

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

1.0 OPENING PROCEDURES

- 1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education met on March 14, 2023, at 3:30 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 Indigenous 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

2.0 RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2.1 Cesar Chavez Community School Extension Program
Maria Arvizu-Espinoza, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services, commented on the program. Heather Schlaman, Principal reviewed the PowerPoint and discussed the:
 - Chavez Core Program
 - YCCP
 - Upcoming Schoolwide Spring Events
 - Creating a pathway to college
 - What is CEP (Chavez Extension Program)
 - Target Audience is 18–21-year olds
 - Features of CEP
 - CEP successes 2022-23
 - A word from Instructional Staff – Ms. Jatinder Sandhu, Teacher She thanked the Board. leadership and community for the recognition of the CEP program.
 - CEP has unique needs and is on the cusp of productive adulthood and actualizing goals for the future.
 - Isiah, a student in the Cesar Chavez Community School Extension Program gave a student testimonial to the Board. He stated that CEP has boosted his self-esteem and he is now on a faster track for his future and work ethic is better.

- Recognition of the Chavez Extensions Program’s first graduate
 - Z. Pollack and family thanked everyone for the recognition. The program is more flexible and appreciate the teacher’s availability in program.

2.2 YCOE Employee of the Month (March 2023)

Margie Valenzuela, Executive Director, Human Resources presented the Employee of the month certificate for March 2023 to Reggie Washington (in person), Kristen Storz (in person), Victoria Curry, Joel Garcia and Davina Huerta who are paraeducators for Alternative Education. Principal Schlaman and staff thanked them for their hard work and stated that they are fully invested in their positions and always figure things out. She appreciates that they are available to students 24/7.

Vice President Yip complimented their work and stated that we can’t do this work without the paraprofessionals. Ms. Storz and Mr. Washington commented on how grateful they are to be on a team and give back to the students and community.

Meeting break at 4:06 pm
Returned at 4:13 pm

3.0 Public Comment.

None

4.0 REPORTS

4.1 Board Reports

Trustee Salud

- Happy Women’s History Month. Thank you to all women.... including his mother and sister.
- Congratulations to the Employee of the month.
- Attended Esparto Roadmap to the Future – All In Event.
 - Amazing in every district.
 - Town Hall feel.
 - Supporting future needs.
- Discussed recent delegation trip from Mexico to City of Woodland.
 - Delegation visited Woodland and were able to visit districts. Delegates are very active and have shared values.
- Attended California Legislator Luncheon.
 - Discussed shared priorities with youth and education.
- Attended California County Board of Education (CCBE) workshop.
 - Items discussed included the role of trustee.
 - Extremely useful.
 - Thank you to Vice President Yip for referring him to the workshop.
- Attended Little League crab feed in Woodland.

Trustee Esquivel

- Attended Roadmap to the Future – All In Event in West Sacramento.
 - Successful session.
 - Very pleased that community members and parents were able to participate because childcare and dinner was provided.
- Attended CCBE workshop.
 - Great speakers and luncheon.
 - Was able to meet with other CCBE members.
- Attended Women’s league event in Sacramento.
 - Celebrated historic women voted to state legislature.
- Will attend the California Association of Latino Superintendents and Administrators (CALSA) leadership summit.
 - Excited to represent.
- Will attend the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Legislative Action committee event for the first time tomorrow alongside Trustee Salud-Ambriz and Vice President Yip.

Trustee Moreno

- Excited to have attended and be part of the Empower Her conference.
 - One hundred and fifty (150) 6th to 8th grade girls in Yolo County participated.
- Aware of The Roadmap to the Future All In event in Davis.
 - Heard positive comments about the event from community.
- CLSBA endorsed legislation regarding the ethnic studies teacher credential.
- Attended the RISE farmworker event in Esparto.
 - Seventy-five (75) plus parents and students also participated.
 - Lively event.
- Great to learn about the efforts of the UC Davis History Project with the CA Tribal College to host the 1st Ethnic studies institute this coming summer.
- Recognized and acknowledged the current climate for Lesbian, Gay, bisexual, transgender/transsexual, queer/questioning, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA) students in school settings across the State.

Vice President Yip

- Attended Roadmap to the Future in Davis – All In event.
 - Participated as a table monitor.
 - City council members, partner and student input was great.
 - Discussed flier for YES conference with student.
- Will participate in meetings with legislators to discuss bill support:
 - Three (3) bills targeting cybersecurity support.
 - SB 645 - Small School Districts Association (SSDA) teacher vs. student ratio.
 - AB 906 – At-promise juvenile hall and community school

districts.

- Thanked Matt Juchniewicz, Director, SOS for having a second intern in the department.

