

# YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting: May 28, 2019

## MINUTES

### 1.0 OPENING PROCEDURES

1.2 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education met on May 28, 2019 at 3:35 p.m. in Regular session in the Conference Center located at 1280 Santa Anita Court, Suite #120, Woodland, CA. Board Members present were: Melissa Moreno, Cirenio Rodriguez, Carol Souza Cole, Shelton Yip and Matt Taylor. Board President Shelton Yip presided. Superintendent Garth Lewis was also present. (Roll Call held).

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance. The pledge of allegiance was conducted.

1.4 Approval of Agenda.

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

1.5 Public Comment. There were no comments at this time.

### 2.0 REPORTS

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

a. Superintendent

i. Superintendent Lewis shared that he attended many events this month and he will give an update on the potential closure of the juvenile detention facility. This month he attended some graduations including Woodland Community College (WCC) and the Si Se Puede celebration for Chicano/a students. He also attended the Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE) Staff Appreciation event on May 16, 2019 that had to be moved to our conference center due to the weather. President Yip thanked staff for their flexibility to change the venue on short notice. Superintendent Lewis thanked Anissa DelCastillo, Administrative Assistant, Celia Lugo, Administrative Secretary and Yvette Seibert, Executive Assistant for their help on the event. YCOE hosted the Corazon CTE Open House event for YCOE staff. There was a lot of positive feedback on the school, and YCOE staff was very impressed with the facilities and the programs offered to the students. This past Friday he also participated in two Brown Issues events with Cesar Chavez students, which focused on voter registration/awareness in conjunction with Douglas Middle School. The other event included his niece who was part of the Raza Graduation ceremony at the Met in Sacramento. This Thursday, May 30, 2019 is the *Be the One* event being held with the Local Childcare Planning Council/Health and Human Services. Finally, on June 4, 2019 there will be a couple of presentations at the Board of Supervisors meeting. One is the Local Childcare Planning Council (LCPC) Annual report. Another presentation includes YCOE along with the Probation Educational

Program at juvenile hall. The Board of Supervisors is currently considering a potential closure of the juvenile detention facility. The juvenile detention facility is currently in talks with Sacramento, Solano and Yuba counties regarding student transfers, transportation and maintaining relationships with loved ones while detained. On May 30, 2019, Supervisors' Saylor and Provenza will hold a community engagement event on this topic in Davis. The closure will have an impact on staff (they have been alerted) and both union presidents were able to attend meetings with our staff on the same day we found out the news. YCOE has also placed a hold on new hires for programs pending the final decision, which will be towards the end of June 2019. The BOS meeting begins at 9 a.m. and the agenda should be available by this Thursday, May 30, 2019. Superintendent Lewis stated it would be helpful for the Board to contact Supervisors regarding the quality of the program that students are receiving and the communication with families during the closure. Trustee Taylor asked about an option if different youth could be placed in different places based on proximity. Superintendent Lewis stated that there will be a contract with a single neighboring county on a per bed basis. For the ORR closure, the contract will go back to the Federal government. Trustee Moreno asked a question regarding transfers to Virginia. Superintendent Lewis stated that he is not sure it is open and there might be an issue with a closure there. Trustee Yip stated that the issue might be with the funding of the facility. Principal Gayelynn Gerhart stated that most of our ORR youth are transfers from Texas. The Board of Supervisors will have a meeting on June 4 and we anticipate a final decision two weeks after that. Trustee Taylor asked if YCOE could forward any talking points and press releases so the board members could share the information with their communities. Trustee Moreno stated that if and when the youth in ORR are transferred to another facility, the youth are mostly Central American and she would like to encourage Yolo County Board of Education to pay special attention to our Central American foster youth in our county knowing that we have had an increase in Solano that are still there.

- ii. Public Comment  
Lupita Torres, Volunteer with New Green Deal, made a statement to consider divesting from banks that invest in fossil fuels. They had a successful campaign in Davis to start banking with River City Bank. They have also put in their documents they will no longer invest in banks that invest in oil tech funds and affect minority communities. She stated that they are also currently starting a campaign with the Yolo County Board of Supervisors to divest from banks that invest in fossil fuels.
- iii. Employee of the Month  
Margie Valenzuela, Executive Director of Human Resources, presented

Kate Boyd, paraeducator with the deaf and hard of hearing program and Andrew (Andy) Martinez, paraeducator in the Horizon Program at Davis High School as the Employees of the Month for May 2019. Staff made comments thanking them for their hard work and dedication.

