

YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting: September 13, 2022
MINUTES

1.0 OPENING PROCEDURES

- 1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education met on September 13, 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, Elizabeth Esquivel, Shelton Yip. President Moreno presided. Superintendent Garth Lewis was present. (Roll Call held). Tico Zendejas is not present.
- 1.2 Land Acknowledgement Statement. The land acknowledgement statement was conducted. President Moreno commented on California Indian Day and lives lost on 9/11.
- 1.3 Pledge of Allegiance. The pledge of allegiance was conducted.
- 1.4 Approval of 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

- Toured EPIC (Empowering Possibilities International Charter) school in West Sacramento.
- Toured Dan Jacobs school.
 - First time visit.
- Attended CLSBA (California Latino School Boards Association) conference in Monterey.
 - Thanked President Moreno for work on conference.
 - Great sessions.
- Attended CCBE (California County Boards of Education) conference.
 - Wonderful breakout sessions.
 - Attended the Forecast for Funding in Education workshop.
 - Wonderful professional development.

Trustee Yip

- Toured EPIC school.
 - Witnessed students and staff in action.
- Attended CCBE conference.
 - The CCBE Board of Directors is putting the finishing touches on a new handbook for the organization. Good information to come out for new and current board members since things have changed in the fifteen (15) years since the last handbook was released.

Trustee Souza Cole

- Last month Trustee Yip and Superintendent Lewis worked with her on the Cesar Chavez community school resolution.
- Visited Cesar Chavez Community School.
 - Thanked Principal Gerhart who took her on a tour.
- Visited Greengate school and met with Principal Young.
 - New experience and very warm.
 - First time seeing new playground in action and every part was used by kids. Shout out to Matt Juchniewicz, Director, SOS and his team for their work at all of the schools.

President Moreno

CLSBA had an excellent plenary session with representative from all the ethnic state school board associations. The discussion was centered on equity through community-based programming and importance of culturally relevant education. WJUSD (Woodland Joint USD) presented on their journey toward implementing ethnic studies. Seems like they need support expanding their ethnic studies professional development – beyond Acosta Ed. Partnership. Ehecatl Wind Philosophy presented on their professional development for teachers. Assemblyman Rivas gave the closing remarks. The Association asked for support for ethnic studies implementation funding and ethnic studies teacher credential.

In addition, Californians Together discussed EL Rise as important to all schools; would like our Board and YCOE (Yolo County Office of Education) to learn more about it. Overall, CLSBA is endorsing the “Hispanic” representation on CSBA for the first time in history. I will move forward with organizing a state panel for superintendents and principals and ask for superintendent thoughts and input as well.

CCBE offered sessions on state mental health crisis, mental health resources, and a keynote by Matt Navo – Director of CA Collaborative for Educational Excellence. The superintendents must collaborate with agencies outside of school. Also, I attended a keynote by Toby Ewing (Mental Health Services and Accountability Commission) with Katherine Lucero, Director of Youth and Community Restoration. He mentioned the importance of community partnerships and community schools. She recommended juvenile detention schools that place their students in ethnic studies courses to learn about themselves. Overall, I learned that other COEs have a culinary program, garden programs, scholarship youth fellow programs, free bus passes, mentor programs, environmental literacy programs,

climate resilient coordinators to aid districts and ethnic studies coordinators.

Superintendent

Superintendent Garth Lewis thanked Yvette Seibert, Executive Assistant for her work scheduling the conferences for all trustees.

Margie Valenzuela, Executive Director, Human Resources honored the Employee of the Month for September 2022: Claudia Grimaldi, Accountant, Internal Fiscal Services. Staff thanked her for her hard work and dedication.

Superintendent Lewis reviewed the following items:

- Announcement of Phoebe Girimonte, New Acting Superintendent, Winters Joint USD.
- Working on crafting a resolution affirming all the good work at Cesar Chavez Community School.
- On August 22, 2022 attended event at WCC (Woodland Community College) with the Consulate of Mexico.
 - Important relationship.
- Early Head Start and Head Start policy council.
 - Support of their engagement and leadership.
- YCSBA (Yolo County School Boards Association) team is finalizing preparations for EIE (Excellence In Education Awards) event on Monday, September 26, 2022.
- Items to follow up with ARP include the youth work group from county.
 - One of major goals is to list them as an advisory body with YCOE
- Attended CCBE conference with trustees in Monterey.
 - Workshops attended included fiscal outlook for education.

