

**YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Meeting: January 31, 2017**  
**MINUTES**

**1.0 OPENING PROCEDURES**

- 1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education met on January 31, 2017 at 3:32pm in Regular session in the Conference Center located at 1280 Santa Anita Court, Suite #120, Woodland, CA. Board Members present were: Carol Souza Cole, Matt Taylor, Bill Owens, Cirenio Rodriguez, and Shelton Yip. Board President Matt Taylor presided. Dr. Jesse Ortiz, Superintendent of Schools, was also present. (Roll Call held)
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance. The pledge of allegiance was conducted.
- 1.3 Approval of Agenda. The agenda was approved as submitted.

**MOTION:** Owens. **SECOND:** Souza Cole. **AYES:** Owens, Souza Cole, Taylor, Yip, Rodriguez. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None.

- 1.4 Public Comment. There were no comments at this time.

**2.0 REPORTS**

- 2.1 Board Member(s)/Superintendent/SAT/Committee(s).
- a. Board Members Reports:
- Trustee Yip wished all Gung hay fat choy (Happy Chinese New Year). He shared that he had attended the Adult Living Skills graduation in December and thoroughly enjoyed it. He congratulated Garth Lewis for a fantastic speech as keynote speaker at the Martin Luther King Jr. event in Davis. He also attended the State of the State address here at Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE) with Peter Birdsall, the YCOE New Years Gathering for employees, the Policy Analysis for California Education Conference as well as the Yolo County School Boards Association (YCSBA) meeting. He shared that YCSBA is now considering two year terms for members as well as two events, one on fiscal solvency and the annual Excellence in Education awards celebration in May.
  - Trustee Souza Cole attended the art show at Cesar Chavez West Sacramento featuring Blues in the Schools and greatly enjoyed the musicians and art for sale. She also attended the ALSA graduation and wanted to thank Sharon Holstege and staff for the meaningful life passage for the student. She also thanked Garth Lewis for speaking at two Martin Luther King Jr. Celebrations (in Woodland and in Davis) and Superintendent Ortiz shared that his speech will be uploaded to the YCOE website.
  - Trustee Owens shared that he had visited a potential site for future YCOE use as part of Facilities Committee and will share more information with

full board at a later date. He shared that he sponsored the Soups On event which raised \$34,000 for Empower Yolo which is an organization that provides services to children and adults who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and other forms of abuse.

- Trustee Rodriguez just returned from holiday in Mexico and has begun filling in for a colleague teaching. He shared that he is very proud to rejoin the YCOE family of which he was a part of for many years. He helped organize an immigration forum to keep the community informed. Initially it was intended for Spanish speaking parents but the word did not get out on time so instead every level of county government participated and it got many engaged in a discussion on leadership in the community. It was found to be productive and worthwhile and have planned others throughout the year to keep grounded on how to protect youth. Trustee Yip shared that some boards are passing resolutions for Safe, Positive Schools for all and asked if this Board would consider passing a similar resolution.
  - Board President Taylor shared that he is excited to hear the upcoming presentation on foster youth as he and his wife have recently begun foster parenting a young boy.
- b. Superintendent:
- Superintendent Ortiz provided the following report:
    - o Intends to bring a resolution to the Executive Committee in support of immigrant students since 70% students are students of color in Yolo County, 50% are Latino and 25% are English learners.
    - o Distributed a list of upcoming events and highlighted the Youth in Transition conference on February 6<sup>th</sup>, the African American Youth Conference on February 4<sup>th</sup>, the YCSBA presentation on fiscal solvency on March 1<sup>st</sup> and the State of Young Children in Yolo County presentation on March 10<sup>th</sup>.
    - o Recognized Employee of the Month for December, Edward Clark, Custodian at Greengate School. He was nominated by Greengate staff for enthusiasm and going above and beyond. More important he is there to meet the needs of all of our students.
- c. Superintendent's Advisory Team:
- Ronda DaRosa reviewed the attendance report which showed steady improvement. She shared that she and Tami Ethier made presentations at the California County Boards of Education Governance Training and would be happy to share that information with the Board. She also shared that the Early Adopter Professional Network kicked off on January 20<sup>th</sup> with all five Yolo County school districts calling in as well as three other county offices. There will be web presentations and other upcoming events and so far have received good feedback.
  - Tami Ethier reviewed the Governor's budget proposal for 2017-18 with a Prezi presentation.
- d. Committees:
- Trustee Souza Cole reported that she and Trustee Yip will review existing policies and proposed CCBE policies with a goal to move through policies