b. Board Reports

- Trustee Taylor attended the budget committee meeting but first wanted to thank the Board for coming to West Sacramento with the County Committee on School District Organization meeting on May 21, 2019. It was reported that our Board was well organized and this is a testament to the staff. He attended the budget committee meeting recently with Trustee Moreno and had a very good overview of the process.
- Trustee Souza Cole enjoyed going to West Sacramento for the County Committee meeting and now West Sacramento will be voting for trustees by districts. She also attended the WASC accreditation team committee meeting with Trustee Yip for YCCA and met with two (2) representatives who will be making a recommendation for accreditation for the YCCA. The highlight of the meeting was having the two (2) students talk about their education. She also attended the Excellence In Education (EIE) awards on April 30, 2019. Congratulations to Dr. Ronda DaRosa, Deputy Superintendent and Gail Nadal, Director of Early Head Start/Head Start for their awards. Trustees Taylor and Moreno were also there to acknowledge and celebrate the staff.
- Trustee Rodriguez attended the County Committee meeting on May 21, 2019 and feels we are moving in the right direction with voting for trustees by districts. He attended the bi-literacy program at Woodland High School. He will also be attending graduations next month. Trustee Rodriguez commented that for future planning it seems like the Governor will be passing the ethnic studies course needed for graduation; this will affect Cesar Chavez Community School, but what does it mean in regards to not having enough kids in class. He would like to start looking at future options, which include offering ethnic studies classes in the summer or early evening at the Community College.
- Trustee Moreno attended the EIE awards and was able to attend the Davis High School Social Justice Research symposium. She also attended the ELAC at Davis Joint USD where they are creating an inclusive Davis schools group calling for an ethnic studies resolution. She attended the budget meeting with Matt and reviewed the annual budget process, budget calendar, financial projections from the Governor and multi-year projections. It was a good orientation to understanding the budgets and the budget process and cycles. Trustee Moreno will attend the next board meeting but will be out for the remainder of time between now and the next meeting.
- Trustee YIP attended the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Awards recognition event on May 6, 2019. He attended the YCOE Staff appreciation event on May 16, 2019 and it was a very nice event with great music and entertainment for kids. He also attended the Corazon Open

House for YCOE Staff and took a tour of the amazing facility. Trustee Yip commented on attending a CCSESA Technology Sub-Committee meeting and the WASC visitation where the students were engaged with the program and education. The Last CAC event transition fair was at Davis High School and he learned about a program at Fresno state working with older kids going to college. There were many vendors and the Department of Rehabilitation had a great presentation. Trustee Yip attended the CSBA Delegate Assembly in May and the CCBE Board of Directors meeting where the focus was the cost of special education. Trustee Yip gave a special thank you to Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services, Carolynne Beno, Assistant Superintendent, SELPA and Sharon Holstege, Director, Special Education on information provided to him that he was able to share with other delegates. He also thanked Dr. Beno for her work with the Governor and on the Capitol for distributing new funds to special education and advocating for two Yolo County districts (Davis and West Sacramento) who would not receive funds. He thanked staff and the Board for the May 21, 2019, County Committee meeting and stated that Davis JUSD will be next. On June 11, 2019 we will have a special meeting on the budget and LCAP. Trustee Moreno will be out of town and not able to attend the special board meeting at 9 a.m. on June 11, 2019. On September 13-15, 2019, the CCBE conference will be held in Monterey. Please let Yvette Seibert, Executive Assistant know if you are able to attend the conference. Trustee Yip also stated the Board is responsible for bringing a gift basket to the CCBE event this year.

c. Superintendent's Advisory Team

- Ronda DaRosa, Deputy Superintendent reviewed the material in the Board packet and responded to questions of the Board. Trustee Souza Cole requested a copy of the Foster Youth Needs Assessment be sent to Board. The graduations are listed in the report if any board members are able to attend the events. Sharon Holstege, Director, Special Education noted that the Horizon graduation was canceled. Ms. Huey handed out the pocket budget to the Board (a copy can be found on file with the official records of this meeting). She reviewed and summarized the changes made from the January Governor's budget proposal to the May revise.

d. Committees

- No reports.

2.2 Associations.

- No reports

**3.0** Chad D. Rinde, CPA, Chief Financial Officer, County of Yolo Department of Fiscal Services will discuss the investment process for Yolo County.

