

**YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Meeting: April 11, 2023**  
**MINUTES**

**1.0 OPENING PROCEDURES**

- 1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education met on April 11, 2023, at 3:35 p.m. at a Regular Board meeting session in person and via Zoom. Board Members present were Elizabeth Esquivel, Melissa Moreno, Shelton Yip. Vice President Yip presided (Roll Call held). Trustee Armando Salud-Ambriz, President Tico Zendejas and Superintendent Garth Lewis is absent.
- 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:** Moreno **SECOND:** Esquivel **AYES:** Moreno, Esquivel, Yip **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** Salud-Ambriz, Zendejas

**2.0 RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- 2.1 YCOE Employee of the Month (March 2023)  
Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services presented the Employee of the month certificate for April 2023 to Catherine Vibert, Administrative Assistant, Educational Services Division. Staff thanked her for her hard work and dedication.

**3.0 Public Comment.**

None

**4.0 REPORTS**

4.1 Board Reports

Trustee Esquivel

- Attended California Association School Business Officials (CASBO) Conference.
  - Gratefully the Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE) was represented at the conference.
- Discussed duties as Vice President of California County Board of Education (CCBE) and work on Gibson Bill – in regard to community schools. Been an advocate and CCBE lead witness to support bill on April 4.

- Attended Earth Day event at community park in West Sacramento.
- Attended River City Democratic Club event.
  - Bill Dodd, California State Senator and Cecelia Aguiar Curry, California State Representative listened to current legislative actions.
- Attended Women’s Leadership Summit where she was part of panel sharing career stories.
- Participated in Assembly Subcommittee regarding Multi-Tiered System of Supports where changes were proposed.

Trustee Moreno

- Shared upcoming theme for Unity Conference which includes issues around equity and social justice. Trustee Moreno is also the Regional Director of the California Latino School Boards Association (CLSBA) and she is helping to finalize theme which includes regeneration of teachers and leaders in schools and communities with an emphasis on math, education, and implementation of ethnic studies.
- Attended local school board meeting in Davis. Acknowledged leaders of efforts there to support young people and the rights of trans-students to be protected. The ethnic studies teaching credential task force is rethinking how to bring in different stakeholders in conversation. Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) is also requesting a certificate in future. Was able to travel to Utah to gain insights on bills impacting students and youth there. It was interesting to hear and see other colleagues in other states protect young people’s rights. Thanked teachers and staff for all they do for students.

Vice President Yip

- Thank you for attending the Board retreat.
- Attended Yolo County Elected Officials event.
  - Eighty (80) plus people in attendance.
  - Congressman Mike Thompson was able to discuss bills on important subjects to support students.

Superintendent

None

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Educational Services

Maria Arvizu-Espinoza, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services reviewed her Board report. She gave an update on the Roadmap to the Future and discussed the April 17 second round of the champions sessions which will include tabletop sessions. The second round will take place May 1-4 and May 10.

Vice President Yip appreciates the written report.

Administrative Services

No report this month.

Committees

Vice President Yip stated that Trustee Esquivel and he were at the CCBE retreat for three (3) days. They worked on goals and objectives for the upcoming year. They also discussed AB 906 and organizational support. Trustee Esquivel is also helping plan the annual conference in September and is on the ad hoc committee for Yolo County BOE to add a student board member to Board meetings.

2.2 Associations

None.

5.0 **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda.

*Vice President Yip and Trustee Moreno have changes to Minutes. Both sent emails to Yvette Seibert, Executive Assistant, with corrections.*

*Motion to approve agenda with changes.*

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

6.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

6.1 RESOLUTION #22-23/45 National Asian Pacific American Heritage Month – May 2023

Vice President Yip presented this resolution to Carla Datanaga, President of Yolo Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs (APAPA) and past APAPA President Ruth Asmundson. They thanked the Board for their support.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #22-23/45 National Asian Pacific American Heritage Month – May 2023

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

6.2 RESOLUTION #22-23/46 Classified School Employee Week (May 21-27, 2023)

Vice President Yip presented this resolution to CSEA and AFSCME presidents, Austin Creamer and Allynson Camarillo. Ms. Camarillo thanked the board and staff. Staff commented on how important Classified employees are to Yolo COE and all schools in the county.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #22-23/46 Classified School Employee Week (May 21-27, 2023)

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

- 6.3 RESOLUTION #22-23/47 California Day of the Teacher (May 10, 2023)  
Trustee Elizabeth Esquivel presented this resolution to Allynson Camarillo, President AFSCME.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #22-23/47 California Day of the Teacher (May 10, 2023).

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

- 6.4 RESOLUTION #22-23/48 Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month – May 2023  
Maria Arvizu-Espinoza, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services presented this resolution to Karolina Soltero, CommuniCare’s Safe Care Clinic. Trustee Moreno thanked Ms. Soltero for all of her hard work. Trustee Moreno resonates with work done by CommuniCare for teen mothers. Trustees appreciate work done on this issue. Ms. Soltero commented on the name change for the clinic and preventing sexually transmitted diseases (STD’s) for teens.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #22-23/48 Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month – May 2023.

