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry.
  - Discussed COEs and the ADA issue/forgiveness hold harmless,

- pension relief legislation, CCSESA bills, CalSTRS/CalPERS audits and how they affect districts.
- The CCBE annual conference is coming in September.
  - Reminder to turn in presentation requests soon.
- Thanked Ms. Espinoza for facilitating newsletters regarding Greengate school.
- EPIC charter school has been impacted with influx of students from Ukraine.
  - 25 to 30 new students in near future.

Trustee Souza Cole

- Thanked President Moreno for facilitating board retreat.
  - It was nice to talk about our work and how we function.
- Attended a few YCOE webinars on Women's History month and the Elected Officials event.
  - Very inspirational.
- Attended NAMI's first of series of talks in mental health in Yolo county. Very interesting and looks forward to this project moving forward.

Trustee Zendejas

- Thanked President Moreno for facilitating board retreat.
  - Shared vision and how to work together.
- Discussed City of Woodland youth master plan.
- Looking at how we see young people.
- Discussed much needed medical and vision services in esparto.
- Discussed the need for substitutes.

President Moreno

- Thanked the Board for full participation in Board retreat.
  - Able to share values, beliefs and disposition.
  - Discussed the vision and mission.
  - Positive team collaboration.
- Attended the California Latino School Boards Association (CLSBA) retreat.
  - CLSBA to recognize and support superintendents and principals in California with services to Latino Indigenous students (non-english/non Spanish speaking) who also need attention and service during this period of healing and recovery from COVID.
- Contacted by the Native American Curriculum Advisory Committee on updates and ideas of further developments that they see as needing to occur.
- Discussed the exciting new performing arts and culinary building at Woodland Community College (WCC). Also discussed an ethnic studies academy for students in the new building.

Superintendent

Superintendent Lewis reviewed the following items:

- Attended funeral services for Jack Graf, former Yolo County Superintendent of Schools 1982-1990) and Bruce Drummond, Lee Middle School.
- Attended Board retreat.
  - Very valuable to work with governance team.
  - Experienced similar exercise with YCOE Leadership retreat team meeting held at Woodland Community College (WCC). It was nice to be offsite at partner building.
- Attended Founders Day event at WCC.
- Recognized Sheri Schroeder, Foster Youth.
  - Many inspiring stories.
- Moderated a panel on equity and early learners at California Association of African-American Superintendents & Administrators (CAAASA) event with Jackie Wong, Executive Director, First 5 California.
- Will attend a meeting next week on legislative budget request joining five (5) other county superintendents who are making a request that county offices should have a mechanism on hold harmless ADA.
- Matt Best has been named permanent superintendent for Davis Joint USD. They are now five (5) permanent superintendents in Yolo County.
  - President Moreno celebrated Superintendent Best for Davis JUSD.
- Trustee Esquivel asked about Differentiated Assistance and budget. Superintendent Lewis stated that a letter was provided and accepted on this issue. Also county superintendents have been working with CCSESA on this issue asking specifically for hold harmless for COEs to serve student populations including the juvenile detention facility.

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Maria Arvizu-Espinoza, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services presented her report in the Board packet.

- Differentiated Assistance work taken a different shift with pandemic.
  - Advocating takes a different light.
  - Chronic absenteeism.
  - County support with LEAs.

Highlight:

- President Moreno and Ms. Arvizu-Espinoza attended a reception “Reimagining Identity and Public Safety” showcasing student artwork on Friday, April 1, 2022 at TANA on Lemen Avenue in Woodland.
- On April 1, 2 and 3 attended Youth Leadership Academy.
  - 22 students learning criminal justice with judges and elected leaders.



- Students were excited and engaged in learning about law enforcement and how system works.
- Great opportunity for young kids. Thanked Alejandra Lopez, Program Specialist, Deb Bruns, Director, Teaching and Learning and Karen Swan, Program Specialist for this great opportunity.

Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services presented her report in the Board packet.

Items discussed included:

- Renovations in conference room with sound. Audio is excellent on Zoom and there was some feedback issues in the beginning but this is first time testing. Thanked Board for their patience.
  - Superintendent Lewis also commented on the new speakers. They are so good that you can even hear sidebar conversations. Thanked IT and SOS for work on this project.
- Trustee Souza Cole commented and had a question on report. The IT department has been working on a lot of different items. IT is foundation to keeping everything running. Is ClassLink a single sign on portal? It is a huge support for teachers and makes it easier to register class lists for different software program.
  - Is the ClassLink a K12 program, just for YCOE or is this being distributed to all school districts. YCOE is currently utilizing program. Woodland Joint USD may also be using and the program has been advertised to all districts per Kim Kimes, Sr. Computer Systems Specialist.

