

YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting: January 14, 2020
MINUTES

1.0 OPENING PROCEDURES

1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education met on January 14, 2020 at 3:32 p.m. in Regular session at the Conference Center located at 1280 Santa Anita Court, Suite 120, Woodland, CA. Board Members present were: Melissa Moreno, Carol Souza Cole, Matt Taylor, Shelton Yip. Tico Zendejas was absent. Board President Carol Souza Cole presided. Superintendent Garth Lewis was present. (Roll Call held).

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

1.3 Approval of Agenda.

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

1.4 Public Comment. None.

2.0 REPORTS

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

a. Board Reports

Trustee Yip

- *Attended the County Committee on School District Reorganization on January 9 in regards to remapping Davis.*
- *Attended Greengate Holiday magic show.*
- *Visited Caesar Chavez and met with staff and students for holiday event.*

Trustee Taylor

- *Met with staff from the California School Boards Association (CSBA) on the California County Board of Education (CCBE) on his newly elected position as treasurer.*
- *Also discussed new legislation that will be coming out over the next couple of months.*

Trustee Souza Cole

- *No reports*

Trustee Moreno

- *Attended the County Committee on School District Reorganization on*

January 9 in regards to selecting a trustee area map for Davis Joint Unified School District (DJUSD) elections.

- *Attended a gathering for teachers in support of Measure G at Davis Joint USD.*

b. Superintendent

Upcoming events:

- *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration featuring Dr. Rex Fortune on January 22, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.*
- *State of the State in California Education presented by Dr. Patti Herrera, School Services of CA regarding budgetary implications on February 5, 2020 at 9 a.m.*

i. Employee of the Month

Margie Valenzuela, Executive Director, Human Resources presented Gayelynn Gerhart, Principal, Alternative Education as the employee of the month for January 2020. Staff made comments thanking her for her hard work and dedication. Ms. Gerhart will also be receiving an Equity Award from UC Davis on behalf of youth.

c. Committees.

None.

2.2 Associations.

Cory Wiegel YEA

- *Union dues issue was discussed.*
- *YEA President and other positions will be available soon*
 - *Term ends June 30, 2020.*
 - *Elections will be in April and May 2020.*

3.0 Presentation on the 2020 Census, Jenny Tan, Communications Coordinator, Yolo County Administrator's Office.

Ms. Tan reviewed the Power Point presentation, Yolo County and the 2020 Census. She discussed the 2020 census; 2010 Census Participation Rates; What Questions are Usually Asked; How To Take The Survey; P.O. Boxes; Confidentiality; Hard to Count; What We're Doing; Partners and Efforts; How You Can Help and Resources.

4.0 Consent Agenda.

a. Approval of Minutes:

- December 10, 2020 Special Meeting
- December 17, 2020 Regular Meeting

-Temporary County Certificates (December 2019 & January 2020)

The Board took action to approve the minutes above.

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

- 5.0 PER EDUCATION CODE 47605 (j), A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED TO RECEIVE COMMENT FROM PARENTS, TEACHERS, MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, AND BARGAINING UNIT LEADERS REGARDING THE PETITION APPEAL OF THE EMPOWERING POSSIBILITIES INTERNATIONAL CHARTER “EPIC” SCHOOL.

Public Hearing opened at 4:09 p.m. Staff from EPIC reviewed the PowerPoint presentation, *Empowering Possibilities International Charter (EPIC) (copies of handouts can be found on file with the official records of this meeting)*. Items presented included Gateway Community Charters; Success and Performance of the Charter; Areas of Strength; California School Dashboard – Areas of Growth; Community Outreach; Key Focuses during next charter term; Renewal Criteria; In Conclusion. Dr. Carolynne Beno, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services presented her PowerPoint presentation on the process of reviewing the Charter Petition.

Public Comment to Support EPIC Petition was made by:

Jason Sample, Gateway Community Charters
Christine McCormick, Gateway Community Charters
Dr. Jerry Kosch, EPIC
Joanne Ahola, speaking on behalf of California Charter Schools Association (CCSA)
Crystal Richardson, Parent
Rosemery Garcia (Staff)
David Butayev (Student)
Jason Komissar
Sergey Irannikov
Kseniya Gilmeev (Parent)
Miguel Borges
Peter Bulanov (Student)
Loriel Ghorar (Student)
Eva Yusupov (Student)
Kristina Stypin (Parent)
Luba Astapov
Kim Duong (Staff)

Public Hearing closed at 5:10 p.m.

- 5.1 Presentation of Empowering Possibilities International Charter (EPIC) Petition by YCOE Staff and YCOE’s Attorney
Dr. Carolynne Beno, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services, reviewed EPIC’s charter petition in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Approval/Disapproval of Empowering Possibilities International Charter (EPIC) School Petition Renewal

The Board discussed and made comments regarding the approval of Empowering Possibilities International Charter (EPIC) School Petition Renewal. Trustee Moreno had concerns about the lack of racial ethnic diversity at EPIC and questioned why YCOE intended to help or assist with increasing diverse enrollment at EPIC when in fact YCOE had struggled with enrollment at the Yolo Career Academy. Trustee Moreno also had concerns that EPIC stated that it would diversify by creating bilingual outreach literature, and stated that in her experience diversification had to do more with increasing teacher and educational leadership that was bilingual and not just a bilingual piece of literature.

Dr. Beno made comments on the issue of creating more ethnic balance within the school. The issue of racial ethnic balance techniques has been discussed and will be addressed yearly with the Board. The resolution will also include statements describing the goal of achieving ethnic balance and diverse student enrollment reflective of the community of West Sacramento.