President Zendejas

- Attended the Winters, Esparto and Woodland Roadmap to the Future All In events.
 - Exciting event.
- Thanked Trustee Moreno for attending RISE farmworker event.
 - Great information and food.
 - Reducing stigma of mental health services.
- Invited Elected Officials to March 20th event hosted at YCOE.
- Thanked colleagues including Trustee Esquivel for writing articles and advocating for Yolo County and our work.

Superintendent

- Maria Arvizu-Espinoza, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services introduced Stan Mojsich, Assistant Superintendent, Equity and Support Services. Mr. Mojsich introduced himself and thanked admin and staff for the opportunity. Discussed the Roadmap to the Future and how important it is to support students from a whole child approach. Mr. Mojsich thanked Superintendent Lewis and Ms. Arvizu-Espinoza. Superintendent Lewis stated that YCOE is fortunate to have Mr. Mojsich.
- Attended Distinguished School Awards supporting Davis JUSD.
- Congratulated Dr. Moreno for the Empower Her conference held at UC Davis.
- Celebrated teamwork and community engagement sessions – 370 people attended in Yolo County.
 - Excited to see what will come from the data. A report from Concordia will be available at the end of the month with analysis and findings. The second round of community engagement session will be May 1-4, 2023. These sessions will have a needs assessment component focus.
- Will need to leave the board meeting today at 5:15 PM to attend the CAAASA conference.
 - Will be moderating a panel on eliminating preschool expulsions.

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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.

Updates on:

Dan Jacobs closure was discussed at the March 7 Board of Supervisors meeting, and they are working on a process which will be finalized at a future date.

Calendar of events.

Committees

None

2.2 Associations

None.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda.

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

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

6.1 RESOLUTION #22-23/42 National Child Abuse Prevention Month – April 2023
Trustee Esquivel presented this resolution to Jeneba Lahai, Executive Director, Yolo County Children’s Alliance and Sonia Rambo, Director, Prevention and Wellness. Ms. Rambo and Ms. Lahai thanked the Board and discussed the LISA project exhibit that will be in Yolo County. The exhibit focuses on child abuse from a child’s perspective. The soft opening is on April 18, 2023, in West Sacramento and then goes public on April 19, 2023.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #22-23/42 National Child Abuse Prevention Month – April 2023.

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

6.2 RESOLUTION #22-23/43 In Support of Students Served by County Operated Juvenile Court and Community Schools

Trustee Elizabeth Esquivel presented this resolution. Stated that it is a priority for CSBA and California County Superintendent (CCS). There have been many conversations on pay equity and policy changes. Trustee Yip congratulated Trustee Esquivel for her input on language for the bill. This item will also go to the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) for support.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #22-23/43 In Support of Students Served by County Operated Juvenile Court and Community Schools

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

6.3 RESOLUTION #22-23/44 In Support of High School Voter Weeks (last two weeks in April)

Trustee Salud-Ambriz presented this resolution to Maria Coronel, Outreach Specialist, Yolo County Assessor, Clerk-Recorder, Elections Office. Ms. Coronel thanked the Board and commented on early voters ages 18-25 and how this will expand the need to get these individuals to register and vote. Ms. Coronel thanked the Board for this resolution and discussed presenting to the Youth commission on this subject to help youth stay engaged. The League of Women Voters will also help with voter outreach to high schools. She invited all high school teachers in Yolo County to support this resolution and to help get everyone registered to vote. Vice President Yip appreciated meeting the needs of whole community and thanked Ms. Coronel for her outreach. Trustee Esquivel stated the importance of getting out to vote and the impact that it has on youth and her son. President Zendejas thanked Ms. Coronel for her work on this issue.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #22-23/44 In Support of High School Voter Weeks (last two weeks in April).

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

6.4 Adoption of Dan Jacobs 2023-24 Calendar.

Superintendent Lewis presented this item for approval.

Motion to approve the Dan Jacobs 2023-24 Calendar.

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

6.5 2022-23 Yolo County Office of Education Budget Revision and Second Interim Report.

Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services presented this item and responded to questions from the Board.

Ms. Huey thanked Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Fiscal Services, and Internal Fiscal Services department for putting together this report.

Vice President Yip – Thank you for pointing out what page things are in document. He is concerned about STRS and PERS impact on LEAs. California Association of School Business Officials (CASBO) is currently receiving comments from districts on this issue.

Trustee Moreno – Do the monies need to be spent by June 30? Staff stated yes and

Ms. Moreno also asked what the top three (3) items are that were encumbered? Ms. Huey stated that she will need to get back to her on that question. Superintendent Lewis stated that he thought those items were childcare funds, Greengate facilities funds and Roadmap to the Future. Monies spent to invest for long term.

Trustee Esquivel has concerns about the increases to CalPERS. She would like to have a conversation with the budget committee on this issue. Projection is twenty-nine (29) percent increase. What would the increase in costs be like?

Other items discussed included:

- Page 165 removed covid funds term dates.
 - Already using assumptions for removing covid funds. Anything June 30 removed from out years and will not be expended by June 30.
- Carryover items.
- CPI increases.
- COLA and ADA expenditures of covid dollars.

