

**YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Special Meeting: November 17, 2020**  
**MINUTES**

**1.1 OPENING PROCEDURES**

1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education met on November 17, 2020 at 9:02 a.m. in Special session on a zoom conference call. Board Members present were: Carol Souza Cole, Melissa Moreno, Matt Taylor, Tico Zendejas, Shelton Yip. President 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:** Zendejas **SECOND:** Yip **AYES:** Zendejas, Yip, Taylor, Moreno, Souza Cole **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** None

1.4 Public Comment. None.

**2.0 INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM**

**2.1 2020 Yolo County Grand Jury Report**

Superintendent Lewis presented the Powerpoint “Grand Jury Report & Response 2019-2020” to the Board. Items reviewed included: Grand Jury Report findings and Recommendation 2016-2017, Summary of Findings for 2019-20, Summary of Recommendations for 2019-20 and YCOE’s responses.

Trustee Yip commented and thanked legal and Superintendent Lewis for the appropriate response. He stated that he is aware that the school districts have done much more work and it will be up to each school district to provide their own response. There has been a greater amount of communication and collaboration with all the districts and county during this process.

Trustee Moreno made comments and had a few questions:

- Appreciated the discussion on safety. Wondering if it makes sense to elaborate on that issue in the report by stating that the Yolo County Office of Education does not have authority over the districts due to local control but supports the districts in making the recommendations on Page 28 of the report.
- In regards, to the recommendation that online training be provided in 2021 -what is the status of training currently. Superintendent Lewis stated that there are online training modules, however that school districts use mostly in person training. The most effective form of safety training needs to be more immersive. Online training is used as more of a supplement not as a core. Trustee Moreno requested that the statement include that online

**trainings will be implemented but are supplemental in the document.**

Vice President Matt Taylor had some questions on the legal perspective of the responses given from YCOE:

- Is it possible to incur legal liability if respondents agree with the finding. Attorney stated that the penal code requires a response and that there is limited liability since there are only two options to answer the recommendations - *agree or disagree* in whole or part and if disagree you have to explain why.
- Trustee Moreno stated that it makes sense to elaborate on that issue in the report by stating that the **Yolo County Office of Education does not have authority over the districts due to local control** and President Souza Cole had a comment on F3, F4 to add language *as these findings apply to our schools*. The attorneys can make that clarification.
- Question on mandated costs. Are there additional funding sources for these items requested by the Grand Jury. Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services will look into this further. Ms. Huey also commented on the Mandated Block Grant and Office Emergency Services Grant which includes the emergency platform system and two-way communication with staff and emergency facilities. This will be implemented with county and districts.

President Souza Cole requested additional comments on recommendation 1 page 28 -

- Suggest we remove first sentence - ***Will not be implemented ..by YCOE and use what is stated in the second sentence to include that YCOE does not have authority to require but will assist district.***
- Two letter word edit ...is with the development ***as requested I would like that read if requested.*** If requested is more clear and more accurate.
- Findings 3 and 4 adding ***as it applies to YCOE.***
- F8 – mention YCOE has contracted with Everbridge to implement a safety plan and this plan enables staff to enable panic button. President Souza Cole ***requests that we have this as a future agenda item if it is going to be countywide. Information on panic button software and how is it being paid, etc.***
- ***Question on wording of sentences was discussed. Attorney stated that that penal code 933.05 mandates specific language but after the recommended language is used, we can include language to clarify sentence.***

A motion for approval of the 2019-20 Grand Jury response letter to come from both YCBOE and Superintendent with the edits that were discussed and agreed upon today. A copy of the final report will be sent to the Board.

**MOTION:** Taylor **SECOND:** Zendejas. **AYES:** Taylor, Zendejas, Yip, Moreno,

Souza Cole **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** None

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

TAYLOR – AYE

YIP – AYE

MORENO – AYE

SOUZA COLE – AYE

ZENDEJAS – AYE

President Souza Cole had a question for legal counsel -

- Are comments on the Grand Jury Report to be conducted in an open meeting in regard to the Brown Act.
  - Discussion on this issue and what can be stated on the agenda was made by the Board and clarified by the attorney.

**3.0 ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

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



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Garth Lewis, Superintendent

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