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Educational Services

Maria Arvizu-Espinoza, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services thanked the team for filling in positions where there is a staff shortage. The management team is subbing in classrooms and YCOE's commitment to children will not stop. She also thanked Marty Remmers, Director, Special Education for his work.

Administrative Services

Trustee Souza Cole had a question on technology. She recently spoke to Carl Fahle, Director, Information and Technology but wondered about the recent cyber-attacks against LAUSD (Los Angeles USD) and wondered how YCOE is handling this issue. Mr. Fahle explained process for backups, attacks and system is constantly updated on firewall. Information and Technology (IT) is always on lookout for social engineering, training staff on access to accounts and protection from phishing.

Committees
None

2.2 Associations
None

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda.

Remove minutes from August 9, 2022 and approve consent agenda.

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

President Moreno emailed changes to Yvette Seibert, Executive Assistant:

From:

Attended the California Latino School Board Association's (CLSBA) Unity conference. Nominated to be the Director of Planning and Organizing events for CLSBA. Appreciates that Davis Jt. USD is supporting ethnic studies through the Yolo Youth academy. They work outdoors with youth and discuss ethnic studies with youth to place them in ethnic studies courses in college. There is also collaboration with the Tribal College for space.

To:

Will attend the California Latino School Board Association's (CLSBA) Unity conference. Was Nominated to be the Director of Planning and Organizing events for CLSBA. Appreciates that Davis Jt. USD is supporting ethnic studies through the Ethnic Studies YOLO academy. They work outdoors with youth and discuss ethnic studies with youth before being placed in ethnic studies courses in high school. There is a collaboration with the CA Tribal College.

Motion to approve changes to minutes per President Moreno.

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

Trustee Yip commented on the TCCs in August that listed forty-four (44) names which he stated reflects conditions in education today.

4.0 INNOVATION GRANT PRESENTATION – PARCON RESILIENCE (PR) BY MARIA CEJA LOPEZ, TEACHER, GREENGATE. Ms. Ceja Lopez presented on this item by PowerPoint "Parcon Resilience at YCOE."

President Moreno commented that this program is beautiful. Trustee Souza Cole hopes this program will continue. Trustee Esquivel stated that this is great news and a wonderful outcome and feels that there would be an increase in student wellness if the program continued. Trustee Yip complimented the program and stated that movement is important.

5.0 A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED TO RECEIVE COMMENT FROM PARENTS, TEACHERS, MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, AND BARGAINING UNIT LEADERS REGARDING THE STIPULATION OF THE STATE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS PROGRAM, AND THE SUFFICIENCY OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS IN THE YOLO COUNTY ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS, GRADES 9-12, FISCAL YEAR 2022-23.

Public hearing opened at 4:24 pm closed at 4:25 pm.

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Resolution #22-23/08 Sufficiency or Insufficiency of Instructional Materials Resolution

Motion to Approve Resolution #22-23/08 Sufficiency or Insufficiency of Instructional Materials Resolution

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

6.2 Resolution #22-23/09 Resolution In Support of California Native American Day - September 23, 2022

President Moreno presented the resolution in support of California Native American Day.

President Melissa Moreno recognized that in the State of California students have no awareness of this day. Director Bruns highlighted work of the Yolo California Indian Curriculum Professional Learning Group. Superintendent's office will send copy of resolution to Indian Curriculum group.

Other items discussed included continued awareness to students across state in Wintun homeland of this issue. Also, President Moreno stated that Pam Gonzales wants to see the curriculum in the classroom and superintendents are aware of homeland history and for children to re-evaluate and examine curriculum.

