

YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting: May 9, 2023
MINUTES

1.0 OPENING PROCEDURES

- 1.1 Consider Approval of Virtual Participation of Yolo County BOE Regular Meeting by Trustee Armando Salud-Ambriz due to Emergency circumstances (AB 2449).

Motion to approve Virtual participation of Yolo County BOE Regular Meeting by Trustee Armando Salud-Ambriz due to Emergency circumstances (AB 2449).

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

- 1.2 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education met on May 9, 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, Shelton Yip, Tico Zendejas. President Zendejas presided. Superintendent Garth Lewis was present. (Roll Call held). Armando Salud-Ambriz participated by Zoom due to emergency circumstances (AB 2449).

- 1.3 Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement. The land acknowledgement statement was conducted.

- 1.4 Pledge of Allegiance. The pledge of allegiance was conducted.

- 1.5 Approval of Agenda.
Motion to Approve agenda.

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

2.0 RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2.1 YCOE Employee of the Month (May 2023)
Margie Valenzuela presented the Employee of the Month certificate for May 2023 to Christie Petrali, Sr. Payroll/Benefits Technician, Confidential, Human Resources 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 the California County Board of Education (CCBE) Board Retreat.
 - Discussed the 3–5-year strategic plan.
 - Advocacy and engagement are top priorities.
 - Attended the conference planning committee.
 - Worked on draft schedule for CCBE conference in September.
- Attended Education Assembly Subcommittee on Safety in April.
 - Discussed engagement and education.
- Attended California Parent Teachers Association (PTA) panel of partners in education.
- Attended Sacramento Hispanic chamber of commerce on April 27 at Cesar Chavez Plaza.
 - Celebration and positivity at the event.
- On May 2 attended the Roadmap to the Future event in River City.
 - Received input and feedback from the community.
 - Engagement and childcare at the event are very important and appreciate as a parent to have this available so that the community can participate.
- On May 4 attended the AB 906 community court schools hearing on April 24.
 - Discussed amendments.
 - Currently a 2-year bill.
- On May 5 attended the Rotary Club as part of the community to support students.
 - The President spoke on innovation and culture.
 - Discussed services provided to community.
- On May 8 attended the River City Club event where the guest speaker discussed negative comments in community, state, and other regions.
 - Tools and best practices were shared to help navigate these issues.

Shared information on the California School Boards Association (CSBA) newsletter that features Los Angeles County Office of Education ad to support school districts and schools in regard to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex and Asexual (LGBTQIA) Pride Month.

Trustee Moreno

- Thanked Trustee Esquivel for her work at CCBE, etc.
- Continuing her work at the California Latino School Boards Association (CLSBA) planning meeting for the annual Unity Conference in Fall which will be held in Long Beach this year.
 - All who are involved and support K12 education are invited to join keynote speakers behind CLSBA Unity Conference.
- Attended local event with San Francisco poet laureate Tongo Eisen-Martin with youth and young adults at the UC Davis Chicano art center.
- Supported group of youth who met with national leaders like Julian Castro

at Woodland Community College.

- Event included a youth centered session that allowed questions only from young people.
- Acknowledged ethnic studies teacher credential bill that turned into a 2-year bill. More discussion to come on this issue at their annual conference. Community College Districts currently have an ethnic studies program. High school students can access classes through the system.

Acknowledged leadership (including Ms. Gloria Partida) and efforts from the Davis city council on the recent murders in that area. It is a challenging situation involving a young Latino male and the community is grieving.

Vice President Yip

- Stated that compassion is the greatest form of love humans offer. Phoenix center helps our community heal from the recent events in Davis. Thank you for all your help and support.
- Attended CCBE board retreat and thanked Trustee Esquivel for her leadership. YCOE is well represented with Trustee Esquivel as Vice President and Mr. Yip sitting on the board of directors. Trustee Salud-Ambriz was also asked to fill a committee seat.
- Attended Lisa Project which had a focus on child abuse.
- Attended Woodland Youth Action Plan meeting at Woodland Joint USD.
- Attended Greengate Spring Fling.
- Attended Roadmap to the Future Davis session.
 - Great sharing sessions.
- On May 4 attended Cesar Chavez Community School open house.
 - Enjoyed talking with students and families.
- Attended the CAC awards last night. It was a full house, and all the districts were represented including three (3) students who received awards.

