

**YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Meeting: August 29, 2019**  
**MINUTES**

**1.0 OPENING PROCEDURES**

- 1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education met on August 29, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. in Regular session at the CTE Corazon Center located at 1280 Santa Anita Court, Suite 190, Woodland, CA. Board Members present were: Cirenio Rodriguez, Carol Souza Cole, Matt Taylor, Shelton Yip. Board President Shelton Yip presided. Melissa Moreno arrived late. Superintendent Garth Lewis was also present. (Roll Call held).
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance. The pledge of allegiance was conducted.
- 1.3 Approval of Agenda.  
Trustee Souza Cole requested that Item 5.4 move from an Action to Information item. Trustee Taylor requested Item 5.4 be discussed as the first item in Information.

**Trustee Moreno arrived at 3:31 p.m.**

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

- 1.4 Public Comment. None.

**2.0 REPORTS**

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

a. Board Reports

Trustee Taylor – *He needs to leave at 4:30 p.m.*

- *Commented on AB 1505, in which the current version that is being sent to the Senate floor has the county board roles restored (no change in county role in charter appeal). The bill also enhances the County Office of Education role in Differentiated Assistance for all charter schools. Charter Schools would now be provided Differentiated Assistance by the County Office of Education in the county that they reside.*
- *Trustee Yip also commented on the requirement of credentials for teachers and any charter authorized by the state board moving to a district or county.*
- *Trustee Taylor stated that it is likely that this bill will pass and more information on the language of the bill will come at a future meeting.*

Trustee Souza Cole – *No report*

Trustee Rodriguez – *A memo addressed to Superintendent Lewis resigning his county board seat effective October 22, 2019 was distributed (copies can be found on file with the official records of this meeting). After*

*twenty-eight (28) years, this is first year he is not teaching since he is out of the country part of fall, winter and spring.*

- *He is saddened that we had to close the charter school because of low enrollment since the need did not go away for students. Hopefully, in the future there can be a better job of recruiting and a possible collaboration with Woodland Joint USD to open a charter school. Trustee Rodriguez suggests that the Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE) should explore everything including a collaboration with the community college and county by early spring. He also would like the Board to take an active role in the process. The President could possibly appoint a committee to continue to provide the services of the charter school.*
- *Trustee Yip commented that the Superintendent and staff will be looking into this situation regarding the future of the YCCA charter/building. Cirenio will be in attendance for the September 24, 2019 Regular Board meeting.*

Trustee Moreno –

- *She was not able to make the Special Board Meeting on August 9, 2019 because of a funeral service.*
- *Trustee Moreno has been on the Board for eight (8) months and spoke highly about the YCCA charter school to community members. They now want to understand what happened with the closing of the school since it was an amazing program. This closure came as a surprise and she would like to be able to explain the terms of accountability for outreach, roles and responsibilities. She would also like to state that she and many community members would be interested in doing some outreach to support leadership in the future for a similar program.*
- *On August 13, 2019 she attended the workshop on the juvenile and adult detention center at the Yolo County Board of Supervisors meeting. In the meeting many points were made that there needs to be an increase in youth centers in Yolo County with a focus on development, leadership and employment that will help lead youth/adults out of being incarcerated in the detention centers.*
- *She was appointed to the facilities committee this year but has not received information on a second meeting. She made a request of staff to send her some information on the next meeting.*

Trustee Yip –

- *Attended the Board of Directors meeting for CCBE. He would like to promote YCOE and the programs that we offer at the county office with success stories. If we have a good story to promote, YCOE is guaranteed four (4) pages in the California School Boards Association (CSBA) quarterly magazine to highlight our programs.*
- *A new MOU with the California School Boards Association's legislative team now guarantees four (4) members of the county to be part of the process discussing COE's perspective on legislation. He*

*thanked Mike Walsh, past president, CSBA for his work on guaranteeing more members.*

