

YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting: January 10, 2023
MINUTES

1.0 OPENING PROCEDURES

- 1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education met on January 10, 2023, at 3:31 p.m. at a Regular Board meeting session in person and via Zoom. Board Members present were: Armando Salud-Ambriz, Shelton Yip, Tico Zendejas. President Zendejas presided. Elizabeth Esquivel and Melissa Moreno are absent. Superintendent Garth Lewis was present. (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.
Move Item # 15.5 Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE) Audit Report to Item # 11.

Approve agenda with correction.

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

- 1.5 Public Comment.

Received from Brenden White by Google form.

I am writing to express my profound disappointment with COE counsel's approach to a lawsuit filed by the family and estate of Max Benson. Last year, on February 7, 2022, a lawyer by the name of Jason M. Sherman, from the law firm of Johnson Schachter & Lewis, filed a Run 11 motion in federal district court seeking approximately \$20,000 in sanctions against Max Benson's family. The Board may remember that Max Benson was killed in 2018 by staff at Guiding Hands, a non-public school with which Yolo COE at one time had a contract. While I understand the Board's desire and right to defend itself from that lawsuit, the tone taken by Mr. Sherman shows a complete lack of professional judgment on his part. He accuses the family of a dead child of "harassing" COE for the purpose of forcing COE to "expend attorney' fees defending a frivolous lawsuit." The man is obviously tone-deaf because he has no idea how insulting his legal arguments are to the family of Max Benson. As a citizen and taxpayer of this community, I am ashamed at this style of legal advocacy. I call upon the Board to repudiate Mr. Sherman's tactics and to apologize to the community for the shameless attack by COE's lawyers on Max Benson and his family. Do better!

2.0 REPORTS

2.1 Board Reports

Trustee Salud-Ambriz

- Attended tour of Cesar Chavez Community School.
- If the public is interested in meeting one to one, please contact YCOE or him directly.

Trustee Yip

- Attended swearing in ceremony for Superintendent Garth Lewis on January 2, 2023.
- Looking forward to attending the January 14, 2023, Yolo Youth Commission swearing in ceremony.
- Visited Empowering Possibilities International Charter (EPIC) school. The founder and CEO, Dr. Cindy Petersen has retired. Jason Sample is the new Superintendent for Gateway Community Schools.
- Please sign up online to attend the movie premiere of “Shattered Dreams” which is about human trafficking.
- Discussed the upcoming Breaking Barriers symposium. He is looking forward to watching keynotes (Actress Goldie Hawn was the keynote last year). Can this information be available online?

Trustee Zendejas

- Welcomed everyone back to school from the holidays.
- Discussed the closure (due to weather) of Esparto schools on Thursday.
- Attended swearing in for Superintendent Lewis also and was honored to be there.

Superintendent

- Discussed upcoming Yolo Youth Commission meeting and the Oath of office will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Trustee Moreno will be joining us to welcome the youth and public.
- Commented on the list of schools that are being recognized at the California School Recognition Program (CSRP) Awards Ceremony on February 16, 2023. Cesar Chavez Elementary School in Davis is being recognized for closing their achievement gap and performance. He congratulated Principal Dunn and Superintendent Matt Best on this achievement.
- Expressed appreciation to staff and board who attended the swearing-in ceremony that he participated in. It was an opportunity to recognize the collaborative spirit of Yolo County.
- All programs have returned to school from the holidays.
- Recognized Office of Emergency Services (OES) in Yolo County who supported communication and emergency needs during the severe rain and storms recently.

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Administrative Services

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

- Thanked the operations and maintenance staff for their hard work during the storms.
- She also thanked the Information Technology (IT) team who restored internet systems that crashed.

Educational Services

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

- Update was given (PowerPoint was added to Item 2.1 which was posted online) for the Roadmap to the Future.
- Discussed the School Accountability Report Card (SARC) update which is usually in January, but the California Department of Education (CDE) just released the template in the second week of December. She stated that they will meet the deadline for February 1 but will bring the SARC to the Board at the February 14 meeting. Any changes will be submitted to CDE as a second-round document.

Committees

None

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Associations

None.

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda.

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

Trustee Yip requested information on the California County Superintendents (CCS) platform. Superintendent Lewis discussed the five (5) priorities and platform which was in the Board packet. Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) and the California School Boards Association (CSBA) have similar items in their platforms. Trustee Yip asked about funding for programs and how to address student achievement gaps.

Superintendent Lewis described the five (5) priorities:

Item 1 includes the processes that we have in place for school districts.

Item 2 includes technical assistance to the school district.

Items 3 and 4 include the Roadmap to the Future and increasing services at school sites which include the academic and social emotional needs.

Item 5 is collaboration with school districts, Solano Teaching, Sacramento State post-secondary which includes a pipeline for staff, activity happening in area and support and resources for state.

