

YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting: May 12, 2020
MINUTES

1.1 OPENING PROCEDURES

- 1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education met on May 12, 2020 at 3:33 p.m. in Regular session on a zoom conference call. Board Members present were: Melissa Moreno, Carol Souza Cole, Shelton Yip and Tico Zendejas. Matt Taylor was absent. 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:** Yip **AYES:** Zendejas, Yip, Moreno, Taylor, Souza Cole **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** None

- 1.4 Public Comment. None.

Trustee Matt Taylor arrived at 3:35 p.m

2.0 REPORTS

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

Trustee Moreno

- *Working on the California Latino School Boards Association (CLSBA) Summit*
 - *Format will be video.*
 - *Dates will be May 28, June 4 and June 11.*
 - *Topics include diversifying the teacher, ethnic studies pipeline and digital access during COVID-19.*
 - *Please check CLSBA website for details.*
- *Attended Winters 2x2x3 meeting*
 - *Discussed what is happening in the Winters community and schools.*
 - *Update on Superintendent Cutler leaving Winters Joint USD and his transition out of the district.*
- *Attended a virtual meeting listening to Superintendent Don Saylor speak in Winters on updates on COVID-19 and the community resources for the food bank and farm to food boxes in the county.*
- *Attend training in Davis supported by Yolo Immigration Interfaith Network (YIIN) specifically serving immigrants in Yolo county and*

parents/non-parents and connecting them with community organizations and resources.

- *Discussed Albany school district resolution in support of ethnic studies curriculum.*
- *California Department of Education (CDE) postponed discussion on the ethnic studies curriculum and will postpone until fall.*

Trustee Yip

- *Congratulated Vice President Taylor on his new position as the Superintendent at River Charter Schools.*
- *Will be meeting with Assembly member Cecelia Aguiar-Curry, Senator Bill Dodd and other legislative members on the*
 - *Budget.*
 - *Reopening of schools.*
 - *STRS/PERS*
- *Thanked Superintendent Lewis for the weekly updates to board members.*
- *The California County Board of Education (CCBE) conference will possibly move forward as a hybrid conference – virtual and in-person attendance.*
- *The California School Boards Association's (CSBA) Board of Directors meeting is this Sunday and the Delegate assembly will begin on Saturday.*
- *Participated in many different webinars from The California Department of Education (CDE), and other educational organizations discussing issues related to COVID-19, etc.*

Trustee Zendejas

- *Thanked staff for their hard work.*
- *Been very busy working on his non-profit with the community on services available during COVID-19.*

Trustee Taylor

- *Recently hired as Superintendent of River Charter Schools in Clarksburg (West Sacramento).*
- *Concerned about budget cuts.*
 - *Counties have important role in systems of support.*
- *Attended California County Boards of Education (CCBE) meetings regarding accountability systems and testing*
 - *CCBE conference has two (2) plans.*
 - *In person attendance.*
 - *Small groups to gather.*
 - *Virtual.*
 - *Ted talk style and smaller number of sessions.*
 - *Decision on CCBE conference should be made by June 2020.*

President Souza Cole congratulated Vice President Taylor on recently being hired as the Superintendent of River Charter Schools.

Trustee Souza Cole

- *Thanked staff for all their hard work done since March 16 when everything changed because of COVID-19.*
- *All meetings are currently virtual.*
 - *Staff, students and teachers miss the daily in person connection.*

b. Superintendent

- *Congratulated Vice President Taylor on recently being hired as Superintendent of River Charter Schools.*
 - *Attended virtual meeting where Vice President Taylor was appointed.*
- *Board continues to be focused as a support to Yolo county districts while navigating these challenging times.*
- *Status on implementation of distance learning.*
 - *Budget challenges*
 - *Shift from reactive of landscape towards a more proactive approach for future.*
 - *Prepare for multiple scenarios and outcomes.*
- *Thanked staff for unwaivering commitment and support to students.*
- *Status on Special Education program.*
 - *Staff is looking forward to being in classroom with students.*
- *Acknowledged the Superintendent Advisory Team (SAT) for their hard work during this time.*
- *Discussed the launching of the Yolo County Schools Roadmap to Recovery Task Force that is co-sponsored with the Yolo County Health & Human Services, Department of Public Health.*
 - *Other partners involved include UC Davis, Woodland Community College and Yolo County school districts.*
 - *Focus of task force is to provide support and guidance related to the health and safety of schools' physical reopening.*
- *Introduced and acknowledged Anthony Volkar, Public Information Officer, YCOE for his hard work serving as communication liaison for YCOE.*
 - *Board appreciates the weekly summary sent every Friday.*