- *Met with Assemblyperson Aguiar-Curry, John Bowes, Superintendent, Davis Jt. USD, Bob Poppenga, Board President, Davis Jt. USD and Karen Bayne, Trustee, Woodland Jt. USD regarding working across the state for Fair and Full Funding for schools.*
- *He has been busy working on legislation for mental health services for kids.*
- *Was able to attend graduation at Dan Jacobs.*
- *Attended Staff Orientation for YCOE on August 12, 2019.*
  - *It was nice to see new faces and he was impressed with the tone set by Superintendent Lewis.*
- *Attended Back to School Night for EPIC Charter School.*

b. Superintendent

*Superintendent Lewis thanked Trustee Rodriguez for his 28 years of service. Events/meetings/Workshops attended:*

- *August 6, 2019 met with the leadership team including cabinet members, and leaders of the unions for YCOE's annual retreat. They worked on a draft for a revised YCOE Mission statement and a new YCOE Vision statement, and also made plans for the upcoming school year.*
- *August 12, 2019 YCOE held staff orientation which set the stage for work in the 2019-20 school year.*
- *August 7, 2019 met with the new trustee and superintendent from Esparto and is looking forward to partnering (YCSBA) with them in the future.*
- *August 9, 2019 met with the district superintendents to discuss the upcoming school year. Met with new President Art Pimentel, Woodland Community College in regards to the Corazon Center and had our special board meeting regarding the Yolo County Career Academy.*
- *August 13 he attended the Welcome Back to School for Winters Jt. USD. They had a dynamic speaker on the developing brain and how it is designed to seek unconditional acceptance.*
- *August 15 attended meeting with Concilio in regards to a response to the national scene where Latinos were targeted in a mass shooting.*
- *August 19 hosted a forum for staff to discuss details of closure of charter school, which included investment in building and update to staff on what has occurred. There will be a report for the Board this afternoon on this issue.*
- *August 14, 21 & 28 was the start of school for our programs in different districts.*
- *August 26 & 27 attended the Capital Service Region 3 (CSR) annual retreat and discussed goals as an entire region, which included our*

- work as a statewide System of Support and Differentiated Assistance.*
  - *Met yesterday with Align Capitol Region. They seek to collaborate and bring together collaborators from education, government and private industry for continued learning. For example U.C. Davis' Aggie Square which will include a place for housing students, a mobility hub and a lifelong learning center will provide another avenue for continued learning.*
  - *CA Mobility Center in Sacramento possible – Hub for 0 omission vehicles – partnership with education.*
  - *Visited new facilities at Winters Jt. USD. Passed three bonds in recent years and was most impressed with the engineering and science labs.*
  - *Visited Head Start classrooms.*
- c. Superintendent's Advisory Team
- Carolynne Beno, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services reviewed the material in the Board packet and responded to questions of the Board. Some items discussed were:*
- *Closure of YCCA Update*
    - *Charter School Closure Protocol is being implemented*
    - *Vice Principal Chris Reyna working with families to find new schools for the affected students. Students who were enrolled at YCCA were directed to the following schools:*
      - *3 Chavez Independent Study*
      - *1 Cache Creek HS*
      - *1 Pioneer HS*
      - *1 Woodland HS*
      - *2 Chavez day program*
    - *Notifications to partners are being made.*
    - *Staff helping with closing details (ex.lunches) and notifying the El Dorado Charter SELPA.*
    - *Final Audit needs to be completed before December 16, 2019.*
    - *Setting up tours of facility to reimagine its' usage.*
    - *Opportunities with Woodland Community College for partnerships (facilities use).*
    - *Planning meeting for program visits (explore before we make plan).*
    - *Yoche Dehe grants – interest to serve their own students will be working with stakeholders and setting up sessions on this issue.*
    - *Monthly updates to Board.*
    - *Trustee Moreno requested involvement in the discussion. Requested a sub-committee, which is possible.*
  - *Educational services*
    - *School has started.*
    - *Encouraged Board Members to walk through YCOE office where Dr. Beno has posted pictures of staff's children attending their first day of school.*

- *Administrative Services*
  - *Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services stated they have been behind the scenes getting classes ready including many classroom moves. She thanked Information Technology and the Business Departments. She appreciates how the Directors are approachable and flexible in their schedule.*
  - *The Internal Business Accountant position is open.*

Employee of the Month

Margie Valenzuela, Executive Director of Human Resources commented that Robb Walters, was not able to attend the Board meeting this month to accept the Employee of the Month Certificate. Staff made comments thanking him for his hard work and dedication.