4.0 HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA AWARDED TO ENRIQUE RIOS, CESAR CHAVEZ COMMUNITY SCHOOL

President Zendejas stated that this item is very special, and he is very pleased to be a part of this presentation and part of the Esparto community. President Zendejas introduced Superintendent Lewis who welcomed the Board and community. Heather Schlaman, Principal and Gayelynn Gerhart, former principal presented the diploma to Lola Rios, mother to Enrique Rios.

Principal Schlaman stated that the diploma represents his educational pursuits and his families support. She also thanked the family for being here. Gayelynn Gerhart, former Principal at Cesar Chavez Community School commented on their grief and the lovely young man that participated into the Yolo County Career Program (YCCP). Ms. Rios commented and thanked everyone. She appreciates Cesar Chavez Community School and remarks on how her son never missed a day in the YCCP program that he loved. President Zendejas thanked everyone for attending.

Recess at 4:01 PM.

Returned to meeting 4:08 PM

Trustee Esquivel arrived at 4:15 PM

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

6.0 RESOLUTION #22-23/33 Resolution in Support of African American History Month – February 2023

Superintendent Lewis presented this item and apologized that Marlene Bell could not make the meeting to accept the resolution. Superintendent Lewis stated that Monday we are celebrating Martin Luther King’s (MLK) birthday and the country owes an immense debt to him for his resiliency and focus during the freedom march.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #22-23/33 Resolution in Support of African American History Month –February 2023

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

7.0 RESOLUTION #22-23/34 Human Trafficking Awareness Month – January 2023 Superintendent Lewis presented this resolution to Jen Vasquez, Anti Human Trafficking

Advocate. Selina Higgins and Jen Vasquez commented on the resolution and thanked staff. They appreciate raising awareness on this subject and asked everyone to join in watching the human trafficking film, “Shattered Dreams” on Tuesday at 6 PM. Information on this film is on the foster care education website. Vice President Yip commented on the human trafficking problem which needs our help to resolve. President Zendejas stated that the board will take a vote at the end of the next resolution.

- 8.0 RESOLUTION #22-23/35 Career Technical Education (CTE) Month – February 2023
Superintendent Lewis presented this resolution to Deborah Bruns, Director, Teaching and Learning. He also requested a language change in the resolution from *motivating potential dropouts to inspiring students to pursue education*.

Motion to approve Human Trafficking Awareness Month – January 2023 and Career Technical Education (CTE) Month – February 2023 resolution with the language change in resolution from *motivating potential dropouts to inspiring students to pursue education*.

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

President Zendejas asked Trustee Esquivel if she wanted to make a board report. Trustee Esquivel commented on the release of the Governor’s budget. She also attended the California County Board of Education (CCBE) Executive retreat. Highlights include the new handbook and how to continue to engage membership, along with advocacy efforts and prioritizing relationships. We work alongside a wonderful team at CCBE and is excited to see the future. She didn’t attend the swearing in for Superintendent Lewis but watched it virtually.

- 15.5 Yolo County Office of Education Audit Report June 30, 2022

Jesse Deol, James Marta & Company presented a PowerPoint on the Audit Report for June 30, 2022. Items shared with the Board included the summary of Audit Results and Communication with Those Charged with Governance documents. These attachments can be found posted on the website.

Questions from trustees include:

Vice President Yip – Thanked Mr. Deol and staff for keeping an eye on the finances. Very pleased there were no findings and no red flags.

Trustee Esquivel thanked Mr. Deol for the report and thanked staff for their level of attention to detail. She expressed great appreciation for the work that went into the audit.

Trustee Salud-Ambriz stated that nothing is better than no findings. Amazing job to staff for wonderful audit.

President Zendejas thanked Superintendent Lewis and team for no findings.

Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services thanked Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Fiscal Services, and her team for their work on the audit. This is a very difficult and complex job and appreciates all the training done to help staff.

Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Fiscal Services thanked her team as well as all YCOE employees.

9.0 Close the Charter School Enterprise Fund (Fund 09)

Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Fiscal Services, presented this item and responded to questions from the Board. It is now reconciled and needs to be sent to the county auditor for closure.

Motion to approve the closure of the Charter School Enterprise Fund (Fund 09)

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

10.0 Close the Cafeteria Fund (Fund 13)

Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Fiscal Services, presented this item and responded to questions from the Board. It is now reconciled and needs to be sent to the county auditor for closure.

