

YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting: February 14, 2023
MINUTES

1.0 OPENING PROCEDURES

- 1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education met on February 14, 2023, at 3:33 p.m. at a Regular Board meeting session in person and via Zoom. Board Members present were Elizabeth Esquivel, Melissa Moreno, Armando Salud-Ambriz, Shelton Yip, Tico Zendejas. President Zendejas presided. 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.
Motion to Approve agenda.

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

- 1.5 Public Comment.
None

2.0 REPORTS

2.1 Board Reports

Trustee Zendejas

- Asked trustees to please feel free to share what is going on in your community. Also, if trustees can please give reports in advance of the meeting it would help to move the meeting along.
- Happy Valentine's Day.
- Attended Yolo Youth Commission meeting.
 - Very well attended and prepared.

Trustee Salud-Ambriz

- Happy Valentine's Day.
- Attended swearing in for the Yolo Youth Commission.
 - Amazing what Yolo County is doing.
- Visited Cesar Chavez Community school.
 - The services we provide opened his passion for what trustees are doing.
- Attended Yolo County School Boards Association (YCSBA) mixer.

- Met with other school board members in community.
- Heard stories on why we make a difference.
- Attended League of women voters' State of the City Luncheon.
 - It was great to support elected.

Trustee Esquivel

- Attended swearing in for Yolo Youth Commission.
- Attended YCSBA mixer.
- Discussed funding for court community schools at California County Board of Education (CCBE) meeting. Currently having monthly meetings with county superintendents and staff on this issue.
 - Secured an author and a bill number on this issue that will be introduced soon.
- Working on article for California School Boards Association (CSBA) newsletter that will highlight Roadmap to the Future.
- Welcomed any story ideas from board members that should be highlighted in upcoming newsletters.

Trustee Moreno

- Congratulated Trustee Esquivel for being elected Vice President for CCBE.
 - Thank you for taking that leadership position.
- Dr. Moreno was nominated and elected to California Latino School Boards Association (CLSBA) Director position. She will work with other leaders in California on training with superintendents, principals, and administration.
- Attended Woodland Joint USD's Superintendents Reception in trustee area two (2). Was nice to see President Zendejas at event also.
- Visited Empowering Possibilities International Charter (EPIC) school in West Sacramento.
 - She was impressed with community-based learning and enjoyed spending time with EPIC staff.
- Will be a part of ethnic studies conversations and credentialing process at Sacramento State University this month.
- Attended area two (2) Davis Firefighter fundraiser. Saw many community members there.
- Invited to Yolo Youth Commission meeting but was not able to attend. Grateful for the invitation.
- Commented that the California Department of Education (CDE) is also implementing a youth commission to provide input in their decision making.

Vice President Yip

- Happy Valentine's Day.
- Happy Chinese New Year's. Family, friends, and community members have come together the best we can to honor those who lost their lives recently.

- Attended YCSBA mixer.
 - Great to meet other trustees.
- Congratulated the student from the extension program who will be the first to graduate.
- Currently is working closely with county superintendents on initiatives for the most marginalized students with promise. In March we as a board will pass a resolution to support Cesar Chavez Community School and adequate funding that will meet the needs of students.

President Zendejas

- Attended YCSBA Mixer for new board members.
- Attended Women’s League of Voters luncheon.
 - Great guest speaker.

Superintendent

- Happy Valentine’s Day.
- Thanked trustees for their presence at events.

Discussed:

- Open office hours with staff at Alyce Norman school – about ten (10) staff attended. Items discussed included staffing crisis and compensation which was shared with the team.
- Discussed the power and impact of the champions session (Roadmap to the Future) where timelines, partnerships and sessions were reviewed.
- All-In community sessions are scheduled for February 27 – March 3. The information is on the website.
 - Needs assessment process and project is progressing.
- Attended League of Women Voters luncheon. This year’s guest speaker was Gerado Pinedo, Yolo County Administrator. He addressed key issues affecting Yolo County residents including:
 - Engagement with all aspects of the education community.
 - Emphasis on birth through grade school.
 - Understanding the collective power of local government.
 - Reminder that there is a tremendous opportunity to collaborate with all levels of government.
- Discussed Bill that is being authored on developing a more responsive funding model for community schools. Looking forward to successful advocacy effort.

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Administrative Services

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

Educational Services

Maria Arvizu-Espinoza, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services reviewed

her Board report.

Thanked the trustees for the invaluable work that they do on behalf of the Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE).

- Excited to have an Assistant Superintendent of Equity and Support Services, Stan Mojsich, who will start next week.
- Updated trustees on Dan Jacobs Juvenile Detention facility and when it is possibly closing which will be discussed at the March 7 Board of Supervisors meeting. More information to come.

Committees

None

2.2 Associations

None.

3.0 RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Honor the 2023 Yolo County Teacher of the Year – Erica Chung, English and Piano Teacher at Woodland High School.

Supt. Lewis presented Ms. Chung with plaque and check. Ms. Chung thanked the Board and highlighted the Veterans Project at Woodland High School that will be on March 22, 2023.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda.

