

YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting: March 20, 2018
MINUTES

1.0 OPENING PROCEDURES

- 1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education met on March 20, 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, Matt Taylor, Cirenio Rodriguez and Shelton Yip. Bill Owens was absent. 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. The agenda was approved as submitted.

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

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

2.0 YOLO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION EMPLOYEE(S) OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION: No employees were recognized this month.

3.0 REPORTS

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

a. Board Members

- Trustee Souza Cole enjoyed being a reader for Head Start's annual celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday; she greatly enjoyed reading two different Dr. Seuss books at two different sites.
- Trustee Taylor had the opportunity to attend an excellent presentation on breaking the school-to-prison pipeline in Austin; he will be sharing resources with staff.
- Board Vice President Yip wished Superintendent Ortiz "Happy Birthday" (his birthday was the day before). He congratulated Garth Lewis on becoming the new Superintendent-Elect. He attended the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) Board of Director's retreat where trustees worked through some reorganization and review of their mission and vision statements. He took the opportunity at the conference to mention the Corazon Center, the pending charter school, as well as our Alternative Education program. Individuals participating in Friday's CCBE Masters in Governance workshop here at YCOE may wish to visit the Corazon Center while they are here. Proposals for the Fall CCBE Conference are due soon; he is hoping that YCOE will submit proposals about our programs. He reviewed 60-70 bills as part of the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Legislative Committee and will attend the Youth Empowerment

Conference on Saturday. He participated in Legislative Action Day last week where he met with legislatures and networked with other school board trustees. He thanked Tami Ethier for the information she provided on pension reform. He, along with other trustees from Solano, Napa, Mt. Diablo and Lake counties pushed hard on the issue of flat funding for county offices of education for additional responsibilities they have acquired.

- Board President Rodriguez will need to leave the meeting by 5:00pm. Also, he begins his vacation tomorrow (for a couple of weeks).
- b. Superintendent Ortiz
 - Welcomed students from Cesar Chavez Community School. He echoed congratulations to Garth Lewis. He is looking forward to a smooth transition and is excited that Mr. Lewis will be taking the helm. In response to Trustee Taylor's question about the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) program at Yolo County Juvenile Hall, he stated that he had only learned about Probation's recommendation to terminate the program one week ago. The item was supposed to have been presented at today's Board of Supervisors meeting; however, the meeting was cancelled.
- c. Superintendent's Advisory Team
 - Garth Lewis reiterated that the team only learned of the recommendation to discontinue the ORR grant, last Wednesday. The \$3 million grant has been in operation for approximately 9 years. The Yolo county jail is one of two facilities in the country that operates a secure facility for unoccupied minors. Additional information needs to be shared with the BOS regarding recommendations for the program. YCOE may be able to remedy some of the concerns, if there was more time for the transition. The closure would impact 4 YCOE staff members and 23 county employees. Superintendent Ortiz noted that YCOE has done an excellent job on the educational aspect of the program and added that there could have been better communication with YCOE before a recommendation was made.
 - Ronda DaRosa distributed copies and reviewed the *Yolo County Board of Education Update, March 20, 2018* (copies can be found on file with the official records of this meeting). She also shared that Washington Unified and Woodland Joint Unified School Districts are featured in an article published in the current issue of News & Review discussing how they are using the Dashboard for student improvement.
 - Tami Ethier shared that the Audit Task Force had met to discuss the recent audit finding and to review the process used for data collection of English Learners. Per Mr. Lewis, the team concluded that the cause of the finding as noted by the auditor was based on an inaccurate assumption regarding the classification process. In that particular case, the information received from the district was incomplete, but there had not been a process in place to flag the student in the system for further follow up. The Task Force has established an audit team to review current year data before the June and fall audits. A random sampling will also be done prior to the audits to make sure there are no anomalies.

d. Committees

Trustee Yip shared that the Policy Committee had met to review existing superintendent's compensation policy, which they determined was current and reflects the CCBE advisory. Since then, Superintendent Ortiz announced that he did not intend to seek re-election. The Policy Committee will now meet to review the timeline for setting the salary of the incoming superintendent and will submit a recommendation to the Board in May.

3.2 Associations.
No reports.

4.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION

4.1 Consent Agenda.

- a. Approval of Minutes: February 27, 2018 Regular Meeting.
- b. Temporary County Certificates

The Board took action to approve the Consent agenda.

