

YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting – Board Retreat

May 27, 2020

9:00 a.m. – Noon

MINUTES

1. OPENING PROCEDURES

1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education met on May 27, 2020 at 9:04 a.m. in Special session on a zoom conference call. Board Members present were: Melissa Moreno, Carol Souza Cole, Shelton Yip and Tico Zendejas and Matt Taylor was absent. President Souza Cole presided. Superintendent Garth Lewis, Yvette Seibert, Executive Assistant, Dr. Carolynne Beno, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services and Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services was present. (Roll Call held).

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

1.3 Approval of Agenda.

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

1.4 Public Comment. None.

2. BOARD RETREAT AGENDA

I. Board President Welcome

President Souza Cole welcomed everyone. A summary on self- evaluation for board members was discussed along with a summary of the California County Boards of Education (CCBE).

II. Effective Governance Conversations and Agreements

Each board and staff member described how and why they became involved in governance.

III. Discussion on leadership, communication and trust building

Inform leadership.

Board members discussed leadership and communication goals on the board and how they can improve and build for the future. Other items discussed included how the Board works with the county superintendent and office of education.

IV. Superintendent's Vision

Superintendent Garth Lewis' reviewed a PowerPoint presentation titled *2020 and Beyond..Our Vision, Our Work, Our Approach*, and responded to questions of the Board (copies can be found on file with the official records of this meeting). Items presented in the powerpoint included: Rethinking School with same mission but different conditions; Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE's) approach to collaboration, capacity building, continuous improvement and communication; Our Guiding Principle's and steps for identifying budget reductions; YCOE's goal and collaboration to ensure fiscal solvency; Yolo County Alternative Education Programs 2020-2021; Yolo County Career Prep Program; YCOE and Yolo County Probation; New program design for the Yolo County Career Prep Program's Core Elements; Yolo County Career Prep Program Core Values; Yolo County Career Prep Program Schedule; CTE Pathway Focus: Graphic Production Technologies; Semester 1 : Fall 2020 – Focus on Filmmaking, Fall 2020 Enrichment Projects, and Semester 2: Spring 2021 – Focus on Green Careers and additional options which include Barbering, Filmmaking level 2, water operations and landscape design.

Trustee Moreno commented on the garden program and asked to keep in mind the Native American educators who expressed interest and awareness for education in Yolo County that is Native American developed for students. She also requested that YCOE consider reconnecting with the Yocha dehe nation on the project based learning that was presented today.

Break at 10:42 am for 5 minutes.

Back at 10:48 a.m.

V. Meeting Norms (45 min)

- Change time of Regular Board meetings

Trustee Moreno expressed concern that the public can't make the current Board meeting time of 3:30 p.m. Board members discussed changing the time of the Regular Board meetings to 4:30 p.m. Staff also gave their opinion on the current meeting time.

The Board decided to place changing the time of the regular board meeting to 4:30 p.m. until December 2020 as an Action item on the June 23, 2020 Regular Board meeting. This item will be re-evaluated at the December 2020 Regular Board meeting. Items also discussed included student board representation and

changing the board bylaws to reflect leadership rotation with a right of refusal for serving as Vice President/President.

- Rotation of Board members for President and Vice President each year
This issue is not in the board bylaws. President Souza Cole feels strongly that the county board should rotate leadership similar to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors. The Board agreed that this process would be acceptable. Question from Vice President Taylor on resignation and what is the process of rotation and succession if the President resigns or moves. The Board Bylaws should be revised in future to reflect this change.

- Videotaping meetings
President Souza Cole would like to increase engagement and livestream/post the Board meetings on our website. The Board discussed this option and it was decided to look into the prospect of using YouTube for posting/livestreaming. We would also need to look into closed session meetings and how that would work with livestreaming.

- Board representation on the 3x2x2 meetings
Trustee Moreno has been attending as an individual/member of the public at the 3x2x2 meetings. Topic was discussed if there should be a Yolo County Board of Education representative that attends each meeting. President Souza Cole stated that it might be appropriate if the representative was from Woodland and if one of the trustees was interested. Trustee Zendejas asked what would a county board's role be with the meeting. Superintendent Lewis described the need and role. Currently Superintendent Lewis only attends the Woodland meeting. He also stated that it was possible to try it for a year and see if there is true value for board member representation. Traditionally, attendance at the meeting has included involvement from the school district, Woodland Community College and the county. Superintendent Lewis will request that each board member be added to the distribution list for agendas and they can attend as a community member if desired. Board seemed to agree with this option. Trustee Taylor added that if a Board member attends they are attending as the public and not as a representative of the Board.

- VI. When and How the Board conducts a Self-Evaluation – Sample tools
President Souza Cole stated that a CCBE self-evaluation will be emailed to each Board member. The survey can be opened tomorrow and will be open for a week. The Board will review at another meeting and discuss the roles and responsibilities with summation. Superintendent Lewis can also participate in the survey.

VII. Future Agenda Items (10 min)

- Questions
- Concerns
- Other

Dr. Beno discussed graduations and invitations will be emailed to Board members soon.

Trustee Moreno requested an update on how families are doing with access to food, health and information during distance learning. Superintendent Lewis and Dr. Beno gave an update on the situation. Additional information will be shared in the Friday updates to the Board as it becomes available.

Other items discussed included: meals served, district plans for summer meal service efforts and coordination with food bank supporting families, issues with connectivity, and access to devices along with the health of families.

Trustee Moreno reminded board members that they were invited to the California Latino School Boards Association virtual events in May and June 2020. Yvette Seibert will forward the invitations to the Board.

Future agenda items.

Trustee Taylor would like to discuss when to conduct in person board meetings. He would prefer to meet on June 9 in person. Superintendent Lewis will discuss this issue with the Yolo County Public Health Department and get back to the President and Vice President on this issue.

Trustee Moreno also asked if Superintendent Lewis could ask the Yolo County Health Director about meeting room ventilation/air flow with COVID 19 along with wearing masks during meetings.

Superintendent Lewis reminded Board to turn in form 700 on June 1, 2020.

VIII. Adjournment – 12:01 p.m.

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