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

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 RESOLUTION #22-23/31 Cesar Chavez Day – March 31, 2023

President Tico Zendejas presented this resolution to Board Supervisor Angel Barajas who is committed to serving our agricultural community. Mr. Barajas made a few comments and thanked staff and trustees. He discussed opportunities, health and education that currently helps agricultural workers in Yolo County. He also discussed the Agricultural Coordinator position that helps to provide services to the 6,000 farmworkers in Yolo County.

Norbie Kumagui, son of the late Dr. Kumagui, first affirmative action director of the UC Davis Medical school made some comments on this resolution. He discussed his time as a senior at Davis High School, and his work with Fred Ross and the United Farmworkers Union along with the California state assembly work

he did in 1980s. He appreciated the connections and work of our county to support this resolution.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #22-23/31 Cesar Chavez Day – March 31, 2023.

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

5.2 RESOLUTION #22-23/32 Women’s History Month – March 2023

Trustee Melissa Moreno presented this resolution to Lorna Carriveau, Woodland League of Women Voters. Trustee Moreno commented on the strength of women who have been and are involved in environmental issues, civil rights, reproductive issues, campaign finance reform, and voting rights. Ms. Carriveau thanked the Board and staff and discussed the work that the league of women voters has done for the community and students so that they will become active and engaged members of community.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #22-23/32 Women’s History Month – March 2023

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

5.3 RESOLUTION #22-23/33 Arts Education Month – March 2023

Vice President Yip presented this resolution to Stacie Frerichs, Executive Director, Davis Arts Center. Ms. Frerichs thanked the Board and staff and stated that the Arts provide a venue and opportunity for education to meet the needs of students and the community. Ms. Frerichs commented on Prop. 28 for historic investments in arts education in schools. Not since 1970 has there been such an investment in art.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #22-23/33 Arts Education Month – March 2023

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

5.4 Request for Allowance of Attendance Because of Emergency Conditions (CDE Form J-13A).

Debra Hinely, Director, Fiscal Services presented this item. Special Education classes closed for the day due to the weather. This reduces school calendar by one day but does not harm ADA.

Dr. Moreno thanked staff for filing this on behalf of YCOE.

Trustee Elizabeth Esquivel left at 4:35 back at 4:37

Motion to approve Request for Allowance of Attendance Because of Emergency Conditions (CDE Form J-13A)

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

5.5 School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs)

Marty Remmers, Director of Special Education presented this item and responded to questions from the Board. This document has been a state mandated document since 1988. Mr. Remmers discussed highlights, safety, completion rates, curriculum, and fiscal reports.

Heather Schlaman, Principal, Cesar Chavez Community School discussed the vision and mission statement, which was updated, Principal's message and curriculum materials and adoption.

Vice President Yip stated that the document still shows the previous email of the Director. Staff stated that the template has been corrected.

Trustee Moreno asked about data for student groups/English learners. The data is just for Greengate school because Cesar Chavez Community School did not have enough students in this group.

Trustee Esquivel asked about the aging of facilities. Staff stated that there are specialized dates when funding will need to be generated to improve facilities. Many projects need to be completed per staff.

Trustee Moreno asked about waivers and credentialing. Staff stated that everyone is credentialed.

Motion to approve the School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs)

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

6.0 INFORMATION/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM

6.1 Comprehensive School Safety plan

Marty Remmers, Director, Special Education presented this item and responded to questions from the Board. Trustee Moreno asked about the current collaboration with community member Calvin Handy. Superintendent Lewis commented that there are two (2) components to the school safety plan. First is the facilities review which does not have input on this item. The two (2) items will connect eventually, and the Board will see the impact of the safety plan work in the future.

Trustee Yip – In the safety plan if there is an emergency it states that *students will help adults do X*. That reference is not referring to our students, correct? and he does not see any mention of emergency medication in the plan. Trustee Yip had stated that he had talked to staff in the past about student needs for medication at Greengate. There should be language in this plan on *..what the adults are going to do for students at Greengate and emergency medication*.

Trustee Moreno – In regard to the bomb threat information she does not see the wording that staff will call parents and tell parents that there has been a threat made. The document also states that students will be removed from premises so it would be helpful to get a call to parents on where they are going. If there are threats, we want parents to feel as if we can rely on officers to protect students. On Page 36 with the threat of violence under listing assignments please add the parent notification. This information should be part of the incident command structure. Superintendent Lewis stated that we can make that clear in the document. Also, he clarified that the emergency response plan is not a public facing document. There are internal documents on the safety plan filed with the police and fire departments. There are always protocols on communicating with parents on these issues.

Trustee Salud-Ambriz asked if this was the template provided by the State? Staff said yes, it is.

Trustee Esquivel asked if the school site council approves the safety plan? Staff stated that meetings are scheduled for February 22 to approve the safety plans by law enforcement and fire. They are currently working with Matt Juchniewicz, Director, Support Operations Services to get school visits scheduled. On February 16th we have fire officials visiting Greengate and Cesar Chavez schools for review. The schools will schedule a staff meeting to approve plans. The updates will be communicated to the Board.

