

**YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Meeting: June 23, 2020**  
**MINUTES**

**1.1 OPENING PROCEDURES**

- 1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education met on June 23, 2020 at 3:30 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:** Yip **SECOND:** Zendejas **AYES:** Yip, Zendejas, Moreno, Souza Cole **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** Taylor

1.4 Public Comment. *Juliette Beck, Cesar Chavez Elementary parent -*

*Davis parent and environmental justice advocate encouraged the Board to consider outdoor based-learning for Chavez Continuation School and Greengate Special Education School as well as any guidelines YCOE/Board may be issuing to Yolo County schools.*

*She stated that the latest research shows that the outdoor environment provides a much lower risk of COVID-19 transmission than being indoors. (reference: Wall Street Journal: <https://www.wsj.com/articles/how-exactly-do-you-catch-covid-19-there-is-a-growing-consensus-11592317650>)*

*Ms. Beck also stated that a number of school districts organized into the Green Schoolyards network and college campuses like Stanford are developing concrete plans to support learning to take place safely and inclusively outside. Given our relatively mild climate and access to green/open space, options for outdoor learning in Yolo County should be fully explored. Model Ethnic Studies and state approved environmental education curriculum already exist to support and innovate learning to take place outdoors. Ecology, arts and culture are all subjects that lend themselves to outdoor teaching and learning.*

*Ms. Beck requested that the Board please review this "work-in-progress" proposal for outdoor teaching and learning supported by more than thirty Cesar Chavez Elementary parents requesting DJUSD to pilot such a program at our elementary school and the surrounding Redwood Park in Davis. She hopes that students in Yolo County will also have the opportunity to explore this healthier option for continued learning outdoors in the age of COVID. Outdoor Teaching and Learning During and Post-COVID 19 at DJUSD a "work-in-progress" 5-page proposal. A one-page summary is also provided HERE.*

*Ms. Beck strongly encouraged the Yolo Board of Education to support outdoor based learning and the implementation of a comprehensive Ethnic Studies teaching in Yolo County.*

**Trustee Taylor arrived 3:33 p.m.**

## 2.0 REPORTS

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

#### a. Board Reports

##### Trustee Yip

- *Thanked staff for all the great work done during these difficult times.*
- *Appreciated YCOE Town Hall meeting which discussed the needs of students and reimagining education in the future.*
- *Shared information regarding adult living skills program.*
- *Celebrated graduation events.*
- *Met with Senator Dodd on concern over school liabilities as we move forward to returning to school in the fall*
  - *Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), etc.) Also met with other superintendents on issue.*

##### Trustee Moreno

- *Noticed parents and students in our county, state and nation fully engaged in the Black Lives Matter movement.*
  - *Students and parents calling for relevant and meaningful education both in the community of Winters and Davis.*
  - *Proud of high school students. Hearing from them on this important issue.*
- *Listened to parents asking when and if their children will safely return to schools*
- *Finished organizing webinars at the California Latino School Boards Association (CLSBA).*
  - *Final webinar was on ethnic studies and empowering students and policy and practice with keynote by Riverside County Office of Education Superintendent.*
- *Santa Clara COE created and has made available an ethnic studies curriculum for all district teachers to access online.*
- *Recognized California School Boards Association (CSBA) newsletter for reporting on racial disparities in schools.*
- *Attended graduations in Winters and Davis.*
  - *Great to see most board members and staff.*
  - *Appreciated hearing from the students who emphasized the care received from YCOE faculty.*

Trustee Zendejas

- *Thanked Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE) staff and the superintendent for the weekly email communication sent to the Board*
  - *The community and students have been asking about the reopening of schools so these communications are very helpful.*

Trustee Taylor

- *Thanked Superintendent Lewis and staff for their leadership during this time.*
- *Had a great conversation with Carl Fahle, Director of Information Technology regarding virtual board meetings.*
  - *Hope to do in the future to help make board meetings more accessible to the community.*

Trustee Souza Cole

- *Attended alternative education and Cesar Chavez graduation*
  - *Thanked staff for all their hard work.*
- *Attended YCOE Town Hall meeting.*
  - *Great way to connect with staff and hear updates on the upcoming school year.*
  - *Situation is very challenging in education.*
    - *Appreciation for teachers, staff and administrators for their amazing spirit.*
- *Attended Yolo County School Boards Association meeting.*
  - *Still planning Excellence in Education (EIE) awards in the fall with a remote awards ceremony.*
  - *Also planning an Equity and Governance workshop for all boards in county.*
  - *Meeting with consultant to lead workshop. Goal will be for each governing board to conclude with an equity statement for the district/county.*

Superintendent

Updates

- *Thanked staff/Board for joining YCOE's Town Hall meeting. Shared updates on re-entry status for schools and the county office.*
- *Attended two graduation parades and acknowledged staff for their work with the students.*
- *Attended Yolo County Schools Roadmap to Recovery Task Force*
  - *Dr. Beno chairing.*
  - *Anticipate releasing guidance on Thursday.*
    - *Items specific to guidance in Yolo County. Will also include guidance on face masks. Superintendent Lewis thanked and appreciates Yolo county districts, higher education, the public health department and local pediatricians who have helped with this document.*
- *Participated in calls with Senator Dodd and the California County*

*Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA) regarding general members liability.*

- *There are talks with state legislators to hold harmless K12 schools in regards to COVID-19.*
- *CCSESA is looking for a new executive director by end of July or early August.*
  - *Peter Birdsall hasn't solidified his final date and is looking forward to retirement.*

*Trustee Moreno asked if the guidance will be released to YCOE only and/or will include districts. Superintendent Lewis stated that the guidance will be released countywide and it will be available on our website.*

