

YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting: August 11, 2020
MINUTES

1.1 OPENING PROCEDURES

- 1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education met on August 11, 2020 at 4:32 p.m. in Regular session on a Zoom conference call. Board Members present were: Melissa Moreno, Carol Souza Cole, Matt Taylor, Shelton Yip 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. President Souza Cole requested that Item #12 *Interdistrict Transfer Appeals* be moved after Item #6 *ADA Report*.

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

1.4 Public Comment.

Pam and Tracy Gonzales followed up on the status of Native American professional development in Yolo County. Superintendent Lewis thanked them for following up and their offer to support and reaffirm Native American teachings for staff. Superintendent Lewis has spoken with Yocha Dehe representative, Omar Carrillo, on how best to approach and engage with the nation on a partnership. The Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE) is currently preparing a letter that would have the professional development request and partnership on tribal council's agenda and share the concept/idea for a future meeting. The goal and hope is to offer an event or series as an opportunity for professional learning for teachers in November to coincide with Native American History month. Superintendent Lewis will provide a status of progress with this issue at the September Board meeting. Ms. Gonzales stated that not everyone who attended last year's Native American History month was with Yocha Dehe and Superintendent Lewis requested contact information be sent to him to discuss this initiative further with members of other nations.

Juliette Beck commented on outdoor learning and Native American Professional Development. She encouraged the Board to consider outdoor based-learning for Cesar Chavez Community School and Greengate Special Education. The outdoor environment provides a much lower risk of COVID-19 transmission than being indoors. Model ethnic studies and state approved environmental education already exists to support and innovate outdoor learning.

2.0 REPORTS

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

a. Board Reports

Trustee Moreno

- *Thanked Board for moving meeting to 4:30 p.m.*
- *Attended Santa Clara County Office Education's Ethnic Studies professional development*
 - *Second event she has attended.*
- *Attended California School Boards Association (CSBA) workshops on budget, returning to school, policies for students with IEPs and Special Education.*
- *Attended California Department of Education Ethnic Studies webinars hosted by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond and other core groups.*
- *Invited as trustee representative to attend a meeting at Winters school district to discuss resources for Spanish speaking parents and how to support students.*
 - *Thanked Superintendent Lewis who was willing and able to send Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE) staff to Winters Joint USD to participate in a conference panel to discuss and answer questions on school reentry and what kind of support will be available for Spanish speaking essential worker parents who have no experience with technology, and the need to assist their children during the virtual education term.*
 - *Trustee Moreno stated that there is definitely interest in culturally relevant education and ethnic studies. There is a need to understand institutional racism and how it impacts schools, society, students and learning.*
- *Thanked teachers and staff who have prepared for this Fall's return.*
- *Next week the California Latino School Boards Association (CLSBA) is holding a virtual public education conference if any Board members are interested in attending.*

Trustee Taylor

- *Attended California County Board of Education (CCBE) Leadership Retreat.*
 - *Discussed issues related to county boards and upcoming conference.*
 - *Strong speakers at CCBE conference will include Linda Darling Hammond and the CEO of Zoom who will discuss distance learning.*
 - *Also discussed distance learning, Inter-district transfers and services for school age children.*
- *Worked in community with local boards that are trying to provide childcare and distance learning support for essential workers*

- *Huge need in Clarksburg and in West Sacramento community*
- *Worked with Trustee Wong at Washington Unified School District (WUSD) who teaches a class at Sacramento State on public health policy for school nurses.*
 - *He was able to be a mock board member with fifty (50) nurses who are being credentialed.*

Trustee Zendejas

- *Has been working with community and RISE.*
 - *Hiring staff and supporting community at Esparto School District during these challenging times.*
- *Officially on ballot for November and unopposed*
 - *Excited for a full term and to be involved.*