- and get them done as soon as possible.
- Bill and Matt met with Facilities committee.

2.2 Associations. No reports.

### 3.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION

3.1 Consent Agenda.

- a. Approval of Minutes: December 13, 2016 Regular Meeting
- b. Temporary County Certificates

The Board took action to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted.

**MOTION:** Souza Cole. **SECOND:** Rodriguez. **AYES:** Souza Cole, Rodriguez, Yip, Taylor, Owens. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None.

3.2 Report on Services for Foster Youth in Yolo County. Garth Lewis provided information regarding services available to foster youth in Yolo County. He introduced Kaelin Souza, the new Foster Youth Coordinator, then he reviewed a PowerPoint presentation: “Yolo County Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program (FYSCP) AB 854” (a copy of the presentation can be found with the official records of the meeting).

3.3 2015-16 Audit Report. Tami Ethier introduced Jeff Nigro of Nigro & Nigro. Mr. Nigro reviewed the results of the annual audit and responded to questions of the Board.

3.4 P-1 ADA Report 2016-17. Mechele Coombs reviewed the Actual Average Daily Attendance P-1 Report reflecting student attendance from the beginning of school year and responded to questions of the Board.

3.5 Attendance Reports.

- a. Alternative Education
- b. Special Education

The Board reviewed the attendance reports distributed by staff. Garth Lewis responded to questions of the Board regarding the Alternative Education reports.

3.6 Head Start/Early Head Start Reports.

- a. Enrollment Update
- b. Program
- c. Financial Status
- d. Standard Form 425

Gail Nadal shared some updates for the program including the following: the Region

IX Program Specialist that has worked with our program has left, she has met the new Program Specialist, and Region IX has put our program on a training and technical assistance plan due to the fact that it had not been fully enrolled for four months. She then answered questions of the Board.

- 3.7 Quarterly Report of Investments for Period Ending September 30, 2016. Mechele Coombs presented this item for information and responded to questions of the Board.
- 3.8 Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for YCOE Operated Schools Covering the Months of October, November, and December 2016. Ronda DaRosa reviewed the report contained in the Board packet which reflects YCOE operated schools. There were no complaints.
- 3.9 Public Hearing. At 5:19pm, Board President Taylor opened the public hearing to receive comments from parents, teachers, members of the community, and bargaining unit leaders regarding the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools' Response to the Initial Proposal from the California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter #639 for 2016-17. The Public Hearing was closed at 5:20pm.
- 3.10 Discuss Yolo County Board of Education Retreat Goals. The Board discussed availability for holding the retreat on February 16, 2017, 9am – 12:00pm. They suggested the following topics for the retreat: goals for YCOE as an institution that both the Superintendent and Board are integrated and engaged in, establishing a program or pattern for succession of officers, reviewing interdistrict attendance appeal approach, CCBE guidelines for charter schools, and a quick review of 2016-18 goals set at last year's retreat.
- 3.11 Suggested Future Agenda Items. The Board reviewed the suggested future items list contained in the Board packet. Superintendent Ortiz requested that the Board consider scheduling regular program highlights on the monthly agenda throughout the year.

**4.0 ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting adjourned at 5:31pm.

**MOTION:** Owens. **SECOND:** Rodriguez. **AYES:** Owens, Rodriguez, Souza Cole, Yip, Taylor. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None.

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Jesse Ortiz, Ed.D.  
Yolo County Superintendent of Schools and  
Secretary to the Yolo County Board of Education