### 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:*

- *Suite 190 leasing space. Deb Bruns, Director, Curriculum and Instruction gave an update on status of building lease.*
  - *California Human Development is interested in the space. The building would be a job training center and provide services to farmworkers and families with short and long term vocational training.*
  - *YCOE will also explore interests in overlap of trainings.*
- *Completed review of requested summary review hearing and should hear back soon. Will share results with Board.*
- *Budget.*
- *LCFF agreement 19-20 levels.*
- *Deferrals – federal funding 20-21 - Monitoring.*
- *Learning loss mitigation funding.*
- *Agreement provides offset Covid-19 relief.*
- *Funding student w/disabilities.*
- *Distance Learning.*
- *Student and staff needs.*
- *Nutrition focus.*
- *ADA hold harmless.*
- *Adjusted ADA 19-20.*
- *CALSTRS and CALPERS rate structure.*
- *Certificated and classified staff.*
- *CTE and Grants.*

Committees.

Executive Committee None

- 2.2 Associations.  
Cory Wiegel, current YEA president, stated that YEA has elected a new president and officers. Teachers, staff, etc. are currently discussing what next school year is going to look like.

**3.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of Minutes:  
- May 12, 2020 Regular Meeting  
- May 27, 2020 Special Meeting  
- June 9, 2020 Special Meeting  
- Temporary County Certificates (May 2020)

Motion to approve Consent Agenda minus the May 12, 2020 meeting minutes.

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

Motion to approve May 12, 2020 meeting minutes with Trustee Moreno's changes that she emailed (document attached) to Yvette Seibert, Executive Assistant.

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

**4.0 ACTION ITEMS**

- 4.1 Resolution #19-20/47: A Resolution Denouncing Racism and White Supremacy, and Supporting Equity, Wellbeing and the Safety of Black People and #BlackLivesMatter

The Board took action to approve Resolution #19-20/47: A Resolution Denouncing Racism and White Supremacy, and Supporting Equity, Wellbeing and the Safety of Black People and #BlackLivesMatter. President Souza Cole requested that the resolution be posted on the YCOE website and social media.

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

- 4.2 2020-2021 Budget Adoption for Yolo County Office of Education  
Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Business Services and Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. Trustee Moreno requested a list of positions and programs that will be cut and/or impacted with budget be made available to trustees. Suite 190 expenses summarized by Ms. Huey.

The Board took action to approve the 2020-2021 Budget for Yolo County Office

of Education.

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

4.3 COVID-19 Operations Written Report

Dr. 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 the COVID-19 Operations Written Report

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

4.4 School Site Safety Plans

Dr. 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 the School Site Safety Plans.

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

4.5 Second Reading of Board Policies

a. BP/SP 6157 - Distance Learning

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

Dr. Beno answered questions on parent training on devices for distance learning, curriculum, and what reopening schools might look like.

The Board took action to approve policy (a) BP/SP 6157 – Distance Learning

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

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

4.6 Temporary Interfund Cash Transfers

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

The Board took action to approve the Temporary Interfund Cash Transfers.

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

Souza Cole, Zendejas **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** None

4.7 2020-2021 Education Protection Account Spending Plan

The Board took action to approve the 2020-2021 Education Protection Account Spending Plan.

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

4.8 Change the time of the Yolo County Board of Education Regular Board meetings to 4:30 p.m.

The Board took action to approve the new start time of the Yolo County Board of Education meetings to 4:30 p.m. beginning in August 2020. The new start time will be reassessed at the December 2020 meeting.

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

5.0 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

5.1 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

Gail Nadal, Director, Early Childhood Education reviewed the program report and answered questions from the Board.

5.2 Cesar Chavez Community School Extended School Year (ESY) Dates

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

**Trustee Zendejas left at 5:09 p.m.**

5.3 Facilities Report

Matt Juchniewicz, Director, Support Operations Services reviewed the PowerPoint in the Board packet and answered questions from the Board.

5.3 Empowering Possibilities International Charter (EPIC) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Dr. Carolynne Beno, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services reviewed this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. Final MOU will return to Board at the next meeting.

5.4 Distance Learning Update

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

Items discussed included:

- Graduation.
- Summer programming.
- Distance learning.
- Fall reopening not decided yet.
- Conclude current planning with health department guidance.
- Feedback on plans.
- Resources.
- Scheduled 3 additional check-ins with staff.
- Interim guidance review – additional meetings.
- Next step will be to meet with staff, teachers, etc. on health guidance in early July with the Superintendent’s Advisory Team (SAT) approval.

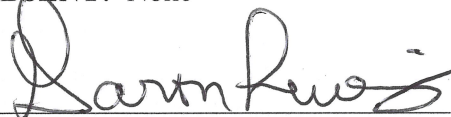
5.5 Suggested Future Agenda Items

Trustee Yip will not seek a third term in district for the Yolo County Board of Education seat. He will continue to work with Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) and California School Boards Association (CSBA). Trustee Yip will continue to be an advocate for students. Trustee Moreno recommended a future agenda item to recognize Trustee Yip’s service.

Trustee Moreno requested a presentation with data showing feedback from parents and teachers on current distance learning/COVID 19 situation. Superintendent Lewis recommended waiting until September meeting to present this information from the Yolo County Office of Education.

6.0 **ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.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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## Seibert, Yvette

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**From:** Moreno, Melissa  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2020 12:45 PM  
**To:** Seibert, Yvette  
**Cc:** Souza Cole, Carol; Lewis, Garth  
**Subject:** Minutes

Hello Yvette,

Would you please make change to the minutes to reflect what was said on Trustee report page 2?

From

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Thank you.