Trustee Yip

- *Worked with administrators and trustees at the CSBA Leadership Retreat*
 - *Discussed inter-district transfers.*
 - *Discussed combating racism in our educational system statewide.*
 - *Working with CCBE, CSBA and ACSA taskforce on combating racism in schools*
 - *Discussed training with administrators and teachers on reopening schools/distance learning.*
 - *Discussed hiring practices.*
- *CCBE and CSBA conference will be virtual.*
 - *Will honor talent of students.*
 - *Recommended Board register soon for CCBE and CSBA virtual conferences.*
- *Attended YCOE's Orientation event which was virtual.*
 - *It was a nice event to welcome back staff - 264 plus attended.*
 - *Public Health Department overview was very informative.*

Trustee Souza Cole

- *Requested trustees to let Yvette Seibert, Executive Assistant know who is interested in registering for the CCBE conference in September.*
- *Discussed letters (attached in Board packet) that were received and written to student on distance learning.*

Superintendent
Updates

- *Thanked Board for their response to the letter from student that is attached under Board Reports in the packet.*
 - *Hardship for many students and appreciates thoughtfulness and respect shown.*
- *Expressed happiness to see Board after break in July.*

- Staff is gearing up for school year and thanked Superintendents Advisory Team (SAT) and staff for their dedication and hard work.
- Task Force meetings will begin again soon with the reopening of schools.
- Thanked Anthony Volkar, PIO for all of his hard work facilitating communications across the county.
- Thanked union leadership for their work and voices.
 - They are committed to public education and to YCOE's vision and mission.
- Thanked Trustee Yip for attending the Staff Orientation event.
 - 267 people on Zoom.
 - Thanked Information Technology and Orientation team for help on this event.
 - Feedback was positive and you could feel the positive energy over Zoom. Appreciated communication with public health department and updates specific to YCOE.
- Discussed a new COVID response team with Yolo County public health department.
- Currently meeting with District Superintendents twice a week on school reopenings, distance learning, etc.
- Dr. Carolynne Beno, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services is also in contact with leaders of educational services in the county.
 - Dr. Beno will also update Board during her report on the Mental Health Services grant and IEP grant.
- Discussed partnership with the California Human Development office on the use of the Corazon center. Superintendent Lewis hopes to have more information on the progress of this partnership at the next Board meeting.
- Currently framing work with Staff at YCOE
 - Focus on 3 E's – Epidemiology, Equity and Economy.
 - Will continue to partner with collaborators.
 - President Souza Cole commented on the need to move forward with equity and ethnic studies.
 - Needs of the students during the pandemic.

SAT

Dr. Carolynne Beno, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services discussed -

- SAT reports on the different divisions will be presented at the next Board meeting.
- Discussed the grants awarded:
 - Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE) grant.
 - County wide inclusive early education grant program
 - Mental health grant to provide mental health support in schools.

Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services discussed -

- Internal and External business departments very busy with budget development

- and closing books.*
- *Departments currently working remotely to support districts.*
 - *Moving forward on a teaching model to be able to support our classrooms.*
 - *Support Operations Services (SOS) department has been working on procurement for offices with Coalition for Adequate School Housing (CASH)*
 - *Busy disinfecting school sites.*
 - *Matt Juchniewicz, Director, SOS has worked on the local and state level on this issue and is also actively working with Director Gail Nadal, Early Childhood Education, and First Five California with distributing PPE, diapers, wipes, etc. to community partners. Also coordinated with districts on distribution of these items.*

Committees.

Executive Committee President Souza Cole stated that the committee met earlier in the month to prepare for Board meeting.

- 2.2 Associations. Cyndi Hale, new President for Yolo Education Association (YEA) introduced herself and responded to questions from the Board. She gave a member update and included the current status of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with YCOE and discussed an upcoming conference for members to attend in October.

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes:
- June 23, 2020 Regular Meeting
- Temporary County Certificates (May 2020)

Motion to approve Consent Agenda minus the June 23, 2020 meeting minutes.

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

Motion to approve May 12, 2020 meeting minutes with Trustee Moreno's changes
From:

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To

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Superintendent.

