

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

1.1 OPENING PROCEDURES

1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education met on December 14, 2020 at 4:33 p.m. in Regular session on a Zoom conference call. Board Members present were: Carol Souza Cole, Matt Taylor, Melissa Moreno, Incoming Trustee Jerry Jimenez and Tico Zendejas. Trustee 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:** Taylor **AYES:** Zendejas, Taylor, Moreno, Souza Cole **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** None

ROLL CALL VOTE:

TAYLOR: **AYE**

MORENO: **AYE**

SOUZA COLE: **AYE**

ZENDEJAS: **AYE**

1.4 Public Comment.

President Souza Cole read a statement from outgoing Trustee Shelton Yip:

Just want to once again thank the staff for all that they do for our students and communities. I also want to wish everyone Happy Holidays and that the New Year moving forward will provide us with courage, kindness, friendship and character. These are the qualities that define us as human beings.

Cory Wiegel, Teacher, Adult Living Skills-2, YCOE, Organizing Chair, YEA also made a statement:

Recently I posted an article for the Davis Vanguard where I provided commentary on some of the experiences that teachers throughout Yolo County have had that have been unfortunately frustrating, disappointing and heartbreaking. Although I have a lot to say on this topic. In the future I would like to discuss some of the challenges that teachers have been facing at YCOE in particular I have been in communication with some administrators including Supt. Garth Lewis and the dialogue has been productive and I would like to see where that conversation goes first but I do want to say that I am making myself available at any point in time if people want to have a detailed discussion about some of the feelings I have personally and some of the stories that teachers and bargaining members have shared with me more specifically on the unique challenges that COVID 19 has

presented, what our organization faces and cultural challenges that the organization faces. I think it's a conversation that we prefer to have behind closed doors and have it be discreet but sometimes when we feel we are not being heard we feel like it is better to have the conversation more openly.

2.0 CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION AND OATH OF OFFICE

Superintendent Garth Lewis issued the Oaths of Office to Tico Zendejas/Trustee Area #3; to Jerry Jimenez/Trustee Area #4 who ran unopposed and was seated as if elected to serve a 4-year term.

2.1 Second Reading of Board Bylaw #9100 regarding President and Vice-President selection on the Yolo County Board of Education

The Yolo County Board of Education will select their President and Vice President similar to the method that the Board of Supervisors rotates annually by district, with the next in line serving as Vice-Chair. The Chair (Vice-Chair in the absence of the Chair) directs the efficient and transparent operation of the Board and plays a lead role in minding the climate of the Board, ensuring Board accountability, and ensuring the well-being of the Board, as well as the County. Trustee rotation will include:

- Matt Taylor (TA #1) - Term Expires 12/22 ---2021 President
- Melissa Moreno (TA #2) – Term Expires 12/22 ---2022 President
- Tico Zendejas (TA #3) – Term Expires 12/24 ----2023 President
- Jerry Jimenez (TA #4) – Term Expires 12/24 ----2024 President
- Carol Souza Cole (TA #5) – Term Expires 12/22 ---2020 President

2.2 Organizational Meeting for 2021

a. Election of Officers

1) President. Board President Carol Souza Cole opened the nominations for President. Trustee Zendejas nominated Trustee Taylor for President. The Board thanked Trustee Souza Cole for serving as President in 2020.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

TAYLOR: AYE

JIMENEZ: AYE

MORENO: AYE

SOUZA COLE: AYE

ZENDEJAS: AYE

Trustee Taylor was unanimously elected President for 2021.

2) Vice President. Board President Taylor opened the

nominations for Vice President. Trustee Zendejas nominated Trustee Moreno for Vice President.

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

Trustee Moreno was unanimously elected Vice President for 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

TAYLOR: **AYE**

JIMENEZ: **AYE**

MORENO: **AYE**

SOUZA COLE: **AYE**

ZENDEJAS: **AYE**

b. Adopt the 2021 Board Meeting Calendar Dates and Times. The Board reviewed the proposed meeting calendar. The following meeting dates and times were approved:

January 12, 2021, 4:30 p.m.

February 9, 2021, 4:30 p.m.

March 5, 2021, 9:00 a.m. (Board Retreat)

March 9, 2021, 4:30 p.m.

April 13, 2021, 4:30 p.m.

May 11, 2021, 4:30 p.m.