SAT

Dr. Carolynne Beno, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services will present on long distance learning later in the Board agenda.

Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services presented

The following items discussed:

Internal Business Office

- *Processing payroll and many other fiscal items.*

Support Operations Services (SOS)

- *Essential projects include Greengate school and the roof project.*
 - *Complete in three (3) weeks.*
- *Greengate playground next Monday.*
 - *Complete first or second week in August.*
 - *Looking forward to safety gates.*

Information Technology (IT)

- *Working with Educational Services.*
- *Staff working remotely*
 - *IT also working remotely and supporting districts.*

External Business Services

- *Working on May Revise.*
 - *Preparing for recession.*
 - *Working with districts.*
- *Veronica Moreno, Director, External Business has been meeting with the County of Yolo on cash deferrals in regards to the districts.*
 - *Support will be given to districts.*
 - *Upcoming meetings with the Chief Business Officials (CBO) to answer questions on cash borrowing.*
 - *Transparent as possible as questions arise.*

Trustee Taylor appreciated the information given at the recent facilities meeting.

- *Currently developing a budget*
 - *Projects were discussed with Superintendent Advisory Team (SAT) and included staffing needs, replacing vacancies, and salary benefits.*
 - *Working with staff on purchasing essential items and being very cautious.*
- *Governor's budget.*
 - *Discussed comments from Board on spending at this time for essential items only.*
 - *Salaries, benefits.*
 - *No plans to reduce positions.*
 - *Process for reserves used during times of crisis.*

Committees.

Executive Committee

- *Met to go over Board agenda for May 12, 2020.*

- Board Retreat date was discussed.

Facilities Committee

- Trustee Moreno stated it was a good meeting and is looking forward to receiving an update from Superintendent Lewis on a program that might be renting the Corazon Center space soon.

2.2 Associations.
None

3.0 **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of Minutes:
- April 14, 2020 Regular Meeting
- Temporary County Certificates (April and May 2020)

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

4.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

- 4.1 Resolution #19-20/44: In Support of National Foster Care Month - June 2020
The Board took action to approve Resolution #19-20/44: In Support of National Foster Care Month - June 2020.

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

- 4.2 Resolution #19-20/45: In Support of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Pride Month - June 2020.
The Board took action to approve Resolution #19-20/45: In Support of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Pride Month - June 2020. Superintendent Lewis highlighted role in this resolution that every student feel safe in their identity.

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

- 4.3 Resolution #19-20/46: Ordering Board of Education Member Regular Election and Requesting the Boards of Supervisors of the Counties of Yolo, Solano and Sutter to Consolidate Elections with Regular Election Held on November 3, 2020
The Board took action to approve Resolution #19-20/46: Ordering Board of Education Member Regular Election and Requesting the Boards of Supervisors of the Counties of Yolo, Solano and Sutter to Consolidate Elections with Regular Election Held on November 3, 2020.

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

- 4.4 Second Reading of Board Policies
a. BP/SP 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan
b. BP/SP 6178 - Career Technical Education

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

The Board took action to approve policies (a-b).

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

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

Trustee Taylor asked if there will be revisions to the comprehensive safety plan due to COVID – 19 and reopening schools. Dr. Beno will keep this issue on her radar and will revisit this item in the future.