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

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 4.1 Resolution #20-21/3: In Support of High School Voter Weeks (last two full weeks in September)

The Board took action to approve Resolution # 20-21/3: In Support of High School Voter Weeks (last two full weeks in September). Superintendent Lewis commented that staff is dedicated to instructional programming and curriculum for students. It is important for students to engage with elected officials and the upcoming election in relationship to voter registration. President Souza Cole commented that voting is part of political process and is not a partisan issue. Essential message is that students should be political and involved in the civil/political process within the school and instructional system. President Souza Cole would like an update at a future meeting to the Board on how students will engage in the election process in September 2020. Trustee Moreno would like to encourage ethnic studies courses/programs/departments in Yolo county schools to assist in this effort of underrepresented racial minority communities while exercising agency in civic engagement and the act of registering and encouraging students to vote in November.

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

- 4.2 Resolution #20-21/4: School Attendance

The Board took action to approve Resolution #20-21/4: School Attendance. This resolution is reaffirmed under the current circumstances to reflect distance learning with COVID-19. Trustee Souza Cole requested that YCOE post this resolution on the website.

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

- 4.3 Resolution #20-21/5: Latino Heritage Month

The Board took action to approve Resolution #20-21/5: Latino Heritage Month. This resolution is an opportunity to recognize the contributions that the Latino community has made locally and in the world.

Trustee Moreno requested the following changes:

- A change in the title of the resolution to include Latino/*Chicano* Heritage month.

- The first paragraph to reflect the change of Hispanic Heritage month being *proposed in 1968 by U.S. Congressman Edward R. Roybal*.
- The Second paragraph to acknowledge and include *indigenous heritage* also.

The Board took action to approve Resolution #20-21/5: Latino Heritage Month with the above changes.

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

- 4.4 Resolution #20-21/6: In Support of Proclaiming July 26, 2020 as Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Day

The Board took action to approve Resolution #20-21/6: In Support of Proclaiming July 26, 2020 as Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Awareness Day. Dr. Beno stated that it was the 30th anniversary of the ADA and it is important to recognize people with disabilities who are a great value to society. Trustee Yip asked that this resolution be added to our recurring calendar for resolutions in June.

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

- 4.5 Yolo County Office of Education 45 Day Budget Revision
Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Business Services reviewed this item in Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. Ms. Hinely shared the PowerPoint *2020-2021 45-Day Budget Revision* (copies can be found on file with the official records of this meeting). Items discussed included Statutory COLA; Planning Factors for 2020-2021 and MYPs; 45 Day Budget Revision Revenue Detail and The Road Ahead. President Souza Cole also asked if Ms. Hinely could email the PowerPoint to the Board.

Trustee Taylor left the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

The Board took action to approve the Yolo County Office of Education 45 Day Budget Revision.

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

- 4.6 Dan Jacobs Calendar
Micah Studer, Executive Director, Equity and Support Services reviewed this item in Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

The Board took action to approve the Dan Jacobs Calendar.

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

4.7 Consolidated Application

Micah Studer, reviewed this item in Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

The Board took action to approve the Consolidated Application. Item is due on August 17, 2020

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

5.0 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

5.1 Public Disclosure of Costs Associated with the 2019-20 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE) and California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter #639.

Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Business presented this item in the Board Packet and responded to questions from the Board. Overall impact includes 1% retroactive amount for last year 2019-20 (one-time payment).

5.2. Public Disclosure of Costs Associated with the 2019-20 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE) and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Union. Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Business presented this item in the Board Packet and responded to questions from the Board. Overall impact includes 7% increase beginning July 1 for the current year 2020-21. Superintendent Lewis stated that there is a significant increase and acknowledged it is part of YCOE's strategy to attract and retain high quality staff.

5.3 Public Disclosure of Costs Associated with the 2019-20 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE) and Yolo Education Association (YEA), Chapter #71. Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Business presented this item in the Board Packet and responded to questions from the Board. Overall impact includes 1% retroactive amount for last year 2019-20 (one-time payment).