June 8, 2021, 4:30 p.m. (Budget Study Session)

June 22, 2021, 4:30 p.m. (Budget & LCAP Adoption)

July 2021, No Meeting

August 10, 2021, 4:30 p.m.

September 14, 2021, 4:30 p.m.

October 12, 2021, 4:30 p.m.

November 9, 2021, 4:30 p.m.

December 14, 2021, 4:30 p.m.

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

c. Review Board Compensation and Travel/Mileage Reimbursement (BB9250)

d. Appointment of Board Committee Representatives

1) YCSBA Representative: **Jerry Jimenez**

2) Policies/Procedures/Bylaw Review Committee: **Tico Zendejas** and **Jerry Jimenez**

3) Superintendent's Compensation Committee: **Matt Taylor** and **Melissa Moreno**

4) Facilities Committee: **Matt Taylor** and **Carol Souza Cole**

5) Board Budget: **Melissa Moreno** and **Carol Souza Cole**

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

TAYLOR: **AYE**

JIMENEZ: **AYE**

MORENO: **AYE**

SOUZA COLE: **AYE**

ZENDEJAS: **AYE**

3.0 **REPORTS**

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

a. Board Reports

Trustee Souza Cole

- *Attended virtual California School Boards Association (CSBA) conference
 - *Good conference*
 - *Organized**
- *Will bring forward at a future board meeting possible policy information regarding climate change and equity issues on climate change*
- *Would like to agendaize for board retreat information to update bylaws regarding trustees and the use of social media*

Trustee Moreno

- *Continues to be a part of the California Latino School Boards Association (CLSBA) and commented that it has held a strong position on protecting students and teachers and not returning to schools on the district level with exceptions to special education and agreements with unions and COEs.*
- *Congratulated Trustees Jerry Jimenez and Tico Zendejas for stepping up in this challenging time in history and their willingness to participate on the Board.*
- *Thanked former president Souza Cole for her leadership this past year and imparting her lessons and thoughts during her presidency. Also thanked staff for doing the difficult work.*
- *Recently read statement from Cory Wiegel that was published in the Davis Vanguard newspaper and was surprised and concerned.
 - *She hopes that these concerns are being addressed since one of YCOE's core values is to value employees.*
 - *She also wants to continue standing with teachers and educators that serve our community and our organization so that teachers can support students during these difficult times.**

- *Comments from staff are very important and encouraged the Yolo Education Association (YEA) to bring concerns to the public comments section at future Board meetings so that there are no surprises and so that there is collaboration with leadership and staff in the future.*
- *Thanked staff for standing together in this difficult time with lots of tensions and challenges both personally and in the community.*

Trustee Zendejas

- *Congratulated Trustee Jimenez on joining the Board.*
- *Appreciated Trustee Moreno's comments and her leadership during this time*
- *Thanked Trustee Taylor for current presidency.*
- *Discussed personal difficulties during COVID-19.*

Trustee Jimenez

- *Attended CSBA orientation for new trustees and the Annual Education Conference (AEC). Also attended two days of the Masters in Governance (MIG) workshop geared toward COEs.*
- *Looking forward to working with fellow trustees and Superintendent Lewis on Equity for students.*

Trustee Taylor

- *Congratulated Trustee Jimenez on joining the Board and is looking forward to the next year to do some exciting work.*
- *Attended CSBA conference.*
- *Attended CCBE meeting and will continue to act as treasurer.*
 - *If the board has any comments or suggestions please forward to him.*
- *Need to leave meeting at 5:45 p.m. today. Vice President Moreno will preside over the meeting at that time.*

Superintendent
Updates

Employees of the Month for December 2020

Margie Valenzuela, Executive Director, Human Resources honored the employees of the month:

Support Operations Services Staff:
Matt Juchniewicz
Celia Lugo
Darin Tidball
Ken Creamer
Ben Nan
Austin Creamer
Edward Clark

Miguel Medina

- *Superintendent Lewis commented on currently working with district partners on the build out of a mental health services program grant over 4 years. Working closely with school districts and health and human services on this grant.*

Update on Corazon center.

- *Met with new CEO of California Human Development, Thomas Stuebner*
 - *Board members will visit Corazon center next week and we will keep the Board updated on progress. It looks like there is quite bit of interest with health and human services department on the space.*
- *Thanked staff for their unwavering commitment to students and each other on all the changes.*
- *Shared that as part of our support and education for preparing to reopen schools we have met with Marin COE on their process and what they have learned from being open and remaining open during this time. We look forward to partnering with others and to continue to build on our education of reopening schools.*

SAT

Dr. Carolynne Beno, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services referred to the updates in the Board packet.

