

YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting: February 28, 2017
MINUTES

1.0 OPENING PROCEDURES

- 1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education met on February 28, 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: Matt Taylor, Bill Owens, Cirenio Rodriguez, and Shelton Yip. Carol Souza Cole was absent. 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:** Yip. **AYES:** Owens, Yip, Taylor, Rodriguez.
NOES: None. **ABSENT:** Souza Cole.

- 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 reported out on the Yolo County School Board Association meeting. He gave a reminder for the first event tomorrow night, “Staying Solvent in Tough Times” as well as for the Excellence in Education awards on May 1st. He shared that the district culinary programs will provide the catering and the Esparto district will provide floral arrangements and awards. He also shared the results of the discussion from YCSBA regarding the proposed two-year terms for members and the general consensus from YCSBA is to leave it to the discretion of each district board.
- Board President Taylor will be attending a conference in Florida.

b. Superintendent:

- Superintendent Ortiz provided the following report:
 - o Thanked the Special Education Division for the Transition Symposium event held yesterday. It was the first time the event was held and over 100 students attended.
 - o A candlelight vigil will be held for the missing Cesar Chavez students on Friday.
 - o Next Monday, the Yolo County Sheriff and potentially some of the police chiefs will address myths about how they handle undocumented and detained individuals in the county.
 - o State of Young Children event on Friday, March 10th.
 - o Cesar Chavez Legacy Dinner on Wednesday, March 22nd.

- o Amanda Vogel was presented Employee of the Month. She routinely goes above and beyond her duties. Her supervisor, Jackie Tam, shared that Amanda has 100% attendance which means she has never missed a day of work this year. She provides individual attention to the children, is involved with the Yolo Farm to Fork project and documents all of her work with the children.
 - c. Superintendent's Advisory Team:
 - Ronda DaRosa distributed copies of the Drone/UAV Commercial Certification Course flyer on behalf of the College and Career department. She also distributed copies of the special education and alternative education attendance reports as well as the YCOE Board Update, and highlighted items for the Board.
 - Tami Ethier provided a budget update via Prezi. One concern is the projected reduction in funding which has districts across the state reeling. There will also be a Special Education stakeholder meeting to discuss Special Education Local Plan Area's (SELPA) role. The bottom line is providing high quality services at a reasonable cost.
 - d. Committees:
 - No reports.
- 2.2 Associations. No reports.

3.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION

- 3.1 Consent Agenda.
- a. Approval of Minutes: January 31, 2017 Regular Meeting and the February 16, 2017 Special Meeting.
 - b. Temporary County Certificates

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

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

- 3.2 Resolution #16-17/13: In Support of High School Voter Weeks, April 16-29, 2017. Superintendent Ortiz presented this item. This Resolution is presented twice annually in support of high school voter weeks. Two individuals from the Woodland League of Women Voters were present to accept the resolution. The League thanked YCOE for their support. Trustee Owens thanked the League for their work in the community.

The Board took action to approve Resolution #16-17/13.

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

- 3.3 Resolution #16-17/14: In Support of Immigrant Students. Superintendent Ortiz presented this item. Approximately 12-13% of school age students in Yolo County are undocumented and 50% of all students have at least one parent who is an immigrant. Ramon Urbano was present to accept the Resolution on behalf of the Yolo Interfaith Immigration Network.

The Board took action to approve Resolution #16-17/14.

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

- 3.4 Resolution #16-17/15: Approving Field Trips for the Student Host Program in Support of Farm Connection Day. Superintendent Ortiz presented this item. Gary Wegener, was in attendance to accept the resolution and briefly shared about the 4H program in general and that approximately 2,000 students participate in Farm Connection Day.

The Board took action to approve Resolution #16-17/15.

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

- 3.5 Program Highlight: Yolo County Office of Education Internship Program. Lori Perez, Director of Career Technical Education, presented information on the YCOE internship program. Lori Perez distributed copies of Internship Report prepared by Andrew Codd, who was unable to be present, and briefly shared about Mr. Codd's work with students in this program. Citlali Lara, a Woodland High School student, shared her experience interning at the public defenders office. She thanked Ms. Perez and Ismael Hernandez, Career Technical Education teacher, for their support. She has been interning for 6 months in which time she has gained a better understanding about the trial process and learned responsibility and maturity. She thanked the board and staff for providing the opportunity to participate in the program.
- 3.6 Greengate Safe School Plan. Debra Johnsen, Principal of Greengate School, reviewed the Safe School Plan contained in the board packet and responded to questions of the Board. This is not a finished document and will be added to and revised on yearly basis. Trustee Yip mentioned looking at needs of each student regarding medications should an event occur that requires staff and students to shelter in place. Trustee Owens commented on revising the plan to include procedures in case of a hazardous materials release, specifically in the shelter in place response. He also commented on completing the Crisis Response Team Flow Chart in the document ahead of time rather than making decisions in the midst of a crisis. He then asked if YCOE has any specific regulations or requirements in connection with gang-related matters. Ms. Johnsen shared that there isn't a need at Greengate but there is a dress code for staff with regard to safety and helping to

transport students. Assistant Superintendent Lewis shared that there is a strict policy regarding gang-related apparel in the Cesar Chavez handbook and safe school plan.

Board Vice President Rodriguez left at 4:26pm

3.7 Annual Review of Yolo County Investment Policy. Mechele Coombs reviewed the policy contained in the board packet and responded to questions of the Board.

- 3.8 Attendance Reports.
- a. Alternative Education
 - b. Special Education

Garth Lewis, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, reviewed the attendance reports from Alternative Education and responded to questions of the Board. Sharon Holstege, Director of Special Education reviewed the Special Education report with the Board.

- 3.9 Head Start/Early Head Start Reports.
- a. Enrollment Update
 - b. Program
 - c. Financial Status
 - d. “Draft” Grant Application

Gail Nadal reviewed the enrollment update and director’s report and responded to question of the Board. She shared that we are currently reviewing eligibility requirements with Region IX and invited the board and staff to participate in Read Across America, Dr. Seuss’ Birthday on March 2nd.

3.10 Williams Quarterly Report on Yolo County Schools in Decile 1-3 Covering the Months of October, November, December 2016. Viola DeVita presented this item for information and responded to questions of the Board. Board President Taylor asked about the School Accountability Report Card reports and Ms. DeVita shared about the process regarding the reports.

3.11 Suggested Future Agenda Items. Trustee Owens requested the addition of a presentation on the planning and preparation for hazardous materials release at YCOE facilities.

4.0 ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 4:47pm.

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

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