Motion to approve the closure of the Cafeteria Fund (Fund 13)

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

11.0 A public hearing will be conducted to receive comment from parents, teachers, members of the community, and bargaining unit leaders regarding the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools' Response and Initial Proposal to the California School Employees Association and its Yolo County Office of Education Chapter No. 639 ("CSEA") to the Yolo County Office of Education ("COUNTY OFFICE") Regarding the 2022-2025 Successor Agreement Negotiations
Public Hearing opened at 4:49 PM and closed at 4:50 PM

12.0 A public hearing will be conducted to receive comment from parents, teachers, members of the community, and bargaining unit leaders regarding the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools' Response and 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
Public Hearing opened at 4:51 PM and closed at 4:52 PM

13.0 A public hearing will be conducted to receive comment from parents, teachers, members of the Community, and Bargaining Unit Leaders Regarding the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools' Response to Initial Proposal from Yolo Education Association (YEA) and Initial Proposal of Superintendent for

Negotiations for 2023-2024

Public Hearing opened at 4:52 PM and closed at 4:53 PM

15.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

15.1 Yolo County Superintendent of Schools' Response to the Initial Proposal from the California School Employees Association Yolo County Chapter #639 and Initial Proposal of Superintendent for Successor Contract Negotiations for 2022-2023, through 2024-2025

Superintendent presented this item to the Board.

15.2 Yolo County Superintendent of Schools' Response to the Initial Proposal from the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union, AFL-CIO (AFSCME) Council 57, Local 156, AFL-CIO Certificated Chapter and Initial Proposal of Superintendent for Negotiations with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union, AFSCME, Council 57, Local 146, AFL-CIO Certificated Chapter for 2023-2024

Superintendent presented this item to the Board.

15.3 Yolo County Superintendent of Schools' Response to the Initial Proposal from the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union, AFL-CIO (AFSCME) Council 57, Local 156, AFL-CIO Classified Chapter and Initial Proposal of Superintendent for Negotiations with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union, AFSCME, Council 57, Local 146, AFL-CIO Classified Chapter for 2023-2024

Superintendent presented this item to the Board.

15.4 Yolo County Superintendent of Schools' Response to the Initial Proposal from the Yolo Education Association (YEA) and Initial Proposal of Superintendent for Negotiations for 2023-24 moving forward. Bargaining in same budget in place where we can budget for upcoming year.

Superintendent presented this item to the Board.

15.6 Head Start/Early Head Start Reports

Shannon McClarin, Director, Early Childhood Education reviewed the Board report.

Items discussed included: Onboarded education manager and program administrator who will start at YCOE next week.

15.7 Attendance Board Report

Heather Schlaman, Principal, Cesar Chavez Community School presented this item.

Items discussed included:

- Extended suspension transition to independent studies and significant

changes to how we are serving students.

- Staff is hoping attendance will look better next month.
- YCCP and Chavez extension program were discussed. Trustee Esquivel asked if there was a goal for the extension program? Staff commented on the teachers and students transition into program. The principal of King High school is also very interested in the program but needs a better understanding of alternative schools.

- 15.8 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) November 2022 Update
Maria introduced Heather Schlaman, Principal, Cesar Chavez Community School and Sonia Rambo, Director, Wellness and Prevention, who presented this report and answered questions from the Board.

Items discussed included:

There was an equity audit at Chavez school and findings included communication to parents, implementing student blueprint and working on a full-service community school using four (4) pillars. Student blueprint was shared along with the graduate profile that includes:

- Healthy mind & body
- Civic minded community leader
- Critical thinker and problem solver
- Creative and adaptive learner
- Responsible and accountable
- College and career ready

Staff discussed strategy priorities, wellness for students and partnerships with school. Trustee Salud stated the information is incredible and very engaging for students.

Ms. Rambo discussed foster youth data. A handout was given to the Board with grade level, gender, and county jurisdiction data. Handouts have been posted online. She also discussed community partnerships, collaboration and the hiring of new staff in September. There will be an Outreach Specialist that will start soon along with a quarterly newsletter from the department.

Trustee Esquivel asked how many foster youths are served by Yolo COE. Staff commented and Trustee Yip stated that there are no homes for these kids.

Copies of the first edition quarterly report from the Prevention and Wellness department will be on the website and staff will provide future copies to the Board.

- 15.9 Discussed YCBE Retreat Goals for April 3, 2023, meeting.
President Zendejas stated that this is a brief topic and wanted trustees to begin to think about goals for retreat. Trustees will have more discussion on this subject at the February meeting.

- Trustee Yip would like to focus on the new CCBE handbook.
- Trustee Salud-Ambriz asked for a copy of what the retreat goals were from last retreat.
- Trustee Esquivel discussed possibly creating a new student liaison for the Board.

Superintendent Lewis stated that staff will send trustees the retreat agenda goals from last year in advance of the meeting.

- 15.10 Monthly Board Financial Report
Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Fiscal Services presented this report and answered questions from the Board.
- 16.0 Suggested future agenda items.
- Turnover and emergency credential conditions in YCOE – Future update
 - Facilities update – Future meeting.
- 17.0 ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

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



Garth Lewis, Superintendent