

**YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Meeting: May 10, 2022**  
**MINUTES**

**1.0 OPENING PROCEDURES**

- 1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education met on May 10, 2022 at 3:34 p.m. at a Regular Board meeting session in person. Board Members present were: Melissa Moreno, Carol Souza Cole, Elizabeth Esquivel, Shelton Yip. President Moreno presided. Superintendent Garth Lewis was present. (Roll Call held). Tico Zendejas is absent.
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance. The pledge of allegiance was conducted.
- 1.3 Land Acknowledgement Statement. The land acknowledgement statement was conducted.
- 1.4 Approval of Agenda.  
*Motion to Approve Agenda.*

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

- 1.5 Public Comment.  
None

**2.0 REPORTS**

2.1 Board Reports

Trustee Esquivel

Happy Mother's Day

- Attended the Youth Empowerment Summit
  - Inspired by students to learn more about civic engagement.
  - Discussed issues and concerns on social justice and climate change.
  - Continue to think about offsetting carbon input.

**Vice President Zendejas arrived at 3:39 pm**

Trustee Souza Cole

Happy Mother Day

- Visited Adult Living Skills program in Davis with Director Burrone.
  - Very inspiring to see students who have finished program learning daily life skills and living in apartments.
  - Students in program go to school amongst Davis students.

- This experience never seen in educational environment and congratulated staff for making this happen.
- Highlights included two (2) students in Mr. Wiegel's class who took them on a tour of the village recreation center.
  - Enjoyed the rowing machines.
- Commended staff for putting this tour together.
- Attended facilities committee meeting.
  - Trustee Yip and her met at Cesar Chavez community school. Will speak more about this meeting later.
- Discussed tour of Rise facility.
  - New medical clinic in Esparto.
    - Opportunity for families and community to have access to local medical and dental.

Trustee Yip

- Attended Yolo Empowerment Summit (YES) conference.
  - Walked away from event with hope.
  - Kids are strong in commitment and expression.
  - Students who have participated before keep in touch and appreciate event.
- Thanked team for Breaking Barriers symposium.
  - Symposium scheduled for November.
- Roadmap for students is moving forward.

Vice President Zendejas

- Missed the YES conference which he enjoys every year.
- Resiliency summit this Thursday.
- Plans to attend the upcoming Early Childhood Education (ECE) conference.

President Moreno

- Attended YES summit which was excellent.
  - Racial issues and climate change was what most of the kids were concerned about.
- Attended ethnic studies webinar for leaders.
  - Great event led by the history project with Dominique Williams and YCOE hosting.
- California Latino School Boards Association (CLSBA) is involved in tracking ethnic studies teacher credentialing which is taking place this week.
- Discussed Yolo County giving day.
  - Largest raising of funds in Yolo County for non-profit associations.
- Self-evaluation for board trustees is due on May 19.
- Superintendent Compensation package coming soon to trustees for approval.
- Planning for CSBA presentation on Native American advisory curriculum is ongoing.
- Thank you to mothers at YCOE.

Superintendent

Superintendent Lewis reviewed the following items:

- Happy Mother's Day to all.
- Visited Adult living skills site.
  - Moving experience.
- Presented at an equity summit hosted by Association of California Superintendents Association (ACSA).
- Attended YES conference
  - Thanked Anthony Volkar, PIO for his help and support at the conference.
- Attended Cesar Chavez program and MLK freedom center event at Black Bear diner.
  - Sixty (60) people attended.
- Discussed Yolo Youth Commission that was recently approved by the Board of Supervisors. YCOE will also be working on this project.
- Trustee Zendejas commented on the Resilient Yolo event and thanked Mr. Volkar for hosting.
- Discussed the African American Youth leadership and registration information.
- The YCOE staff appreciation event will be on May 19, 2022 at Nelson's Grove at 4 pm if there is any interest in attending.
- Attended legislative action day with SELPAs across state last week.
  - Heard from students and families who shared their experiences with the special education system. Also, attended the CAC awards and discussed an upcoming bill that will include opportunities for students with special needs.
- Invited to participate in panel discussion at California Association of African American Superintendents and Administrators (CAAASA).
- Discussed possible presentation for California School Boards Association (CSBA) and extended invitation to Board to join panel which will focus on equity and access along with work done at Cesar Chavez Community School.
- Trustee Zendejas asked out of the 58 counties how many county superintendents are African American.
  - School districts – 12 percent
- Trustee Moreno is excited to hear county supervisors are creating youth empowerment funding.
  - Youth commission is organized by supervisor areas and open to any high school age youth in county.
  - Future report on this issue will come before the Board.
  - More information on Youth Commission include:
    - students having more events.
    - Students will include fifteen (15) total – Three (3) students