Committees

- Facilities committee meeting is being rescheduled.
- Policy committee touched based over phone on what role could look like with legislative notifications and updates. Will schedule another meeting for additional clarity.

2.2 Associations  
None

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA  
Motion to Approve.

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

4.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

4.1 Land Acknowledgement Statement

President Moreno presented the Land Acknowledgement Statement. She acknowledged the history and consciousness of statement which is specific to Yolo and Wintun. The statement will be read before each board meeting and posted on website and board packet. Trustee Souza Cole requested that it be read aloud and President Moreno read the land acknowledgement statement.

Motion to approve the Land Acknowledgement Statement to be recited before every board meeting. It will also be posted on YCOE website and printed in board packet.

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

4.2 RESOLUTION #21-22/43 Classified School Employee Week

Superintendent Lewis recognized classified staff for their dedication and work, especially through the last two years with the pandemic. Staff is the backbone and heart of organization. Amazing support and work from classified employees. Functions include everything from instruction, cleaning, and support.

On behalf of CSEA who accepted resolution included:  
Celia Lugo – Admin. Secretary, SOS/CSEA Treasurer  
Kim Kimes - Sr. Computer Systems Specialist, IT  
Austin Creamer, Maintenance Technician, SOS  
Hector Perez, Warehouse & Inventory Control Tech., SOS

On behalf of AFSCME:

Andrew Martinez, Family Support Services Assistant, HS/EHS and AFSCME  
Vice President

Staff acknowledged and thanked Board and Superintendent for the resolution.  
President Moreno thanked staff.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #21-22/43 Classified School Employee Week.

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

4.3 RESOLUTION #21-22/44 California Day of the Teacher – May 11, 2022

Superintendent Lewis recognized YCOE staff for their willingness to shift

instruction and testing during pandemic. Head Start and alternative education serve underserved students and they do with a lot of heart and expertise. It takes a special set of considerations with students who they are privileged to serve.

Trustee Souza Cole stated that teachers should be honored 365 days for everything they do. Trustee thanked and honored all teachers that make an impact and impression on students.

On behalf of AFSCME:

Allynson Camarillo, Early Head Start Teacher and AFSCME President thanked the Board and Superintendent for the recognition. Glad to see support for teachers and the work we do.

Superintendent Lewis stated that YCOE plans to celebrate staff on May 19 at Nelson's Grove with families at 3 p.m.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #21-22/44 California Day of the Teacher.

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

4.4 RESOLUTION #21-22/45 National Asian Pacific American Heritage Month – May 2022

President Melissa Moreno presented this resolution to Trustee Jackie Wong, Washington USD who is also a policy advocate and has made many contributions to county, state and nation. She is making a difference in schools and society and social justice. Ms. Wong thanked the Board and Superintendent for resolution. She stated that representation matters. Trustee Yip thanked her for bridging efforts and lifting up Asian Americans and fighting for access and equity. Trustee Esquivel thanked and acknowledged her work on breaking barriers with so much hustle and heart. President Moreno stated that it is so important to support programming and addressing anti-Asian hate, cultural issues and topics that are needed at this time.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #21-22/45 National Asian Pacific American Heritage Month – May 2022

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

4.5 RESOLUTION #21-22/46 Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month – May 2022

Trustee Souza Cole presented the Resolution to Celina Alveraz, Associate Director, Empower Yolo. She read the resolution and thanked her for her work with teen pregnancy. Ms. Alveraz thanked the Board and Superintendent and discussed Empower Yolo as a family resource in Yolo. She discussed her work



and stats on pregnant teens and physical abuse and reproductive health. President Moreno discussed prior work with teens and body image issues and how important the work that Empower Yolo does at this time.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #21-22/46 Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month – May 2022.

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

- 4.6 RESOLUTION #21-22/47 Mental Health Awareness Month – May 2022  
Vice President Tico Zendejas presented this resolution to Jen Boschee-Danzer, Executive Director, National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) Yolo County. He Appreciates all of your work on mental health awareness and as a full time clinician at all school sites.

Ms. Boschee-Danzer stated that mental health is important to overall health for students and only half actually receive treatment. It is important to raise awareness and to support students. Trustee Yip stated that the pandemic raised awareness for mental health services and Yolo County is a model for other counties to replicate partnerships that help support mental health. Also, the Breaking Barriers conference is the largest contingent of participants coming together to discuss the system of care and needs of students and families. Trustee Yip thanked NAMI for introducing legislation that incorporates mental health.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #21-22/47 Mental Health Awareness Month – May 2022.