Trustee Moreno asked if this document is also translated to Spanish. Staff stated that most documents are translated by law since they must be presented. Translation will take place after it is final.

Trustee Salud-Ambriz asked about the March 1 deadline and if the Board needs to approve this document before law enforcement approves. Staff stated that yes there is a March 1 deadline for the plan. Superintendent Lewis stated that staff will bring back the safety plan to the Board next month with the updates requested by trustees.

Motion to approve the Comprehensive School Safety Plan with updates stated above.

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

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

- 7.1 Head Start/Early Head Start Reports
Shannon McClarin, Director, Early Childhood Education reviewed the Board report.

Items discussed included:

- Twelve (12) early educators from the CHAD (Child and Adolescent Development program). Designed for working adults with BA.
 - Early education teacher program.
 - Childcare providers.
 - Dr. Moreno testifies as an educator with former students going through program. Earning a degree and fully engaged with career. Lots of positive experiences being shared.

- 7.2 Attendance Reports
Heather Schlaman, Principal, Cesar Chavez Community School presented this PowerPoint.

Items discussed included:

- Dr. Moreno thanked Dr. Schlaman for her report.
- Dr. Moreno also commented on her tour of EPIC and noticed how effective and powerful it is to have community-based learning. She commented on how challenging it is to do independent learning in school. Are there community-based projects where these students can learn how to work on a car, etc. or is it a financial internship? Who is the teacher reaching out to absent students at the school?
 - Dr. Schlaman stated that Jared Willis, who is teaching math and science, has been tasked with student absences and follow-up. He was out for several weeks, and they had to move things around so when he came back, they had the flexibility for him to help support students on independent study. He is very engaged with parents and visits sites to meet with students.
- The staff is trying to provide robust opportunities at Cesar Chavez Community School and in YCCP they have a stipend for attendance and participation. Internships are not currently paid but provide opportunities to move into paid positions.
- President Moreno asked about an open house event at the school. Staff stated that the open house event is scheduled for May 5, 2023 and will include an art show.
- Vice President Yip commented on the Harbor Freight Foundation that supports a fellowship program where students are paid. Superintendent Lewis stated that there are currently thirty (30) fellows in Yolo County. He currently has a meeting booked with Charlie Plant, Harbor Freight and An Ta, Program Specialist III in the next two weeks to discuss expanding this program. Deborah Bruns, Director, Teaching and Learning commented on

the internship with Harbor Freight and stated that there is an intern currently working in our Support Operations Services department.

7.3 Program Evaluation & Juvenile Hall Certification that School Program is Compliant with Title 15, Section 1370 (b)

Items discussed included:

- Requirement for the State of California.
- Evaluation done by outside agency.
 - Placer COE conducts evaluation.
- Focus on enforcement programs.
- Document is a template.
- Staff at facility interviewed.
- Findings forwarded to YCOE and probation.
 - No findings in juvenile hall -only two (2) students.

7.4 Annual Review of Yolo County Investment Policy

Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Fiscal Services presented this item. No questions.

7.5 P-1 Attendance

Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Fiscal Services presented this report and answered questions from the Board.

7.6 Disposition of Surplus Equipment

Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Fiscal Services presented this report and answered questions from the Board.

7.7 Monthly Board Financial Report

Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Fiscal Services presented this report and answered questions from the Board.

7.8 Williams Quarter 2 Report

Deborah Bruns, Director, Teaching and Learning will present this item.

Items discussed included:

- Monitoring certain schools.
- Matt Juchniewicz, Director, Support Operations Services visited sites to review their facility inspection tour (FIT).
- Report in letter - one (1) school had a fair condition.
- Mr. Juchniewicz works with the maintenance department to take care of items reported.
- Trustee Moreno asked how old Tafoya school is. Staff estimated about twenty (20) years.

7.9 Proposed Dan Jacobs 2023/24 School Calendar

Maria Arvizu-Espinoza, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services stated that

Dan Jacobs Juvenile School is in limbo and is not sure on closure date. A calendar is still needed in case it stays open. Trustee Esquivel asked about the new state holidays and if they have any impact on the calendar for the new school year. Staff stated not for this calendar. Superintendent Lewis commented that staff will bring forward this calendar to the Board for Action next month. You will not receive Cesar Chavez Community School calendar for approval since we follow the district calendar.

7.10 Discuss YCBE Retreat Goals for April 3, 2023 meeting

Items were added to the agenda for the Board retreat meeting on April 3, 2023.

8.0 Suggested future agenda items.

- Turnover and emergency credential conditions in YCOE – Future meeting.
- Facilities update – Future meeting.
- EL Rise – Future meeting.
- Davis League of Voters Yolo County elections countywide voter registration drive. Full discussion or part of retreat discussion per Trustee Salud. Will be added to the March agenda.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

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



Garth Lewis, Superintendent