Trustee Salud-Ambriz

- Currently on the mend from emergency back surgery.
 - Appreciates all the support from the Board and Superintendent.
- Helped with Yolo County supporting April donor month and getting the word out to people of color since they are the least registered for organ donations.
 - Multicultural resolution on organ donation will be presented to the Board in August.
- Asked to serve on the bylaws committee of CCBE organization.

President Zendejas

- Great to hear all the amazing work of colleagues.
- Been traveling for personal and professional reasons since April.

- Wished all the mothers a Happy Mother's Day.
- Thanked Trustee Esquivel for her leadership.
- Congratulated United Way for 100 years. Honored to be presenting resolution today on this issue.
- Participated in the Big Day of Giving for Yolo County. So many great leaders were highlighted that serve our students and families in need.

Superintendent

- Congratulated United Way's 100th anniversary.
 - The Gala was amazing.
 - Heard stories from families and great work being done by United Way.
- Supported the Big day of giving.
 - Two Hundred Fifty (250) nonprofits serve the community.
- Recognized teacher appreciation week and thanked all of the teachers in Yolo County.
- Attended the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) awards.
- Will be attending the roadmap session in Woodland tomorrow.
 - Excited about the level of engagement with the Board of Supervisors.
 - Recommendations to help Board of Supervisors invest rest of funds (ARP)
- Lisa Young, Current Principal at Greengate had a spill on campus. She is doing well and resting so there are currently two (2) veteran interim principals (Jonelle Castiglia and Debra Johnson) helping out along with Marty Remmers, Director, Special Education and team.
- There are currently several retirements at YCOE. Thanked Human Resources department for keeping up on jobs being posted and finding new people to work at YCOE.
- Introduced Ms. Veronica Moreno as the new Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services. Thanked Crissy Huey, current Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services for her support in the transition of this position.
- Reminded the Board that May 18 is the YCOE staff appreciation event at Nelson's Grove.

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Administrative Services

- Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services has been interviewing candidates for the External Business Services Director. The Internal fiscal Services Director is also retiring and there is a vacancy. Veronica Moreno, Debra Hinely and Ms. Huey will be working on a transition plan for the programs.
- Currently updating strategic goals for the 2022-23 year.

Educational Services

- Maria Arvizu-Espinoza, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services reviewed her Board report.
- Announced hiring of new principal for Cesar Chavez Community School. Jared Coughlan will begin on July 1. He is the 2015-16 elementary school teacher of the year in Washington USD. He also won the Salute to Educator award and has ten (10) years' experience in adult education and alternative education. Stan Mojsich, Assistant Director, Equity and Support Services will help train and support this position.
- Update on Dan Jacobs – Conversations/negotiations are still ongoing with Sacramento and Yolo.
- Summer school planning for alternative and special education is ongoing.

Superintendent Lewis commented on the calendar of events in the Board packet which includes upcoming YCOE events and graduations.

Committees

- Trustee Esquivel commented on the committee to add a student Board member. They are currently reviewing best practices from other counties and student advisory board members from districts. Also currently exploring resolutions from other counties on this issue.
 - Trustee Moreno stated that time and energy is a resource and compensation, or a stipend should be considered for the student board member. Trustee Esquivel stated that there are conversations occurring on this issue. They are also looking into community services hours and what they can offer. The challenge has been to figure out existing legislation and she stated that San Diego USD is currently sponsoring a bill on LEA's compensation to student board members, and it has a lot of support. The committee is also currently reviewing compensation and stipends based on ADA for the county office. More information will be shared at future Board meetings. President Zendejas thanked Trustees Esquivel and Salud-Ambriz for the overview.

2.2 Associations
None.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda. *Vice President asked to pull items a and b and approve item c.*

Motion to approve item c on consent agenda.

MOTION: Yip **SECOND:** AYES: Moreno, Esquivel, Salud-Ambriz, Yip, Zendejas **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** None
Board retreat changes to minutes. 3rd bullet. CSBA survey does not always apply to county board.

Trustee Yip had changes to the April 3, 2023 Board Retreat and the April 11, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. He emailed the changes to Yvette Seibert, Executive Assistant.

Motion to approve items a and b on consent agenda with changes.