- per supervisor area.
- Dr. Studer stated that they will use the YES email list to advertise inaugural meeting to apply and there is no set timeframe
- Applications will be sent next week through district with a soft deadline of June 30.
- President Moreno asked if youth commissioners receive stipend and staff is exploring option.
- Discussed interview process, advertising, recruitment, Brown act training, Bylaws, and sample timelines in activities.
- Superintendent Lewis stated that two (2) supervisors Don Saylor and Oscar Villegas both insisted to offer those furthest from accessing these opportunities to students for example: Migrant education and District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC).

#### SAT

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

Items discussed included:

- Trainers leading work.
- Breaking Barriers event.

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

Trustee Souza Cole asked a question regarding IT and the 80% discount from WAVE. Dr. Studer stated it was funded by the infrastructure act. She also requested more information on the Team Media Bus – Ms. Debra Bruns, Director, Teaching and Learning gave the website link and commented on what the bus does which includes a learning lab and making music videos. The bus goes to school sites in collaboration with probation. Sessions include morning and afternoon. Trustee Souza Cole requested a presentation of bus which will be scheduled by staff at a future meeting.

#### Employee of the Month.

Margie Valenzuela, Executive Director, Human Resources honored the Employees of the Month for May: Human Resources. Patti Robles, Human Resources Analyst and Iris Tapia-Ramirez, Secretary accepted the award for the department.

#### Committees

##### Compensation committee

Meeting will be scheduled soon.

Policy committee

Trustee Esquivel commented on formal position regarding legislation and notifications to Board on what legislation the Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE) is supporting.

Trustee Souza Cole had a question on legislation – Does Board take position as Board or send request to Superintendent Lewis/Executive committee. Trustee Esquivel stated that there is no plan or process. The committee can create a process and bring back to the board if requested. California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA) and CSBA sometimes track legislation. It would be nice for Board members to know where current bills pertaining to students are and what the current process is when YCOE takes a formal position. For example, Superintendent Lewis stated that he as Yolo County Superintendent of Schools was invited to take position on AB 22.

As a carryover from board retreat and communication between Superintendent and board the committee will work to formalize a process. There may be times the county board of education and superintendent are not on same page so how would we resolve circumstance? Governance team will move forward with supporting legislation and the position of YCOE on bills will be sent to Board by an email.

Facilities committee

Trustee Souza Cole stated it was a good meeting. Thanked Matt Juchniewicz, Director, SOS and his team for putting together presentation. She asked if the presentation could be sent to Board. Committee recommends that the Board hold a study session on Cesar Chavez and the upcoming planning issues.

- 2.2 Associations  
None

3.0 **CONSENT AGENDA**  
Motion to Approve.

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

4.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

- 4.1 RESOLUTION #21-22/53 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and/or Questioning, Intersex, and Asexual and/or Ally (LGBTQIA)

Trustee Yip recognized LGBTQIA month of June. Honored office of education and schools that have had a tough couple of years with mental health, community and identities. Also commented that the Phoenix Coalition pride festival is June

12. Important to focus on youth at this time.

President Moreno was grateful for highlighting gender, ethnicity and other types of intersection for youth and families.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #21-22/53 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and/or Questioning, Intersex, and Asexual and/or Ally (LGBTQIA)

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

4.2 RESOLUTION #21-22/52 National Foster Care Day– May 11, 2022

Superintendent Lewis recognized Damon Washington, Social Worker, Yolo County. He has served two decades and has a background of ethnic studies. He is a fearless and courageous social worker who stands up for the rights of children and family. He thanked everyone for the honor.