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

- 6.5 RESOLUTION #22-23/49 Mental Health Awareness Month – May 2023  
Vice President Yip presented resolution to Jen Boschee Danzer, Executive Director and Donna Neville, President of NAMI Yolo County. They thanked trustees for the resolution and recognition. Ms. Boschee Danzer discussed youth mental health and education. On April 23 there is a resilience event they hope the trustees can attend. Trustee Esquivel commented on the sponsored bill for mental health since it is dear to her heart. She appreciates the openness and willingness to talk in communities of color and the times that she was able to request help for herself and family on a family matter. Advocacy on behalf of NAMI is very important.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #22-23/49 Mental Health Awareness Month – May 2023.

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

- 6.6 RESOLUTION #22-23/50 National Foster Care Month – May 2023

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #22-23/50 National Foster Care Month – May

2023. Trustee Moreno presented resolution. Trustee Moreno is grateful to be a foster parent. She discussed being part of Yolo foster community and the need to support program and staff statewide. She is grateful for all the work being done in Yolo County for foster youth. Ms. Arvizu praised the Prevention and Wellness team that supports foster youth in Yolo County. Vice President Yip commented on the shortage of homes for foster youth currently and the hope to bring these kids home permanently.

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

Vice President Yip thanked everyone for being here. The board appreciates and recognizes all programs that support students. He stated that there will now be a five (5) minute break.

Break at 4:30 PM  
Reconvene at 4:36 PM

## 7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

### 7.1 Head Start/Early Head Start Reports

Katrina Hopkins, Program Administrator reviewed the Board report. Trustee Moreno thanked her for the details on events currently occurring. She noticed in a financial report it says volunteers with no amount next to it. She was wondering if there was a cost for volunteers. Ms. Hopkins stated that she will need to follow up with this question. Ms. Hinely stated that it is an in-kind amount and reviewed what Head Start is doing. She explained that it is not an expense. Trustee Moreno asked what educational labor partners would be valued at? Professional volunteers do not cost the program any money. It is voluntary. Vice President Yip stated that this narrative is helpful.

### 7.2 Attendance Board Reports – April 2023

Stan Mojsich, Assistant Superintendent, Equity and Support Services presented this PowerPoint. Staff continue to reach out to all students on attendance. Trustee Esquivel asked a question regarding conversations that staff is currently having on increasing attendance. Are there any trends on why nonattendance continues to increase? Mr. Mojsich stated that is a broad question. There tends to be more suspensions at this time possibly due to Spring fever and can be a multitude of issues. There are many different areas in dashboard where it shows low attendance, and every district is showing the same thing. We are currently facing different times and there are many social emotional needs after COVID. Staff is looking at this issue. One-time funds have helped to get more staff and hopefully more focus on mental health. Unfortunately, it may take time to see improvement in this area. Trustee Moreno asked if homelessness is impacting students? Are there any conversations that Dan Jacobs is closing or continuing? Homelessness does involve students but will need to discuss that question with staff at Cesar Chavez. The Dan Jacobs question is ongoing. Original timelines shared with the Board will

be kept and staff is working with partners and probation. Ms. Arvizu-Espinoza stated that the closure is still pending, and this item was pulled from the last Board of Supervisors meeting. She also discussed ongoing negotiations with Sacramento. Ms. Gerhart commented that there is a hard closing date in June. Sacramento County currently has forty (40) youth and will most likely be the transfer spot for current kids at Dan Jacobs. Vice President Yip commented on housing and foster youth in juvenile hall. Placer county is building a new facility that includes a therapeutic center. Ms. Gerhart has visited the facility and it is something the county should look at with focus groups.

7.3 First Reading of Independent Study Policies – BP and AR 6158

Stan Mojsich, Assistant Superintendent, Equity and Support Services presented this item and answered questions from the Board. Vice President Yip referenced AR's and stated that the BP is the only policy that comes back as an Action item to the Board next month. Vice President Yip also commented on all the changes that were addressed during pandemic and special circumstances. The AR policy is also very specific to how student IEPs are addressed. Mr. Mojsich asked the Board to review and send him any changes. The BP will come back to the Board next month for adoption. Trustee Esquivel asked about data from the education code, and would the policy be compliant? Mr. Mojsich stated that he followed California School Boards Association (CSBA) sample policy and yes, it is compliant with new legislation.

7.4 Cesar Chavez 2023-24 Calendar

Stan Mojsich, Assistant Superintendent, Equity and Support Services presented this item and answered questions from the Board. This calendar follows Woodland Joint USD calendar. He is bringing this item to the Board as information. Mr. Mojsich stated that the Governor signed three (3) new state holidays. Did the new holidays impact the creation of a new calendar this year. Staff stated that Juneteenth was added, and he will look into other holidays and circle back with the Board on this question.

7.5 Quarterly Report – Williams Uniform Complaints YCOE Schools

Gayelynn Gerhart, Director, Special Projects presented this report and answered questions from the Board.

7.6 Monthly Board Financial Report

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

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 August meeting.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 PM.

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Moreno, Yip **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** Salud-Ambriz, Zendejas



Garth Lewis, Superintendent