Discussed

- *Childcare emergency grant funds that have been allocated to families in need.*
- *Highlighted regional and equity work by Micah Studer, Executive Director, Equity and Support Services*
- *Focusing on school reopening plans*

Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services referred to the updates in the Board packet and thanked Superintendent Lewis and the district superintendents for the collaboration during this time to support Yolo county students.

Committees.

None

Executive Committee

President Souza Cole and Vice President Taylor met at beginning of month to discuss items on agenda.

3.2 Associations.

Cyndi Hale, YEA President discussed final amendments to Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to return to work at end of January 2021.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes:
- November 11, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
 - November 17, 2020 Special Board Meeting
 - Temporary County Certificates (November 2020)

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

TAYLOR: **ABSENT**
JIMENEZ: **AYE**
MORENO: **AYE**
SOUZA COLE: **AYE**
ZENDEJAS: **AYE**

President Taylor left the meeting at 5:45 p.m.
Vice President Moreno will now preside over the Board meeting.

5.0 SB 823 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REALIGNMENT AND IMPACT

Dan Fruchtenicht and Christina Tranfaglia from the Yolo County Probation Department reviewed their powerpoint, *Yolo County Probation Juvenile Justice Realignment* and responded to questions from the Board.

Items discussed included:

- Division of Juvenile Justice Youth
- Juvenile Justice realignment planning
- Detention trends
- Youth overview
- Youth profiles 2015-2020
- Next steps

Trustee Souza Cole requested the PowerPoint to be emailed to the Board. Superintendent Lewis thanked Dr. Micah Studer, Executive Director, Equity and Support Services and his team for his work on this project also. Trustee Souza Cole also asked questions on where are youth incarcerated/paroled and if they are returning to Yolo county and which have received diplomas. Trustee Souza Cole asked how to get on the list to receive updates on when community meetings are happening in regards to this plan. Mr. Fruchtenicht commented that there will be a Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council which will include Superintendent Lewis and they would be happy to notify her of any upcoming meetings.

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 6.1 2020-21 Yolo County Office of Education Budget Revision and First Interim Report.

Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Business Services reviewed this item in the Board

packet and responded to questions from the Board.

The Board took action to approve the 2020-21 Yolo County Office of Education Budget Revision and First Interim Report.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

TAYLOR: **ABSENT**

JIMENEZ: **AYE**

MORENO: **AYE**

SOUZA COLE: **AYE**

ZENDEJAS: **AYE**

6.2 2020-21 LCFF Budget Overview for Parents Template

Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Business Services and Micah Studer, Executive Director, Equity and Support Services reviewed this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. This document is a brief synopsis for parents/public. Trustee Jimenez asked if this was available in other languages. Dr. Studer stated it is available in english but we can provide these in multiple languages if desired. Superintendent Lewis stated that we can translate this in spanish to be available to the public.

Trustee Souza Cole asked questions including:

What type of interaction have parents had with this document and how do parents access this document. The following discussion included document availability on website to public and stakeholder involvement. The Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) planning process will also begin in January with new documents.

Trustee Moreno also asked about parent input. Superintendent Lewis stated they have input through our usual committee but because of the pandemic items are happening in arrears. Items are being adopted in December that should have been adopted in July and hopefully in 2021 we will return to previous cycles. This item needs to be adopted and turned in by December 15, 2020.

The Board took action to approve the 2020-21 LCFF Budget Overview for Parents Template.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

TAYLOR: **ABSENT**

JIMENEZ: **AYE**

MORENO: **AYE**

SOUZA COLE: AYE
ZENDEJAS: AYE

6.3 Second Reading of Board Policies – 5000 Series
BP 5022

Carolynne Beno, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services reviewed this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

The Board took action to approve BP 5022.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:
TAYLOR: **ABSENT**
JIMENEZ: **AYE**
MORENO: **AYE**
SOUZA COLE: **AYE**
ZENDEJAS: **AYE**

The Superintendent hereby adopted Board Policy 5022 on this date.