Trustee Souza Cole requested as a future agenda item to place a framed land acknowledgement statement in hallway so that visitors can see and acknowledge statement. Appreciated point of visibility per President Moreno. It is also important to move forward on curriculum. Anthony Volkar, PIO, has listed the advisory committee on the webpage and will email trustees various webinars in October for educators to attend.

Motion to approve Resolution #22-23/09 Resolution In Support of California Native American Day - September 23, 2022

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

- 6.3 Resolution #22-23/10 In Support of Anti-Bullying Month - October 2022
Superintendent Garth Lewis presented this resolution to Cathie Irwin, Program Coordinator II, Teaching and Learning. Superintendent Lewis stated that it is important to create and sustain environments in classrooms or well-being is compromised. Trustee Souza Cole stated that bullying is a learned behavior which needs to be unlearned. Ms. Irwin spoke about her work that focuses on creating environments to support students and their mental health with positive behavior in school and to reduce incidence of bullying in all districts.

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

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

- 7.1 Head Start and Early Head Start
Written report was presented and reviewed by Shannon McClarin, Director, Early Childhood Education.

Items discussed included:

- Nutrition program.
 - Discussed holistic view.
 - Provide meals through school district and follow guidelines.
- Training on programs.
 - Providing dual language support.
 - Offering to preschool teaching staff.
- Grant and building capacity.
- Policy council.
- Enrollment report.
- Parent participation.
- Additional funding.

Trustee Esquivel asked about recruiting parents on policy council. Ms. McClarin stated that there is one representative per center. They ask community members to join and currently they do have more parents than community members. There is a nomination form which will be shared with Board. Trustee Souza Cole stated nice work on acquiring eight (8) family childcare providers for training.

- 7.2 Yolo County Board of Education (YCBOE) Travel Budget

President Moreno presented this item. Trustee Souza Cole asked why this is not being discussed at the Board retreat? Superintendent Lewis stated that the good news is that trustees have increased interest of attending conferences which has resulted in additional expenses beyond what was originally budgeted. President Moreno requested that these items come before the Board as discussion/information. Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Fiscal Services reviewed the budget and trend.

Trustee Souza Cole commented on adopted budget vs. approved budget. Interesting to see the difference but difficult to make sense. In past the amounts were listed by trustee so reading this report she does not know how funds were spent. She would like individual detail.

Trustee Yip asked to be prepared for increase in dues at CCBE at least 5%. Trustee Esquivel would like more information. Trustee Souza Cole commented on them being billed by COE to have trustee seats and there are four (4) to be elected this year, so it is very important for new trustees to receive professional development. She would like to take a deeper dive on this issue and discuss how the Board can make sure they are being reasonable.

President Moreno thanked the Board and wants to be accountable and transparent. Questions to discuss on this issue in the future include an increased budget. Does the Board need to approve each request to go to conference? Trustee Souza Cole feels like asking for approval does not feel right and there should be self-awareness. Most people have reported when they go to conference in their Board reports so there is accountability.

Trustee Souza Cole stated that the new trustees should look at travel budget during the retreat. President Moreno had a few more questions - Does this budget carryover? Is travel and conference for trustees only. Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Fiscal Services stated that it does not carryover and looks the same unless changes occur during budget development. Trustee Souza Cole requested that the report list *Board of Trustees* instead of *Board president* as the budget responsibility. Ms. Hinely stated that they can change the category name. This item will be brought back up as information item during retreat per Board so that they can discuss philosophy.

Trustee Esquivel asked if they are within budget? An itemized travel budget will be discussed at the board retreat in spring per Superintendent Lewis. President Moreno asked if they could have the detailed information earlier and Superintendent Lewis suggested that staff can provide information with that level of detail and then the executive committee can meet to make recommendation on budget development process for trustees.

- 7.3 Draft Resolution to Affirm the Continuation of Yolo County Office of Education Cesar Chavez Community School and Alternative Education Programs
Trustee Souza Cole presented this item. She discussed how counties are closing

all facilities and juvenile halls. Challenge now is for a strong robust community school for students currently coming in and to incorporate CTE (Career Technical Education) and other pathways for students. There is importance in having alternative funding model separate from ADA (Average Daily Attendance) and LCAP (Local Control and Accountability Plan). There is currently an initiative for CCS (California County Superintendents) and CCBE to advocate legislature on a funding model.