- d. Committees.  
None

2.2 Associations.

Cory Wiegel, recently had double jaw surgery and is now back.

- Commented on a parent who was concerned over the YCCA closure.
- Currently working on the participation rate for members.
- Currently updating charter and bylaws.
- Yolo Education Association is now the Yolo County Schools Education Association.
  - Planning meeting for Cordelia Instructional Leadership Conference.
    - November 2, 2019 (Vacaville)

**5.0 ACTION ITEMS**

5.1 Consent Agenda.

- a. Approval of Minutes:  
- July 23, 2019 Regular Meeting  
- August 9, 2019 Special Meeting
- b. Temporary County Certificates

The Board took action to approve the minutes above and the Temporary County Certificates.

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

5.2 Resolution #19-20/09: In Support of High School Voter Weeks

Jesse Salinas, Yolo County Assessor/Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters accepted the resolution and shared results of a project engaging high school students with elected officials and understanding the election process. Also thanked and invited board members to the October 20, 2019 fundraising event to expand this event.

The Board took action to approve Resolution #19-20/09: In Support of High School Voter Weeks

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

- 5.3 Resolution #19-20/10: School Attendance  
Trino Savala, Cesar Chavez Community School accepted the Resolution.

The Board took action to approve Resolution #19-20/10: School Attendance

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

## 6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

- 5.4 Resignation of Trustee Area 3 Board member Cirenio Rodriguez;  
Trustee Rodriguez filed his resignation (deferred to October 22, 2019). The Superintendent's office will solicit candidates for position to be reviewed by Executive Committee. There are sixty (60) days to find a replacement (Provisional Appointment). Trustee Souza Cole asked if we can do the interviews and provisional appointment at a special election. The deadline for the provisional appointment is October 22, 2019.

The Superintendent's office will put an ad in the newspaper, business locations, media and website, announcing a resignation in trustee area 3. We will schedule possible interviews at either September 24 Regular Board meeting or a special meeting. Superintendent Lewis will contact legal on details and questions from the Board.

### **Trustee Taylor left at 4:44 p.m.**

- 2.3 Mini Grant Presentation – Deaf Mentor Pilot Project  
Kathryn Boyd, Educational Interpreter presented the Deaf Mentor Pilot Project. A copy of a handout titled, *Deaf Mentor Pilot Project*, was also distributed (copies of handouts can be found on file with the official records of this meeting). Items discussed include Project Implementation; Project Start-up; What do Deaf mentors do to help families; Why are mentors important; D/HH Family Nights; Staff outcomes; Family Outcomes; Facts and Figures; Why does this matter; New California Law SB 210 and What's next for the program.

Trustee Souza Cole asked what happens to the mini-grant funds if it is not all used. Ms. Huey stated that the history of mini grants is a one-year process but

Superintendent Lewis stated that we can discuss the process for next year if the amount for the mini-grant is not spent (possible re-investment).

Mike Jackson was not available to present the Mini-Grant, TeachTown. Trustee Yip requested that Mike Jackson's presentation on Teach Town be placed high on agenda for the next Regular Board Meeting on September 24, 2019.

4.0 Local Childcare Planning Council (LCPC) Presentation

Gail Nadal, Director, Head Start/Early Head Start introduced members of the LCPC: Justine Jimenez, Kim Relph-Smith and Fawn Montagna who reviewed the Child Care Matters – Local Child Care Planning Council (Yolo County) document in the Board packet and responded to questions of the Board. Items presented included Who We Are; What We Do; How We Do It; Family Demographics; Child Population in Yolo County by Age Group and City; Licensed Child Care Capacity in Yolo County, by Type of Care, Age Group and City; Unmet Child Care Needs; Economic and Social Benefits for communities, taxpayers, and businesses; LPC and Quality Counts Yolo and What's Next.

6.1 Head Start/Early Head Start Reports

- a. Enrollment Update
- b. Program
- c. Financial Reports
- d. Policy Council Meeting Agenda

Crissy Huey Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services presented the fiscal report and reviewed the items in the Board packet. Gail Nadal reviewed the items in the Board packet and responded to questions of the Board.

Trustee Moreno asked if there was a list of professional development that teacher's attend. Ms. Nadal will send Yvette a list to share with board members for teacher professional development. Some of the items reviewed were meals, vacancy for a nutrition specialist, and professional development, tours of facilities if requested.