**Trustee Esquivel left at 4:38 and back at 4:39.**

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #21-22/52 National Foster Care Day, May 11, 2022

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

5.0 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

5.1 Initial Proposal of the Yolo County Superintendent for the 2022-23 negotiations for Classified Employees of the California School Employees Association 639 (“CSEA”). Presented for information. Goal of multiyear agreement. Trustee Souza Cole asked if 21-22 negotiations are still happening. Superintendent Lewis stated that the hope is to be completed in early June 2022.

5.2 RESOLUTION #21-22/54 Ethnic Studies  
Superintendent Lewis stated that this is a follow-up item from board retreat and expressed appreciation to staff and executive committee on draft.

Trustee Esquivel asked where information was pulled to create resolution. Mr Volkar, PIO pulled from Los Angeles, Santa Clara, and Alameda.

Trustee Souza Cole has a number of comments and things that might make resolution more understandable to broader community:



- Please make more Yolo-centric.
- Stay with the why and critical connections.
- Begin with why, who is impacted, and community.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED should call on state to provide local schools and districts financial resources.
- Recommend second page BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to include Yolo County Office of Education and superintendent of schools to become a united organization with focus on four (4) ethnic groups.
- Include additional lesson plans for Jewish, Sikh and Armenian part of curriculum.

Trustee Yip – stated that FURTHER RESOLVED could include financial aid to districts and educational groups.

Vice President Zendejas would like to make resolution more specific. Is it possible to put it out again to trustees for revision?

President Moreno stated that the last RESOLVED should state YCOE and institutions of state that include equity and Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) funds with mention of grants offered by California Department of Education (CDE) and modern curriculum standards.

- Important to be clear about appropriate/adequate funding.
- State governor did set funding aside for implementation based on 9-12 grade pupils which includes Cesar Chavez Community school.
- Santa Clara, Riverside and Monterey are acting as hubs to support districts. Ms. Bruns stated that UC Davis project is currently supporting ethnic studies.
- Trustee Souza Cole asked to mention four (4) ethnic groups, whereas social studies and history includes ethnic studies summit credential.

President Moreno recommends history and social studies framework be included.

- 4<sup>th</sup> WHEREAS – recommend rich histories, cultured contributions and add involvement in civic engagement.
- 6, 7 and 8 WHEREAS should state retention and persistence.

Trustee Souza Cole would like to include quote from Tony Thurmond, California State Superintendent of Public Instruction that he uses for California students who need to see themselves in stories in classroom and create lasting change - *Education institutions need to teach stories of everyone.*

President Moreno wanted to state active Native American Curriculum Advisory group in resolution. She stated that she thinks it is important to mention Native American foundation. She also wants to add a commitment to an annual summit or professional development in resolution. She stated that Riverside COE organized a callout to community and county for presenters on this issue at a reduced cost.

- Superintendent Lewis stated that directing staff is not appropriate for policy. President Moreno stated we could encourage and or state that we support annual ethnic studies.
- Trustee Souza Cole stated that an oversight committee could meet quarterly on this issue.

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

Items reviewed include:

- Trustee Souza Cole had a question on Cesar Chavez and enrollment.
- Supporting Washington USD and how to transport students.
- Expelled youth obligation of district to access.
- Attendance.
- Recognition to engage students.

Trustee Moreno asked how is it going with other districts?

- Dr. Studer stated that data in Yolo and in State that there is a huge decline in attendance.
  - Some mixture of students leaving, moving, disconnecting from education.
  - 150,000 left California school system.
- Attendance review process.
- Increase in disciplinary issues.
- Rates of suicide.
- How are young people at YCOE?
  - Counselor Kelsey Mitchell is full time to support students.
  - Paraprofessionals and Alejandra Lopez, Student Specialist are trusted adults who also help support students.