7.0 (PUBLIC HEARING) A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED TO RECEIVE COMMENT FROM PARENTS, TEACHERS, MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, AND BARGAINING UNIT LEADERS REGARDING THE YOLO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS' RESPONSE TO THE INITIAL PROPOSAL TO THE CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (CSEA), YOLO COUNTY CHAPTER #639 AND INITIAL PROPOSAL OF SUPERINTENDENT FOR REOPENER NEGOTIATIONS FOR 2020-21. Vice President Moreno opened the Public Hearing at 6:32 p.m. and closed it at 6:33 p.m.

8.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1 Alternative Education Monthly Attendance Report

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

Trustee Moreno asked a question on how Yolo county compares to other counties in the state. Dr. Studer stated other counties have similar concerns with student attendance and it is not unique to us. Discussion also included student disconnect during this difficult time of distance learning and staff resilience.

8.2 Distance Learning Update

Dr. Carolynne Beno, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services reviewed the PowerPoint, *YCOE Program Reopening Efforts* in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

Items discussed included:

- Regional Stay-At Home order
- CDPH Cohorting Guidance
- YCOE Program Reopening Timeline
 - January 19, 2021 – staff return
 - January 25, 2021 – students return
- YCOE Program Preparations
- PPE distribution
- Examples of Social Distancing
- Face Coverings and Air quality (email if questions from the Board on air quality to Ms. Huey)
- Input from teachers and staff on reopening
- Scheduling trainings for families and staff on new routines to keep kids safe

Trustee Moreno asked questions on support for educational staff during this time and reopening. Dr. Beno stated that principals of schools are usually running point of reorders, etc.

8.3 Head Start/ Early Head Start Reports

The following reports are being presented to the Board as information:

- a. Enrollment update - this is a standing report to the Board
- b. Program - this is a standing report to the Board
- c. Financial Reports - this is a standing report to the Board
- d. Policy Council Meeting Agenda - this is a standing report to the Board
- e. Policy Council Meeting Minutes - this is a standing report to the Board

Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Business Services reviewed this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

Items discussed:

Questions from Trustee Souza Cole on cash flow in the program.

8.4 Head Start Surplus Vehicles

Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Business Services reviewed this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

8.5 Monthly Board Financial Report

Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Business Services reviewed this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

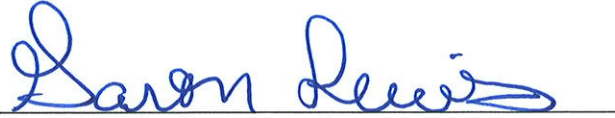
8.6 Statement Certifying Insurance to Cover Assets Purchased with Certificates of Participation

Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services reviewed this item in the Board packet.

- 8.7 No Event of Default Certification
Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services reviewed this item in the Board packet.
- 8.8 Covenant to Budget and Appropriate for the 2019-20 Fiscal Year
Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services reviewed this item in the Board packet.
- 9.0 **SUGGESTED FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)**
Trustee Moreno - Report on special programs at Cesar Chavez Community School.
Trustee Moreno – CLSBA membership at Board Retreat
- 10.0 **ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.
- MOTION:** Souza Cole **SECOND:** Zendejas **AYES:** Souza Cole, Zendejas, Jimenez, Moreno **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** Taylor
- ROLL CALL VOTE:**
TAYLOR: **ABSENT**
JIMENEZ: **AYE**
MORENO: **AYE**
SOUZA COLE: **AYE**
ZENDEJAS: **AYE**
- 12.0 **ADJOURN TO BOARD FINANCING CORPORATION ANNUAL MEETING.** The meeting adjourned to the Board Financing Corporation Annual Meeting at 7:20 p.m.
- MOTION:** Souza Cole **SECOND:** Zendejas **AYES:** Souza Cole, Zendejas, Jimenez, Moreno **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** Taylor
- 12.1 Minutes of 2019 Board Financing Corporation Annual Meeting
Approval of the 2019 Board Financing Corporation Annual Meeting Minutes.
- MOTION:** Zendejas **SECOND:** Souza Cole **AYES:** Zendejas, Souza Cole, Moreno **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None **ABSTAIN:** Jimenez
- ROLL CALL VOTE:**
TAYLOR: **ABSENT**
JIMENEZ: **ABSTAIN**
MORENO: **AYE**
SOUZA COLE: **AYE**
ZENDEJAS: **AYE**

13.0 **ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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



Garth Lewis, Superintendent

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