6.2 Quarterly Report of Investments for Period Ending June 30, 2019

Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services reviewed the information in the Board packet and responded to questions of the Board. She attended the Fiscal Oversight Committee meeting on August 20, 2019 and took Trustee Moreno's questions to the committee on investment procedures and how we practice socially responsible investments through our treasury pool.

A representative from PFM Asset Management, Financial Advice and Consultation who does our reports will bring back information regarding this subject to the Board. They will present some educational pieces to understand the investments. After the presentation (possibly at the next Regular Board meeting) we can decide if we want to look more deeply or further into this issue.

- 6.3 Williams Quarterly Report of Investments for Period Ending June 30, 2019  
Deb Bruns, Director, Curriculum and Instruction, presented this item and reviewed the information in the Board packet.

- 6.4 Alternative Education Attendance Reports  
Principal Gayelynn Gerhart reviewed the information in the Board packet and responded to questions of the Board. Next Thursday is Back to School Night and Ms. Gerhart invited the Board to attend.

- 6.5 First Reading of Board Policies  
Carolynne Beno, Associate Superintendent reviewed the draft policies in the Board packet and responded to questions of the Board. Trustee Souza Cole requested an edit on policy BP/SP 6146.6 (a) – instead “qualified students”, say “students with disabilities who meet the educational eligibility requirement.”

Trustee Souza Cole asked a question regarding Policy 6164.2(a) and if Option 1 or 2 was for the Board’s consideration. Dr. Beno stated that YCOE is currently following Option 1. Trustee Souza Cole requested that on BP/SP 6164.2 (a) to delete option 2. Also, Trustee Souza Cole asked if military recruiters in a traditional high school can request a list of student names unless students have opted out. Dr. Beno will research this question and get back to the Board at a future meeting. Trustee Rodriguez commented how important it is that policy language is clear so that parents can understand it.

- 6.6 YCOE Organizational Charts  
Superintendent Lewis reviewed the charts in the Board packet and responded to questions of the Board. Trustee Moreno asked if an outreach person is needed for YCOE to support enrollment at a new charter school if we open one. Superintendent Lewis stated that we do not have a current position specific for YCOE and we will be taking a hard look at that need for the future. YCOE will also take a hard look at what the plan will be for various demographics (16-18 year olds) since we do have a strong relationship with the districts, for example Woodland Jt. USD, who has staff that will bring students to the County if they feel it is a better fit. Also, we need to have a strong outreach plan outside of that age group (18-25) for outreach.

- 6.7 Yolo County Superintendent of schools Compensation  
Trustee Souza Cole presented this item and reviewed the information in the Board packet. The Executive Committee is putting forward a recommendation of a 7% increase of the current salary for the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools. This is a current information item that will come back as an Action item at the September 24, 2019 Regular Board meeting.

- 7.0 Suggested Future Agenda Items

September 2019 - The formal document with revisions of LCAP at Regular Board meeting September 2019.



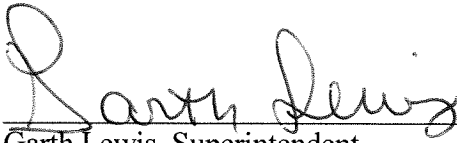
October 2019 – Possible resolution for AB 1505 & 1507

October 2019 – YCOE Mission and Goals

Trustee Rodriguez had a comment regarding upcoming discussions that YCOE is going to have with Woodland Jt. USD and President Art Pimentel at Woodland Community College regarding a new charter school. He stated that adult education has changed in the last few years and now it is done on a regional basis. When you have discussions about next year's charter school (18-22 age range) is it possible to look into whether there is any state funding to help. Superintendent Lewis stated there is an opportunity to earn ADA from a program like this and will look into it. Trustee Rodriguez recalls a visit to San Joaquin County to tour a charter/adult education school based on programs funded by ADA. Trustee Moreno asked if there would be a conversation as to what population will be served for the school. Superintendent Lewis stated that this will all be part of future discussions and the Board will be kept informed and sought as a stakeholder in these conversations.

**8.0** **ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

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

  
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Garth Lewis, Superintendent

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