Head Start and Early Head Start

Written report was reviewed.

Items discussed included:

- State review.
- Professional Development.
- Manager CEYY conference.
- Health team attended national head start conference

Vice President Zendejas asked about four-year-olds and qualifying for transitional kindergarten (tk).

- Before February 1 qualifies for tk.
- Head start 3-4 years will attend attend tk. What does it do to our programs?



- For 3-year-olds and infant toddler programs - How are you planning. Do we have capacity?
  - Recruitment efforts include in person to home base.
  - Emotional support for ¾ year old. 0-3 infant toddler.

President Moreno commented on CSBA reports and length of time in school.

- Concerns are too much time in school.
  - There is need to provide care whose parents are working 9 hours day and educational component. Then school districts need to provide extra hours of care, rest.

Trustee Esquivel commented on licensed or certification for teachers (tk).

- What impacts do you think it will have on tk teachers.
- Opportunities for preschool staff.
  - Preschool teachers to grow in roles/levels.
  - CDE has released request for application.
  - Grants for preschool and tk teachers. YCOE to apply and help develop workforce with new tk expansion.

Vice President Zendejas commented on local districts having credentialed teachers to fill role.

- Yolo Solano enrolled in intern program and YCOE is working with them.
  - Gail Nadal, Director, Special Projects instrumental in work.
- President Moreno commented on annual salary and how it varies with school districts.

Superintendent Lewis stated that there should be an opportunity for staff to move up career ladder.

Also discussed:

- Adequate funding.
- Early care and early childhood education - 22 individuals involved in internship - Moving preschool teachers into tk.
- Attendance report - Impact of COVID on attendance.
- ADA.
- Hearing from parents on issue.
- By September 22 will be fully enrolled.

- 5.4 2021-2022 Education Protection Account Spending Plan  
Deb Hinely, Director, Financial Services presented this item. Will come back to the Board next month as an action item.
- 5.5 P-2 Attendance  
Deb Hinely, Director, Financial Services presented this item.
- 5.6 Monthly Board Financial Report

Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Fiscal Services presented this item in the Board packet and responded to question from the Board.

Questions include:

- Revenue.
- Reserves.
- Ending fund balance.

5.7 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators of 2022-23

Superintendent Lewis presented. President Moreno asked about time period for this item which is one (1) Year - max. two (2) years. Deborah Bruns, Director, Teaching and Learning explained process for substitutes and emergency credentials and maximum time to apply and intern program and credentials.

Superintendent Lewis stated that we bring this Board every year. July 1 we are eligible to hire teachers. President Moreno asked about turnover of teachers and Superintendent Lewis stated that it is very high and increasing in Yolo County. Currently working on retrieving information from exit interviews which include burnout. Will be awhile before dust settles on issue. National Public Radio (NPR) reporting on college graduates and highlighting teachers. Graduates seem excited since they now have bargaining power and districts are paying people. Trustee Souza Cole stated that it is important to never stop advocating for school funding.

5.8 Williams Quarterly Report on Yolo County Schools in Decile 1-3; Covering the months of January, February, and March 2022

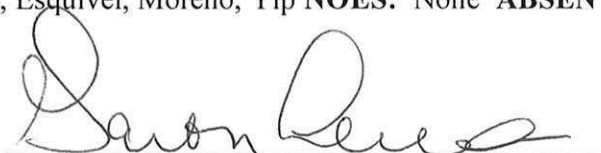
Deborah Bruns, Director, Teaching and Learning presented this item.

5.9 Suggested future agenda items.

- Update on Roadmap to Future – September update
- Prop. 98 Gann Limit (September update) -
- Update on Suite 190 (California Human Development Program) as tenant and information on program – August update
- Turnover and emergency credential conditions in YCOE – October update

6.0 ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

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

  
Garth Lewis, Superintendent