

YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting: February 27, 2018
MINUTES

1.0 OPENING PROCEDURES

- 1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education met on February 27, 2018 at 3:33pm in Regular session in the Conference Center located at 1280 Santa Anita Court, Suite #120, Woodland, CA. Board Members present were: Carol Souza Cole, Bill Owens, Cirenio Rodriguez and Shelton Yip. Matt Taylor arrived late. Board President Cirenio Rodriguez 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. Board President Rodriguez noted that Item #4.3 Presentation: Countywide Dashboards will be moved to the March meeting, due to the illness of Ronda DaRosa.

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

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

2.0 YOLO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION EMPLOYEE(S) OF THE MONTH

RECOGNITION: Executive Director of Human Resources, Margie Valenzuela, presented Ismael Hernandez with a Certificate of Appreciation. Lori Perez nominated Mr. Hernandez for the award and shared that he as a Correctional Officer at the Monroe Detention Center (Yolo County jail) for the last 15 years, he brings a sense of validity and realness as a teacher in the Criminal Justice Program at Cesar Chavez Community School. Superintendent Ortiz and Assistant Superintendent Garth Lewis also offered thanks and appreciation for his work. Mr. Hernandez thanked the administrators for their support and introduced his children who were in the audience.

3.0 REPORTS

3.1 Board Member(s)/Superintendent/SAT/Committee(s).

a. Board Members

- Board Vice President Yip shared that he had the opportunity to attend the Race Counts forum and the NorCal Trykers event where five bicycles were given away, including one given to his neighbor. He attended the African American Student Leadership event last weekend and enjoyed the great keynote speakers. He thanked Garth Lewis and Carolynne Beno for moving forward on Resilient Yolo, which he feels is important work for the county and children. He is proud of the work being done with the various Yolo county agencies working together to fill in the gaps for services. He reminded the trustees that Excellence in Education, hosted by the Yolo County School Boards Association (YCSBA) will take place on Monday,

April 30. He also met with the Legislative Committee last Friday and reviewed incoming bills. This coming weekend, he will attend the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) Retreat where they will reset their goals and mission statement.

- Trustee Souza Cole shared that she is looking forward to reading at Head Start for the Read Across America event.
 - Board President Rodriguez shared that he had also attended the Race Counts forum. As a member of a statewide organization for farmworkers, he attended a meeting where they are attempting to expedite the clean-up left from the recent fires. He just returned from a visit to El Rancho Unified School District, to see the first ethnic studies program; 11 people from the Woodland school district also attended, including administrators, parents and teachers. He noted that districts should prepare for students to participate in a national student walkout scheduled on March 14 at 10:00am to honor the students killed in Florida and to press for stricter gun control laws.
- b. Superintendent Ortiz
- He will be coordinating a meeting with local law enforcement and district superintendents to discuss a common message countywide regarding gun violence. April 20 is being recognized as National Day of Action to Prevent Gun Violence in Schools. He added that the YCSBA may be able to discuss hosting a forum on this topic in the near future. Board Vice President Yip noted that the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) will also convene a task force for review of best practices on this topic.
- c. Superintendent's Advisory Team
- Garth Lewis distributed copies and reviewed the *Yolo County Board of Education Update, February 27, 2018* (copies can be found on file with the official records of this meeting) on behalf of Ronda DaRosa, who was absent. Notable dates include:
 - o May 1 Cesar Chavez Community School Open House
 - o May 4 students display artwork at First Friday Art Walk
 - o March 24 Youth Empowerment Summit at Woodland Community College
 - o March 30 Spring Egg Hunt @ Greengate SchoolHe added that Marco Osorio was chosen by the California Endowment staff to participate in a national youth gathering regarding civic engagement. Trustee Souza Cole asked if Marco Osorio would be able to speak on this for approximately 5 minutes at the next board meeting. Mr. Lewis graciously accepted the invitation on behalf of the student.
 - Tami Ethier shared that the Technology Department has been working on security updates to the firewall and content filter. The Support Operations Services Department has been updating the card key access system for better security. Internal Business has been diligently working on the second interim budget. External Business has just completed preparation of 1099s and W2s for all Yolo county school district employees.

d. Committees

Board President Rodriguez shared that he and Board Vice President Shelton Yip had met last week as the Superintendent's Compensation Committee. The Committee requested that the Board Policy Committee review the policy developed three years ago for possible updates. Trustee Owens noted that the Superintendent's Compensation Committee be mindful of the election year schedule of the existing policy. Trustee Souza Cole requested that the Superintendent's Office send copies of the existing policy to each of the trustees. The Superintendent's Compensation Committee will meet again to discuss.

3.2 Associations. No reports.

4.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION

4.1 Consent Agenda.

- a. Approval of Minutes: January 30, 2018 Regular Meeting.
- b. Temporary County Certificates

The Board took action to approve the Consent agenda.