The Board took action to approve EPIC's School Petition Renewal

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Trustee Yip **YES**
Trustee Taylor **YES**
Trustee Moreno **YES**
Trustee Souza Cole **YES**
Trustee Zendejas **ABSENT**

Break at 5:20 p.m.
Meeting resumed at 5:29 p.m.

6.2 RESOLUTION #19-20/20: Approving Field Trips for the Student Host Program in Support of Farm Connection Day, May 1, 2020

Board took action to approve Resolution #19-20/20: Approving Field Trips for the Student Host Program in Support of Farm Connection Day, May 1, 2020.

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

6.3 RESOLUTION #19-20/22: Career Technical Education (CTE) Month - February 2020

The Board took action to approve Resolution #19-20/22: Career Technical Education (CTE) Month - February 2020. Resolution was presented to Deb Bruns, Director, Curriculum & Instruction, Yolo County Office of Education.

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

- 6.4 RESOLUTION #19-20/23: African American History Month - February 2020
The Board took action to approve Resolution #19-20/23: African American History Month - February 2020. Resolution was presented to Marilyn Hays who thanked everyone for the acknowledgement but had a concern that African American history is not being taught to students today and the changes that are possibly needed to address this issue.

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

- 6.5 School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs)
The Board took action to approve the School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs)

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

- 6.6 Second Reading of Board Policies – 6000 Instruction Series – 3 policies
a. BP/SP 6163.2 Animals at School
b. BP 6175 Migrant Education
c. BP/SP 6177 Summer Learning Programs

Dr. Carolynne Beno, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services presented this item.

The Board took action to approve policies (a-c)

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

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

- 7.0 Public Hearing. At 5:51 p.m. Board President Souza Cole opened the public hearing to receive comments from parents, teachers, members of the community, and bargaining unit leaders regarding the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools Response and Initial Proposal to the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Council 57, Classified Unit. The public

hearing closed at 5:52 p.m.

Trustee Moreno left at 5:52 p.m.

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9.0 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

9.1 Yolo County Office of Education Audit Report June 30, 2019
Jeff Nigro, Auditor presented this report and took questions from Board members. Trustee Taylor had a question on the finding interpretation and why it did not include Education Code 47612.5 (c) in the write-up and how he came up with the \$382,000 disallowed costs? He stated that there seems to be two conflicting revisions on instructional minutes and the 80% rule funding formula (ADA). Mr. Nigro will look into the question and get back to the Board. The report can be revised if needed. There was also a discussion on the timeline with CDE. Trustee Souza Cole requested that the Board be updated on any information/changes at the next meeting on this issue and on the possible repayment of the \$382,000 to the California Department of Education (CDE).

9.2 Head Start/Early Head Start Reports
a. Enrollment Update
b. Program
c. Financial Reports
d. Policy Council Meeting Agenda
e. Policy Council Meeting Minutes

Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Business Services reviewed the Financial Reports in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. Gail Nadal, reviewed the program and enrollment update and answered questions from the Board.

Items discussed included:

- Vehicles purchased (vans)
- Teacher vacancies
- Facilities
- Head Start Association Conference in Sacramento.
- Growing our family engagement program.
- Self-assessment January 21-31
 - Six teams at all sites to review areas of the program.

9.3 Alternative Education Attendance Reports

Gayelynn Gerhart, Principal, Alternative Education presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

- 9.4 First Reading of Board Policies – 6000 (Instruction) Series – 3 policies
- a. BP/SP 6190 - Evaluation of the Instruction Program
 - b. BP/SP 6179 - Supplemental Instruction
 - c. BP/SP 6173 - Education for Homeless Children
 - d. AR 6173 - Education for Homeless Children

Dr. Carolynne Beno, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services, reviewed this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. Policies (a-c) will be brought back to Board for action at the February Regular Meeting. President Souza Cole requested that we use the “people first” language for special education policies moving forward.

- 9.5 Discuss and reschedule YCBE Retreat Goals for the February 2020 Board Retreat
President Souza Cole presented this item. Superintendent Lewis is unable to attend the scheduled meeting in February. Meeting will be rescheduled to March 3, 2020 from 3 to 6 p.m. Yvette Seibert Executive Assistant will contact Trustees Moreno and Zendejas to confirm their participation. The Board discussed and suggested topics to discuss at the retreat which included:

- Superintendent goals
- Effective Governance
- Orange County’s potential legislation and as a board how do we handle/involvement
- Trust building
- Videotaping meetings
- Meeting protocol checklist – How to address each other
- Rotation of officers for President and Vice President
 - Similar to Board of Supervisors and their protocol and bylaws
- Changing time for Regular Board meetings

Draft agenda for Board at February Executive Committee meeting

- 4.8 Suggested Future Agenda Items

Board Retreat - Trustee Souza Cole requested discussion on videotaping meetings.

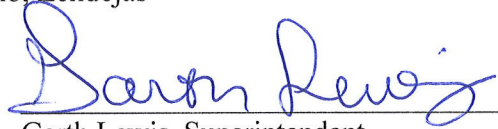
Board Retreat - Trustee Souza Cole requested discussion of rotation of board members for elections (similar to board of supervisors) at board retreat in February 2020 so that each year there is a clear rotation.

Board Retreat – Trustee Moreno requested discussion on timing of regular meetings.

Board Retreat – Trustee Moreno requested discussion on leadership, communication and trust building.

10.0 **ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

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



Garth Lewis, Superintendent

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