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

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

6.1 RESOLUTION #22-23/51 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex and Asexual (LGBTQIA) Pride Month – May 2023

Trustee Melissa Moreno presented this resolution to Gloria Partida and Anoosh Jorjorian from the Davis Phoenix Coalition. They thanked the Board for their support and discussed upcoming projects. Vice President Yip thanked them for being the voice and the soul of many.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #22-23/51 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex and Asexual (LGBTQIA) Pride Month – May 2023

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

6.2 RESOLUTION #22-23/52 In Recognition of 100 Years of Service by the United Way California Capital Region

Vice President Yip presented this resolution to Dr. Dawnte Early-West, President/CEO, United Way California Capital Region. Dr. Early-West thanked the board and staff. She also discussed support given to families and communities since 1923 by United Way.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #22-23/52 In Recognition of 100 Years of Service by the United Way California Capital Region

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

6.3 RESOLUTION #22-23/53 In Recognition of 25 years for the Yolo County Local Child Care Planning Council (LPC)

President Tico Zendejas presented this resolution to representatives of the LPC - Maria Lewis, Carrie Roberts and Shannon McClarin. They discussed the work that has been done by volunteers during the pandemic for childcare providers who support children and teachers. Ms. McClarin thanked the Board and staff for the resolution.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #22-23/53 In Recognition of 25 years for the Yolo County Local Child Care Planning Council (LPC)

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

6.4 Second Reading of Board Policy (BP 6158)

Motion to approve BP 6158.

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

7.0 A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED TO RECEIVE COMMENT FROM PARENTS, TEACHERS, MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, AND BARGAINING UNIT LEADERS REGARDING THE INITIAL PROPOSAL OF THE SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE 2024-2025 NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES OF THE CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, CHAPTER #639 ("CSEA"). Public Hearing opened at 4:44 pm and closed at 4:45 pm. There were no comments.

8.0 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

8.1 Initial Proposal of the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools for 2024-2025 Negotiations for Classified Employees of the California School Employees Association, Chapter #639 ("CSEA"). Superintendent Lewis presented this item. There were no questions.

8.2 P-2 Attendance
Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Fiscal Services presented this item. There were no questions.

Trustee Esquivel left at 4:46 and returned at 4:49 pm

8.3 2023-2024 Education Protection Account Spending Plan
Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Fiscal Services presented this item. There were no questions.

8.4 Monthly Board Financial Report
Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Fiscal Services presented this item. There were no questions.

8.5 Head Start/Early Head Start Reports
Shannon McClarin, Director, Early Childhood Education presented this item. Vice President Yip asked about the Mixed Delivery Grant UPK. What does the grant entail. Ms. McClarin gave a brief description and stated the Board will receive a report on this grant in June.

8.6 Attendance Board Reports – May 2023

Stan Mojsich, Assistant Superintendent, Equity and Support Services presented the PowerPoint in the Board packet on behalf of Principal Schlaman who is at a conference. Questions from trustees included contacting students who were not present in class. Mr. Mojsich commented on items currently being done to contact students. Staff is also currently holding meetings with other districts and student services directors who will be forwarding students' names for the program. Trustees asked why districts are now more open to their children in the program. Mr. Mojsich stated that he thinks word is getting out more on the new extension program and more outreach is being done. VP Yip thanked staff for the outreach and stated that districts were not understanding the program and do now. We are making progress but need more work. Trustee Esquivel asked what the reason is for the decline in ADA in the one month? Mr. Mojsich stated that he will talk to staff in detail on why.


- 8.7 Williams Quarterly Report on Yolo County Schools in Decile 1-3; Covering the months of January, February, and March 2023.
Deborah Bruns, Director, Teaching and Learning presented this report. She will be reviewing SARCs that will be placed on website and will report findings at a future meeting.

- 8.8 First Reading of Board Bylaws (9000 Series)
Superintendent Lewis presented this item and answered questions from the Board. Vice President Yip appreciates the work done on this. He stated that Board policy 9010 answers questions that trustees had at the retreat on making public statements as an individual and/or on behalf of the Board. Trustee Moreno commented on Board member communication and how it was discussed at the CSBA trainings. She also commented on trustee's social media accounts and trustees should not like comments on Facebook or it can become a Brown Act violation.

- 9.0 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.

- 10.0 ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 PM.

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


Garth Lewis, Superintendent