President Moreno agreed with points made and stated that students need ethnic studies and culturally relevant education for a sense of belonging. Trustee Esquivel stated that the resolution is very thorough and intentional and agrees that there should probably not be a funding amount tied to this document. She stated that this can't be delivered with ADA funding alone and there needs to be another revenue stream. She would like to have some sort of grant funding for the next couple of years to commit to sustainability. Possible use of grant dollars or partnerships in future.

Superintendent Lewis thanked the Board for the opportunity to focus on alternative education since they are charged with oversight on community schools. One (1) addition to resolution is that the program cannot be operated by ADA and state has yet to fully fund (adequate) programs. Superintendent Lewis acknowledged team for help. This item will come back for Action next month.

7.4 YCOE Strategic Plan Update

Superintendent Garth Lewis, Associate Superintendent Maria Arvizu-Espinoza and Assistant Superintendent Al Rogers presented this item in the Board packet and took questions from the Board. The PowerPoint highlighted:

- Strategic Plan Goals
- County Wide Initiatives for Community Impact (Goals 1 and 2)
- Yolo County Office of Education Initiatives (Goal 3) and
- Organizational Innovation and Operational Excellence (Goals 4 and 5)
- Staff and onboarding
- Business
- Shared purpose
- Service to others
- Radio social media recruitment outside of box to reach potential employees.
- Orientation.

Trustee Souza Cole stated that continuous improvement is important. Trustee Esquivel stated that it is appropriate for staff to build pipeline and opportunities in other areas.

President Moreno thanked Trustees Souza Cole and Yip for their work on building a foundation. She asked how many innovative programs YCOE has or is expanding to those we already have. Superintendent Lewis stated that we are

currently working on recruitment in addition to daily responsibilities for staff who are shouldering the burden of holes in staffing. We have asked directors and/or associate superintendents to fill roles in the classroom. There is a tremendous array of programs including Yolo Youth commission and there are new programs set to launch which will continue to build towards excellence.

7.5 Consolidated Application Spring Release

Al Rogers, Interim Assistant Superintendent presented this item and responded to questions from the Board.

7.6 Quarterly Report of Investments for Period Ending June 30, 2022

Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Fiscal Services presented this item. Questions from Trustee Souza Cole included:

Executive summary – She stated that the June 30 rate of return is -.76. Is that rate from one year ago in 2021? She wanted to see if staff could ask county auditor this question? Also, she stated that in actuals the return is negative. Staff stated that the pool of money is from Yolo County. Is it accurate to look at it that way? In regards to the negative return the first six months, there is a loss of \$60,000 in first half of year. Does this have meaning or impact? Ms. Huey will ask auditor that question and get back to Trustee Souza Cole.

7.7 Disposition of Surplus Items

Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Fiscal Services presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. Items for surplus was described to Board along with process of what is done with equipment regarding recycling and e-waste. Trustee Souza Cole asked if we ever reach out to parents at Head Start for the computers to be given to families. Carl Fahle, Director, IT stated that the equipment is too old to keep and the cost for overhead and support is too much. This also includes furniture, cars, etc. that need to be disposed of.

7.8 Monthly Board Financial Report

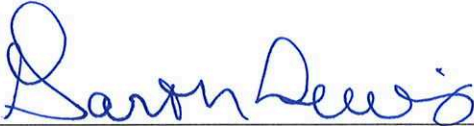
Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Fiscal Services presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

7.9 Suggested future agenda items.

- Update on Suite 190 (California Human Development Program) as tenant and information on program – Future update
- Turnover and emergency credential conditions in YCOE – Future update
- Facilities update – Future meeting
- Adoption of Cesar Chavez resolution – October 2022
- Climate resolution – report on activities in October 2022
- EPIC annual report – October 2022 data report – *Please include number of students, data from MOU and whether there is movement forward on increasing diversity so that population is matching Washington USD demographics. Please evaluate the integrity of work with English language demographic, income, and ethnicity.*

6.0 ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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



Garth Lewis, Superintendent