Mr. Rinde reviewed the power point on the investment pool: Yolo County Investment Objectives; Portfolio Composition (3-31-19); Credit Quality & Sector Allocation (3-31-19);

Maturity Distribution; Interest Apportionments. Post quarterly financial information on website and concerns can be raised at the financial oversight committee that Ms. Huey attends. Trustee Moreno asked how much is associated with Yolo County regarding investments with education. Mr. Rinde stated tht school districts usually account for 50% of the portfolio. He will get amount for YCOE and districts and get that information to Ms. Huey to share with the Board. Trustee Rodriguez asked if foreign investors are allowed to invest, which they are not per Mr. Rinde. Do the Yolo County Board of Supervisors decide on individual investments per Trustee Moreno. Mr. Rinde stated that they don't decide on individual investments; they decide on the policy framework. His office works with financial advisors to propose the policy framework, which is then decided on by the Financial Oversight Committee and then goes to the Board of Supervisors for adoption. Trustee Moreno asked who is the investor and do they consider socially responsible investments. Mr. Rinde stated that they look to county, members, and depositors within the portfolio. If there are changes to investments they will look at the risks and benefits to make sure they are being inclusive of all depositors when deciding the scope of investments. Trustee Moreno also asked if the values of the County and pool institutions are taken into consideration. Mr. Rinde stated that they make sure there is alignment with county goals but do not consider the individual companies' philosophy. Their objective is safety, liquidity and yield. They analyze the risk and benefits and are inclusive of all depositors when considering the scope of investment.

#### 4.0 ACTION ITEMS

##### 4.1 Consent Agenda.

- a. Approval of Minutes:  
March 26, 2019 Regular Meeting  
April 2, 2019 Special Meeting  
April 23, 2019 Regular Meeting
- b. Temporary County Certificates

The Board took action to approve the March 26, 2019 Regular meeting and the April 2, 2019 Special meeting minutes and the Temporary County Certificates.

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

Trustees Yip requested that the April 23, 2019 Regular meeting minutes be pulled.

Trustee Yip requested that under his name in board reports that ***Woodland Leadership Network*** changed to ***Women's Leadership Network***

Trustee Moreno requested that under her name in the board reports that the sentence –

She was also contacted by Woodland Jt. USD, Trustee Karen Rosenkilde-Bayne who was inquiring about the Yolo County Office of Education's (YCOE) support

to address and insure professional development with a new approach to instruction missions and curriculum for *indigenous* students changed to *all* students.

The board took action to approve the minutes with the changes above.

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

4.2 Resolution #18-19/33 National Foster Care Month

The Board took action to approve Resolution #18-19/33: National Foster Care Month. Alesia Peters, Foster Youth Outreach Specialist accepted the resolution.

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

4.3 Reschedule August 27, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.

During the month of August the CSR region 3 is hosting a meeting on August 26-27, 2019. Superintendent Lewis is requesting the Board reschedule the meeting to August 29 at 3:30 p.m.

The Board took action to reschedule the August 27, 2019 Regular Board meeting to August 29, 2019 at 3:30 p.m.

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

4.4 Second Reading of Board Policies (6000) series:

- a. BP 6152.1 Placement in Mathematics Courses
- b. AR 6152.1 Placement in Mathematices Courses
- c. BP 6155 Challenging Courses by Examination
- d. AR 6155 Challenging Courses by Examination
- e. BP/SP 6158 Independent Study
- f. AR 6158 Independent Study
- g. BP/SP 6161.1 Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials
- h. AR 6161.1 Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials
- i. BP/SP 6161.11 Supplementary Instructional Materials

The Board took action to approve the above policies (a-i)

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

The Superintendent hereby adopted the above policies (a-i) on this date.

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

- 5.1 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators of 2019-20  
Superintendent Lewis reviewed the information in the board packet and responded to questions of the Board. Information Item only.
- 5.2 Head Start/Early Head Start Reports
- a. Enrollment Update
  - b. Program
  - c. Financial Reports
  - d. Policy Council Meeting Minutes
  - e. Local Childcare Planning Council

Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Business Services presented the fiscal report and reviewed the items in the board packet. Gail Nadal, Director, Early Childhood Education, reviewed the items in the Board packet and responded to questions of the Board. Trustee Moreno commented that she is a strong advocate in supporting healthy food for the children and if there is any way she can be of service to help on this issue please let her know. Trustee Souza Cole appreciates the LPC minutes being included and the information and work that was reported on Anna Sutton's report from maternal child and adolescent health (MCAH). The work we do is very important for children, and the need for support and guidance in the classroom for trauma experienced at home. Trustee Taylor asked about the changes in the Directors report. Ms. Nadal commented on the closing of Lincoln site, the search for a new program analyst for site locations and a Type A violation that recently occurred.