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

- 5.0 A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED TO RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM PARENTS, TEACHERS, MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, AND BARGAINING UNIT LEADERS REGARDING THE RESPONSE TO INITIAL PROPOSAL FROM THE YOLO EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (YEA) AND INITIAL PROPOSAL OF SUPERINTENDENT FOR SUCCESSOR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS FOR CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES. Public Hearing opened at 4:58 p.m. and closed at 4:59 p.m.

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

- 6.1 Yolo County Superintendent of Schools Response to Initial Proposal from Yolo Education Association and Initial Proposal of Superintendent for Successor Contract Negotiations. Superintendent Lewis presented this item.

- 6.2 Alternative Education Monthly Attendance Report and Program Update  
Gayelynn Gerhart, Principal, Alternative Education presented the PowerPoint “Attendance Reports and Program Update” in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

Next PowerPoint she presented was “Imagine....Cesar Chavez Full Service Community School.”

Items reviewed include:

Why Now?

The “Four Pillars” of Full-Service Community Schools

Current Work

California Full Service Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP)

Chavez Extension Program

Principal Gerhart commented on recent graduate:

Mr. Bermudez who graduated on Friday and has an internship in SOS and Harbor Freight. He receives a stipend and is working on resume building. He would like to be an electrician.

Cesar Chavez will have first open house for community and county wide on April 26, 2022 from 5 to 7pm.

Been busy working on student attendance and parent support piece.

President Moreno asked how many Chavez students have internships? Ms. Gerhart stated that this is first one but plan to do more in future.

President Moreno asked what language parents speak at school. Principal Gerhart stated it is a combination of English and Spanish/English only and Spanish only - very diverse. Trustee Souza Cole commented that we are now seeing more females going to college and less men and if there are reasons which were discussed. Reason can included identified behavior challenges, ADD, more boys than girls?

Woodland public library entrepreneurship has an 8-week program that started yesterday and there is wait list.

It is currently hard to find and keep staff that connect to this specific population in regards to the question asked by Vice President Zendejas regarding a community member who recently left Cesar Chavez Community School for full time work and benefits. At this time it is hard to find people. Try to look at budget, grants and creative ways to keep people.

Trustee Esquivel asked how becoming a full-service school would complement work currently doing. In full service a site coordinator work is sustainable and we



are able to create space for community members to have conversations be more consistent with staff time and teachers to create PBL and professional development. We are taking to next level on May 4, 2022 with speaker Jeff Duncan Andrade and will continue our partnership, engagement and pedagogy with him.

WCC has been hosting office hours for Chavez school and will continue to be a multigenerational hub for students and families. Trustee Souza Cole stated that the pillars are exciting and with the collaboration. We will measure student progress and level of service for kids.

President Moreno commended YCOE for work and hiring Alejandra Lopez, Program Specialist. Current work is also going to include ethnic studies for 2025. Ms. Lopez stated that it will involve history and identity. YCOE is currently looking into what an ethnic studies course will look like.

Trustee Esquivel asked about incoming funds and if they distributed on an annual basis. Staff currently does not know if it will be annually and is hopeful that we continue to see higher funding for expansion. We are currently not full service yet per staff. Ms. Esquivel stated that stakeholder engagement is so important and asked how they can continue support for parents by participating in future meetings. She would like an opportunity to participate and learn more about the Chavez Extension Program (CEP)


Dr. Studer thanked Ms. Hernandez and Ms. Bruns for their work on this project.

- 6.3 Head Start/Early Head Start Reports  
Shannon McClarin, Director, Early Childhood Education presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.
- Items discussed included:  
Trustee Souza Cole appreciated the summary of the program goals.
- 6.4 Cesar Chavez Community School Calendar  
Micah Studer, Assistant Superintendent, Equity and Support Services, presented this item in the Board packet and responded to question from the Board.
- 6.5 2021-2022 Third Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for YCOE Schools  
Deborah Bruns, Director, Teaching and Learning presented this item in the Board packet and responded to question from the Board.
- 6.6 Monthly Board Financial Report  
Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Fiscal Services presented this item in the Board packet and responded to question from the Board.
- 6.7 Suggested future agenda items.

- Superintendent Lewis – Update on the Roadmap to Future.
- Trustee Esquivel - Board study topic on the Prop. 98 Gann limit.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

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

  
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Garth Lewis, Superintendent