5.4 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.

Trustee Moreno asked how Head Start education is different this year and had a question on the budget regarding the food supply/pickup. Director Nadal commented that they are 100 percent distance learning and gave a current status on program interactions with teaching staff and parents which includes:

- Daily interactions with parents/families through videos with story freedom of movement.
- Coaching ideas on how to work with children.
- Food delivered free or reduced lunch while working with each school district.
 - Families provided with lunch and breakfast each day.
- All parents connected which include bilingual sessions.
 - Staff on board make connections as necessary and help with what student workspace, etc.

5.5 Base Program Definition Resolution

Micah Studer, Executive Director, Equity and Support Services reviewed this item in the Board packet and answered questions from the Board.

5.6 2019-20 Annual Average Daily Attendance (ADA) Report

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

5.7 Quarterly Report of Investments for Period Ending June 30, 2020

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

5.12 Inter-district Transfer Appeals

Superintendent Garth Lewis reviewed this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. Trustee Yip updated the Board on the current status of this item in the State of California. Yolo County has not had a request for an Inter-district Transfer Appeal in recent years. Superintendent Lewis spoke with the attorney on some language that needed to be updated but feels that the entire handbook (updated in 2015) needs to be reviewed by YCOE's attorney also. The Board agreed with his assessment and Superintendent Lewis will contact the attorney to review/revise the entire Inter-district Transfer Appeals handbook.

5.8 19-20 YCOE Williams Fourth Quarter UCP report

Deb Bruns, Director, Curriculum and Instruction reviewed this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. No complaints were reported.

5.9 Williams Quarterly Report on Yolo County Schools in Decile 1-3 4th Quarter

Deb Bruns, Director, Curriculum and Instruction reviewed this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. No universal complaints were

reported. Currently waiting on guidance from the California Department of Education (CDE) on the annual Williams visits to the districts due to the current status of COVID-19 and the county following all safety and compliance rules for staff during these visits.

5.10 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Yolo County Office of Education and Empowering Possibilities International Charter (EPIC)

Dr. Carolynne Beno, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services reviewed this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. EPIC accepted and has returned the fully executed MOU to YCOE which has a five (5) year term. Trustee Moreno asked a question about how EPIC is working towards achieving a racial/ethnic balance that is more reflective of the community and where is this information addressed in the MOU. Dr. Beno will research and email the answer to Trustee Moreno.

5.11 Distance Learning Update

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

Items discussed included:

- Plan to Reopen Schools in Person
- Pivoting to Plan for Distance Learning
- Technology training for parents including county and districts. If there are any families that need help/support with technology or training to please contact Dr. Beno.
- Trustee Moreno requested information be presented to the Board on the surveys from departments on how the families are doing with distance learning and what their needs are. The departments will also highlight how they are training families and deliver a Spanish inclusion update on this issue.

5.13 Date for Special meeting in September to approve the Learning Continuity Plan.

Superintendent Garth Lewis reviewed this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. The Learning Continuity Plan replaces the 2020-21 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). This item has a deadline of September 30 for Board adoption and the Public Hearing would need to be scheduled on a separate day. Discussion was to have the Public hearing on September 8, 2020 and then meet on September 15, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. for a special Board meeting to adopt the Learning Continuity Plan.

5.14 Suggested Future Agenda Items

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 the current distance learning/COVID 19 situation and to also include a Spanish inclusion update. Superintendent Lewis recommended waiting until the September Board meeting to present this information from the Yolo County Office

of Education.


An update to Board per public comment on possible Native American professional Development will be presented at a future meeting (possibly September 2020).

President Souza Cole would like an update to Board on how students will engage in the election process at a future meeting.

Superintendent Lewis commented on the Special board meeting that will be scheduled on September 15, 2020. He stated that we could invite Tim Taylor, Executive Director, Small School Districts Association to the special meeting to present to the Board on governance and superintendent operations after the discussion on the Board survey if desired.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

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



Garth Lewis, Superintendent

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