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

4.2 Presentation: Youth Civic Engagement. Cesar Chavez Community School (CCCS) Principal, Gayelynn Gerhart, introduced Marco Osorio, a senior at CCCS, who proudly shared what he learned on his trip to Memphis for the national Youth Summit. Principal Gerhart also recognized Jose Hernandez from the California Endowment for his work with students in conjunction with the Brown Issues student-based organization. This organization selected Mr. Osorio to attend the Youth Summit, and has also provided other leadership opportunities for students, including Policy Boot Camp in Sacramento and the Governor's debate in Los Angeles.

4.3 Presentation: Cesar Chavez Community School (CCCS) Student Recognition. Principal Gerhart recognized CCCS Woodland students for their participation in a physical education project at Greengate School. The student collaboration takes place every Wednesday from 9:30am-10:30am at Greengate School. Principal Gerhart beamed with pride as she shared photos which captured the camaraderie and great work the students are doing. Certificates of Participation were presented to: Cruz Rivera, Angel Macias, Chris Macias, Sergio Macias, Giovanni White, Marco Osorio and Bryce Odenweller. Principal Gerhart thanked Youth Advocate, Trino Savala (former professional boxer), who recently introduced boxing to the adaptive physical education project. She also recognized Greengate School staff members, Rosalva Wisterman and Cyndy Bauer, as well as, Susan Shelton of YoloArts, and family members who attended the recognition in support of the students (Greengate Principal, Jonelle Castiglia, was unable to attend). Superintendent Ortiz also recognized Giovanni White, for the fantastic job he did

presenting at the recent multi-cultural awareness event in Guinda. Trustee Yip thanked the students on behalf of the board.

- 4.4 Presentation: Countywide Dashboards. Ronda DaRosa reviewed information contained in the Board packet and responded to questions of the Board.
- 4.5 Resolution #17-18/20: Declaring Support of the National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Superintendent Ortiz presented this item to the Board.

The Board took action to approve Resolution #17-18/20.

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

- 4.6 Proposed 2018-18 Dan Jacobs Calendar. Garth Lewis reviewed the Dan Jacobs calendar with the Board.

The Board took action to approve the proposed calendar.

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

Board President Rodriguez left at 5:00pm

- 4.7 2017-18 Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs, Part II. Garth Lewis reviewed the application and responded to questions of the Board;

The Board took action to approve the 2017-18 Consolidated Application.

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

- 4.8 Yolo County Office of Education 2017-18 Second Period Interim Financial Report. Crissy Huey presented this item for information and responded to questions of the Board.

- 4.9 Yolo County Office of Education 2017-18 Second Interim Budget Revision. Crissy Huey reviewed the information contained in the packet and responded to questions of the Board.

The Board took action to approve the YCOE 2017-18 Second Interim Budget Revision.

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

- 4.10 Certificates of Participation: Statements of Board. As a follow-up from Lori Raineri's presentation last month, Tami Ethier reviewed the Certificate of Participation (COP) annual required forms. The Board is required to review the forms annually, but the superintendent can sign them on behalf of the Board of Education Financing Corporation. This information will now be included in the annual budget packet, which is presented to the Board in June. Superintendent Ortiz will sign the current year forms; no further action is required at this time.
- 4.11 Yolo County Office of Education Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Update. Gayelynn Gerhart provided updated copies of the LCAP and reviewed with the Board. LCAP updates will be presented to the Board in April and May for approval in June.
- 4.12 Head Start/Early Head Start Reports
- a. Enrollment Update
 - b. Program
 - c. Financial Status
- Gail Nadal reviewed the documents contained in the Board packet and noted that she is in the process of finalizing the 5-year Head Start grant application.
- 4.13 Alternative Education Attendance Report. Garth Lewis reviewed the attendance report and responded to questions of the Board.
- 4.14 Quarterly Report of Investments for Period Ending December 2017. Crissy Huey presented this item for information and responded to questions of the Board.
- 4.15 English Language Arts Textbook and Instructional Materials Surplus. Sharon Holstege reviewed the surplus list contained in the Board packet and responded to questions of the Board.
- 4.16 Suggested Future Agenda Items. There were no additional items added to the list; remove audit finding.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 6:03pm.

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

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