- 5.3 2018-19 YCBOE Budget Breakdown  
Superintendent Garth Lewis reviewed the information in the board packet and responded to questions of the Board. This item is for information only. Trustee Souza Cole requested a list of the current year to date Board expenditures at the June 11, 2019 Special meeting.
- 5.4 Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for YCOE Operated Schools Covering the Months of January, February, March 2019  
Deb Bruns, Director, Curriculum & Instruction, reviewed the information in the Board packet and responded to questions of the Board.
- 5.5 Williams Quarterly Report on Yolo County Schools in Decile 1-3 Covering the Months of January, February, March 2019  
Deb Bruns, Director, Curriculum & Instruction, reviewed the information in the Board packet and responded to questions of the Board.
- 5.6 Education Protection Account Spending Plan for Fiscal Year 2019-20  
Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Business Services reviewed the information in the Board packet and responded to questions of the Board.
- 5.7 2018-19 P-2 ADA Report  
Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Business Services reviewed the information in the Board packet and responded to questions of the Board. Dr. DaRosa and

Superintendent Lewis commented on Trustee Taylor's question about ADA and where the Yolo county youth end up after they leave the juvenile detention process. Trustee Moreno asked about the decline of youth in juvenile detention centers and Principal Gerhart stated they are not doing long-term incarcerations except for high profile crimes. There is a change of philosophy and incarceration is now only used as a last resort.

5.8 Facilities Report

Matthew Juchniewicz, Director, Support Operations Services, reviewed the Power Point, *Support Operations Services Facilities Update*, and responded to questions of the Board. Mr. Juchniewicz reviewed the recently completed projects; the close out process; projects in progress; upcoming summer work; and future projects for the Yolo County Office of Education.

5.9 Alternative Education Attendance Reports

Renee Collins, Director, Student Services, reviewed the information in the Board packet and responded to questions of the Board. Trustee Taylor requested that the display bar in the reports reflect a whole number or decimal. Dr. Micah Studer, Executive Director, Equity & Support Services stated that they will go back and review that request and set the scale so it will be more accurate in reflecting the attendance rates.

5.10 Program Evaluation and Juvenile Hall Certification that School Program is Compliant with Title 15, Article 6 Section 1370 and Education Codes

Renee Collins, Director, Student Services reviewed the information in the Board packet and responded to questions of the Board. Trustee Souza Cole asked how difficult it would be to re-open the juvenile hall if needed. Dr. DaRosa stated that you can make it inactive and re-open at a later time. Superintendent Lewis commented that if there is a closure then there will be a review in three (3) years to determine if the JDF should reopen and we can maintain the CDS code.

5.11 LCAP Annual Update

Renee Collins, Director, Student Services and Gayelynn Gerhart, Principal, Cesar Chavez Community School reviewed the information in the Board packet and responded to questions of the Board. Ms. Collins presented two (2) TUPE videos that students made to the Board. These videos will be shown before movies in the area for a year. Trustee Moreno is wondering why there is a preference for a certain ethnic studies pedagogy over another. Principal Gerhart commented that the current program has proven successful for students and the professional development for staff. She commented that we have created a relationship and trust with current staff and staying with that core has proven successful along with our partnership with Yolo Arts and PowerSource. Ms. Collins stated there are options with Edgenuity to be able to take ethnic studies as an elective class in the future. Trustee Moreno stated that ethnic studies works across the curriculum and can include math, history and social studies. She was wondering how and when YCOE will consider expanding and adding those items throughout the curriculum. Supt. Lewis thanked staff for their organization and keeping track of the work they



do along with the reports given to the Board. He also wanted to comment on the previous question about fewer youth at juvenile hall and give credit to YCOE's Alternative Education programs. They provide a place where kids want to be and the environment on campus is safe and nurturing. YCOE alternative education has something to do with the decreases in juvenile hall and wants to acknowledge our teams for this effort. Trustee Rodriguez stated he remembered a time when it was an empty space and the discussion on how to move forward with the school. He felt changing the name of the school to Cesar Chavez helped students and staff gravitate toward the current philosophy that is not punitive. Trustee Yip commented on a request he received from the California School Boards Association (CSBA) to highlight YCOE's educational programs and to possibly write an article on these programs in the future. CSBA will send a writer to do a story on our kids and Superintendent Lewis and staff would support that article.

6.0 Suggested Future Agenda Items

Future meeting – Assembly bill 1505 – 1508. Trustee Yip will present to the Board

Future meeting - How do we insure ourselves (YCOE - Statement Certifying Insurance to Cover Assets purchased with certificates)

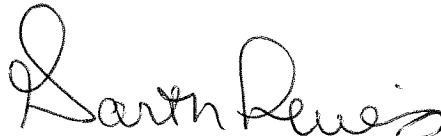
Future meeting - Ms. Huey will attend the Fiscal Oversight Committee meeting in May 2019 and ask Trustee Moreno's question (per the April 26, 2019 Regular Board meeting) on investments. Trustee Moreno asked if Yolo County Office of Education could consider divesting from companies like Exxon, Well Fargo, B of A, Chase, and others that have impacted indigenous, people of color, and the planet. Trustee Moreno also requested a report on how much in total investments is YCOE and how much is in the general pot.

June 2019 – Yearly report on Local Childcare Planning Council

September 2019 – YCOE Mission and Goals

7.0 **ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

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



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Garth Lewis, Superintendent

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