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

- 5.1 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators
Margie Valenzuela, Executive Director, Human Resources presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.
- 5.2 School Site Safety Plans
Dr. Carolynne Beno, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services and Jessica Burrone, Director, Special Education presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

Items discussed included:

Greengate

- Parents' concerns and considerations taken into account that include medications and health during evacuation.
- Student population with wheelchairs was reviewed.
 - Working with transportation on timing drills.
- Plan will be shared with incident command team.
- YCCP also involved.
 - Parent coffee socials.
 - Review safety plans with parents.
- GPS mapping.

Cesar Chavez

- Shelter in place reviewed.
 - Communicating with adult staff on plan.
 - Protocols with dismissal and after hours.
- YCCP overlap.

- Chavez kids who lead P.E. should lead also by example.
- Roll out of plan in fall so leaders can spend some time with staff to discuss what is expected in case of emergency.
 - Staff meetings.
 - Communication is also important with students who help at Greengate.
 - Trustee Yip commented on what if there was a component where first responders could teach kids first aid to lend help during an emergency.
 - Evacuation process
 - Loading kids on busses.
 - Self-esteem, etc.
 - School site committee

This item will come back at the June Regular meeting for Board approval.

- 5.3 Williams Quarterly Report on Yolo County Schools in Decile 1-3 Third Quarter
Deb Bruns, Director, Curriculum & Instruction, reported on this item and answered questions from Board.
- 5.4 Quarterly Report of Investments for Period Ending March 31, 2020
Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Business Office reported on this item and answered questions from the Board.
- 5.5 P-2 Attendance
Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Business Office reported on this item and answered questions from the Board.
- 5.6 2020-2021 Education Protection Account Spending Plan
Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Business Office reported on this item and answered questions from the Board. This item will come back to the June Regular meeting for Board approval.
- 5.7 First Reading of Board Policy – 6000 (Instruction) Series – 1 policy

BP/SP 6157 - Distance Learning

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

Background on policy was given to board including:

- Access to technology.
- Funding.
- Money used for chrome books, etc.
- Digital divide for families

This item will come back to the June Regular meeting for Board approval.

5.8 Plan for Implementing Distance Learning

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

Items discussed included:

- Teachers' innovations and perseverance in implementing distance learning.
- Mental health and well-being.
- Students and staff resilience during this incredibly difficult time.
- Directors and principals hard work.
- Special education conducting virtual IEP meetings.
- Summer school via distance learning.
- Supporting teachers and staff, families.
 - Lessons learned.
- Trustee Zendejas' work with local counties starts tomorrow.
- Cesar Chavez turning in work regularly.
 - Edgenuity and work space available for students to do work was discussed by Board.

Head Start program

- Packets for students/families.
 - Email family packets.
 - Some families have no access to email.
 - Staff utilizing mailings dependent on needs.
- Preparing for hybrid teaching for all schools.
 - Some parents will not send child to school with no vaccine.
 - Looking at programs locally for families with medically fragile students.
 - Transportation will need be discussed.
 - Handing out masks and equipment.

5.9 Board Retreat Update

The Board Retreat will be scheduled on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 from 9 a.m. to noon. Superintendent Lewis will confirm if the Board can meet in person with social distancing measures from the public health department. Trustee Moreno expressed concern on meeting in person during this time.

Trustee Moreno requested these items be discussed at the retreat: governance and leadership, self-evaluation and getting to know each board members' beliefs, visions and values and experiences. Trustee Taylor requested that if the Board had participated in any activities done in the past regarding discussions on leadership and governance to please share with executive committee.

5.10 Suggested Future Agenda Items

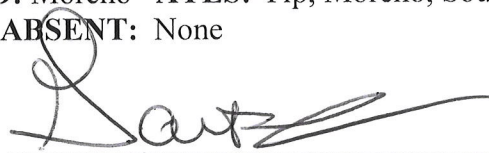
Trustee Souza Cole requested what the process would be on the formation of a CTE advisory Committee and who would need to participate.

Trustee Yip reminded Board about special board meeting on June 9 at 3:30 p.m. for the budget study session.

Trustee Souza Cole requested a facilities report at the June 23, 2020 Regular Board meeting.

6.0 **ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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



Garth Lewis, Superintendent

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