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

- 4.2 Presentation: Yolo County Board of Education Reporting Requirements for the 2015 Certificate of Participation (COP). Tami Ethier introduced Lori Rainieri, President of Government Financial Strategies, inc. Ms. Rainieri reviewed the legal structure of the COP via a 17-page PowerPoint presentation titled, *2015 Certificates of Participation: Ongoing Reporting Requirements* (copies can be found on file with the official records of this meeting). She explained that the Yolo County Board of Education Financing Corporation was formed for the sole purpose of supporting the financing of the Santa Anita Court building (purchased by the Yolo County Board of Education in 2004). At the time, the Financing Corporation was created to make it easier to obtain a forum to conduct business (process annual legal requirements). The Financing Corporation includes the five board members, Superintendent, and the Chief Business Officer – all voting members. As part of the annual legal obligations, the Board of Education has a covenant to budget the payment and appropriate funds to repay the loan; demonstrate that the insurance has been kept in place; provide audited financial statements and no event of default information to the bond insurer. Also, provide a continuing disclosure report, report budget and financial statements and any material event (to the municipal bond market place). In the future, each of these documents will be presented annually at a regular board of education meeting. The Financing Corporation will also meet once per year (unless otherwise necessary) to acknowledge the Corporations' existence; to report out that all of the legal requirements were previously met at a regular board of education meeting; and to acknowledge receipt of the taxes.

- 4.3 Presentation: Countywide Dashboards. This item was moved to the March Regular agenda meeting.

Trustee Taylor arrived at 4:26pm

- 4.4 Presentation: Yolo County Office of Education Facility Update. Support Operations Services Director, Matt Juchniewicz reviewed a presentation via Prezi displaying how the educational specifications are incorporated into a particular project; it also highlighted some of the facility needs of three main programs: Special Education, Alternative Education and Head Start; and, provided an update of the facilities master plan. Trustee Owens expressed his appreciation of the overview and requested a copy of the presentation. He also requested that a meeting be scheduled with the Facilities Committee (himself and Trustee Souza Cole) and staff one week prior to the April board meeting.
- 4.5 Resolution #17-18/15: In Support of High School Voter Weeks, April 15-28, 2018. Superintendent Ortiz presented the Resolution, which is brought to the board twice during the year. Lori Perez accepted the Resolution on behalf of the Civic Engagement Committee (newly formed partnership with Yolo County Clerk-Recorder/Assessor, Jesse Salinas, YCOE Program Specialist, Maria Chairez, Garth Lewis and Mindy Romero, Director of UC Davis California Civic Engagement Project). The Committee is currently working with teachers to review lesson plans on civic education being developed by Dr. Romero and Mr. Salinas, which they are hoping to pilot locally and eventually launch statewide. Trustee Souza Cole noted that the Yolo County League of Women Voters has also been a valuable partner in this arena. They have also accomplished a lot of work with the Yolo Elections Office including a robust high school voter registration drive.

The Board took action to approve Resolution #17-18/15.

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

- 4.6 Second Reading: BP/SP 6153 School-Sponsored Trips. Garth Lewis distributed copies of a revised Administrative Regulation (AR) 6153 and reviewed the changes.

The Board took action to approve BP/SP 6153 School-Sponsored Trips.

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

The Superintendent hereby adopted SP 6153 on this date.

- 4.7 Yolo County Office of Education Master Plan for English Learners (ELs). Maria Chairez, Program Specialist, reviewed the Master Plan for English Learners and responded to questions of the Board. Approximately 20% of YCOE students are second language learners who receive services at Cesar Chavez Community

School (Woodland and West Sacramento), Dan Jacobs and Special Education programs. Approximately 30% of those students are eligible for Special Education services. As a follow up question from a previous Board meeting, Trustee Taylor inquired about the issue of what appeared to be students being reidentified as ELs. Tami Ethier responded that staff will soon be meeting to address the issue; she will report the outcome of that meeting to the board. In the meantime, this item will be placed on the Suggested Future Items list.

4.8 Head Start/Early Head Start Reports

- a. Enrollment Update
- b. Program
- c. Financial Status
- d. "Draft" Grant Application

Gail Nadal reported that Head Start is fully enrolled. Her staff is excited about the upcoming Read Across America event on March 2 honoring Dr. Seuss' birthday and encouraged the trustees to volunteer as honorary readers. Trustees Taylor and Owens noted that they liked the budget narrative format of the draft grant application and suggested that staff keep it in mind for future budget presentations.

Board President Rodriguez left at 5:23pm

4.9 Alternative Education Attendance Report

Garth Lewis reviewed the attendance report and responded to questions of the Board.

4.10 Williams Quarterly Report on Yolo County Schools in Decile 1-3 Covering the Months of October, November, December 2017. Deb Bruns presented this item for information and responded to questions of the Board.

4.11 Annual Review of Yolo County Investment Policy. Crissy Huey reviewed the draft investment policy contained in the Board packet and responded to questions of the Board.

4.12 Public Hearing: At 5:35pm, Board Vice President Yip opened the public hearing to receive comment from parents, teachers, members of the community, and bargaining unit leaders regarding the *revised* Initial Proposal to the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools from the Yolo Education Association (YEA). Heather Williams acknowledged this item as a formality, due to a request by YEA for an article number change on the initial proposal (Superintendent's response provided in July). The Public Hearing was closed at 5:36pm.

4.13 Yolo County Superintendent of Schools' Response to the *revised* Initial Proposal from the Yolo Education Association (YEA). Jesse Ortiz presented this item for information and responded to questions of the Board.

- 4.14 Suggested Future Agenda Items. Per Trustee Taylor, add item regarding the identification/reclassification of English Learners (as reported during annual Audit report in January).

5.0 ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 5:43pm.

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

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

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