President Zendejas appreciates context of snapshot of what was spent previously.

Motion to approve the 2022-23 Yolo County Office of Education Budget Revision and Second Interim Report.

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

7.0 INFORMATION/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM

7.1 Supervisors of Attendance Certification

Gayelynn Gerhart, Director, Special Projects for Student Services, presented this item and responded to questions from the Board.

Motion to approve the Supervisors of Attendance Certification.

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

8.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1 2023 Countywide High School Youth Voter Registration Drive

Judy Higgerson, League of Women Voters and Maria Coronel, Outreach Specialist presented this item by PowerPoint and responded to questions from the Board.

Items discussed included:

- To promote 2023 County wide High School Youth Voter Registration Drive. Need student participation and asking for support from trustees on this issue.
- Voter registration day on campus.
- Eligibility criteria.
- Youth empowerment summit.
- How can trustees help?
 - Folders will be handed out to trustees to help promote the event.
 - Trustee Yip stated that they can reach out to teachers in special education classrooms to encourage them to encourage students to vote and discuss the voting process.
 - Ms. Coronel stated it is important to engage foster youth and the entire youth population on this issue.
 - Trustee Moreno stated that this is invaluable work.
 - She asked if Superintendent Lewis could forward this information to the district superintendents and request their support.
 - Ms. Coronel stated that she needs support from all superintendents, trustees, and staff on the issue.

8.2 Head Start/Early Head Start Reports

Maria Arvizu-Espinoza, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services reviewed the Board report. Trustee Yip had a question regarding parenting workshop an how did first session go? Ms. Arvizu-Espinoza will ask Shannon McClarin, Director, that question.

8.3 Attendance Reports – March 2023

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

Items discussed included:

Program enrollment for Dan Jacobs, Cesar Chavez, and YCCP extension program. Trustee Salud-Ambriz stated that today’s presentation on the extension program was very powerful. He thanked the staff for serving students.

8.4 Comprehensive Safety Plans

Marty Remmers, Director, Special Education summarized the revisions made in the plan. Vice President Yip appreciates that staff took their comments and added them to the plan. A big part of the changes was Greengate school and asking students what they can do (adult centered piece) and including the medication needs for long term use for students.

8.5 Quarterly Report of Investments for Period Ending December 31, 2022

Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services presented this item and answered questions from the Board.

8.6 Monthly Board Financial Report

Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services presented this report and answered questions from the Board.

9.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

9.1 Request for Board Support for AB 1255 (Teacher Credentialing: Ethnic Studies task force)

Trustee Moreno presented this item and briefly described AB 1255. This bill is coming out of conversations from social studies and history credentialed teachers who need to prepare for ethnic studies teaching. Jose Medina, California Department of Education (CDE) states that currently teachers are not prepared to teach ethnic studies and there is not a pipeline in education to go into teaching this subject.

Vice President Yip asked Trustee Moreno if a resolution is going to be submitted for approval on this issue. Trustee Moreno stated that for this meeting she is just providing background and CLSBA recently had a discussion on this issue and took a vote to accept this issue and support AB 1255. Vice President Yip asked if a resolution could come back to the Board for discussion and approval at the next meeting. What is the time frame? Would a resolution be drafted in time for the next meeting? Trustee Moreno stated that CLSBA has a draft, and she will have the resolution done for the next meeting ready for discussion and approval.

President Zendejas asked if this item could come back as an action item at next meeting. Vice President Yip requested the resolution come to executive committee to be place on agenda for next meeting. The executive committee will work with Superintendent Lewis to create a draft to be placed on the next Board agenda as information/action. Trustee Moreno stated that the legislative process goes through August so the sooner the better to approve the resolution. Trustee Esquivel asked if the Board has a process/protocol for taking bills forward to legislature. This request will be discussed at the Board retreat per President Zendejas.

9.2 Discuss YCBE Retreat Goals for April 3, 2023 meeting

Items were added to the agenda for the Board retreat meeting on April 3, 2023. Trustee Moreno shared an example of Fresno COE and their special scholarships they offer as a collaboration of superintendent and board members and would like to have a discussion at retreat on how to be of support on this issue here at YCOE.

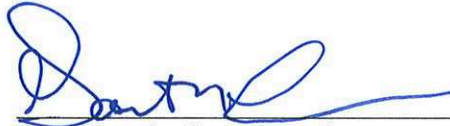
Updated organizational charts will be handed out at retreat along with a list of traditional resolutions per Trustee Moreno.

8.0 Suggested future agenda items.

- Turnover and emergency credential conditions in YCOE – Future meeting.
- Facilities update – Future meeting.
- EL RISE – Future meeting.
- Organ donation resolution month for April meeting.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 PM.

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



Garth Lewis, Superintendent