

YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting: September 8, 2020
MINUTES

1.1 OPENING PROCEDURES

- 1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education met on September 8, 2020 at 4:34 p.m. in Regular session on a Zoom conference call. Board Members present were: Melissa Moreno, Matt Taylor, Shelton Yip and Tico Zendejas. Trustee Souza Cole was absent. Trustee Taylor 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.
- 1.4 Public Comment.
None

Trustee Souza Cole arrived at 4:37 p.m.

2.0 REPORTS

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

a. Board Reports

Trustee Yip

- *Appreciated the videos from staff and Cesar Chavez Community School*
- *Congratulated Trustee Zendejas and the RISE organization on being recognized as Non-Profit of the Year.*
- *Thanked Micah Studer, Executive Director of Equity and Support Services and Mariah Ernst-Collins, Program Coordinator of Foster Youth, Homeless and Mental Health Services for their work with the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Children volunteers.*
- *Will attend the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) virtual conference this weekend.*
- *Attended the California School Boards Association (CSBA) zoom call today on presenting virtually at the conference.*
 - *Congratulated Superintendent Lewis, Yvette Seibert, Executive Assistant and the Executive Assistants from Davis Joint USD and Woodland Joint USD on presenting at the CSBA virtual conference in December.*

Trustee Moreno

- *Congratulated Jerry Jimenez, incoming Trustee for the Yolo County Board of Education.*
- *Helped to organize and attend last month's webinar Dismantling*

Systematic Racism in Public Education with the California Latino School Boards Association (CLSBA).

- *Excellent turn out several hundred people.*
- *Attended a virtual conference last month in Winters for the community organizers raising awareness about Back to School and managing/handling COVID-19 in Winters and Yolo County.*
- *Presented an update on the Ethnic Studies model curriculum to Washington Unified School District (WUSD) last week.*
 - *It was nice to get to know the trustees and take their questions on this issue.*
- *Discussed Native American Studies and professional development at the Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE) with Deb Bruns, Director of Curriculum & Instruction today.*
- *Recently nominated for CLSBA Board.*

Trustee Zendejas.

- *Congratulated Jerry Jimenez, incoming Trustee for the Yolo County Board of Education.*
- *Congratulated Trustee Moreno for being nominated for the CLSBA Board.*
- *Excited to be back to school and distance learning with children.*
- *Thankful to educators for all their hard work and continuing to be agile.*
- *Thankful and honored that the RISE organization received the Non-Profit of the Year award.*
 - *Excited to support Yolo County and its community through partnerships*

Trustee Souza Cole

- *Congratulated Trustee Zendejas and the RISE organization on being recognized as Non-Profit of the Year.*
- *Congratulated Trustee Moreno for being nominated for the CLSBA Board.*
- *Congratulated Trustee Yip for receiving the 2020 Individual Excellence in Education (EIE) award for YCOE.*
- *Attended the Yolo County School Boards Association Meeting on August 31, 2020. Items discussed included the Effective Governance with an Equity Lens virtual workshop at 5:30 p.m. on September 26, 2020 and the EIE virtual awards event on October 26, 2020.*

Trustee Taylor

- *Congratulated Trustee Zendejas and the RISE organization on being recognized as Non-Profit of the Year.*
- *Congratulated Trustee Moreno for being nominated for the CLSBA Board.*
- *Congratulated Jerry Jimenez, incoming Trustee for the Yolo County*

Board of Education.

- *Plans to attend the CCBE conference.*
 - *Many interesting sessions to attend including a presentation from the CEO of Zoom on digital learning and using Zoom as a platform.*

Superintendent
Updates

- *Congratulated Trustee Zendejas and the RISE organization on being recognized as Non-Profit of the Year.*
- *Congratulated Jerry Jimenez, incoming Trustee for the Yolo County Board of Education.*
 - *Superintendent Lewis looks forward to meeting in person and giving a brief tour of the YCOE facility and staff.*
- *Celebrating that all campuses are now in session.*
 - *Appreciate efforts that staff has made to meet the needs of students and parents.*
 - *Looking forward to 2020-2021 being a memorable school year.*
- *YCOE was approached by the county government to work on a plan to disburse \$250,000 scholarships for families in need of childcare.*
 - *Accepted partnership and looks forward to working together on a plan to disburse these resources.*
- *Attended a mask giveaway with the California Human Development Department who we are pursuing a potential lease with at the Corazon Center.*
 - *Community members from farm industry were involved in the giveaway of masks and given? giving information from County on support services.*
- *Thanked Jessica Burrone, Director of Special Education and Nicole Castrejon from the Head Start program for helping to support the community event in Winters in which they presented how YCOE supports student with IEPs and who are in the Head Start programs.*
- *Discussed joint effort with Deb Bruns, Director of Curriculum & Instruction on Native American studies at YCOE.*
 - *Discussed with colleagues in Shasta County.*
 - *Recommended an effort to engage with Native American tribes in the county. Structure for program is to have a cultural consultant role for each tribe to ensure an authentic voice as we deal with lesson planning, teachers and historical accuracy.*
 - *Director Bruns will meet with Trustee Moreno on this issue soon. She will also discuss the program with the Wintun nation, Dr. Rose Middleton, UC Davis, Native American studies department and Stacey Greer, The History Project at UC Davis.*
 - *Director Bruns looks forward to bringing together the*

K12 community with the Native American nation and using some of the lessons learned and models from Shasta COE. Director Bruns will share more information with the Board as the planning process moves forward.

SAT

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

Updates on the Educational Services division

- *YCOE was chosen as one of four anchor COE's to work with California Together to implement the English language roadmap.*
 - *Woodland Joint USD is the anchor district and grant funds will be used to hire a program specialist in the county.*
- *Corazon Center is close to being ready to enter into a lease agreement with the California Human Development (CHD) group.*
 - *Visited several times and planning to move in this Fall offering courses in January. Nothing is finalized but closer to a deal. Adult Education staff has been meeting with staff from CHD on possible collaboration points.*

Equity and support services.

- *Executive Director Micah Studer is currently supporting the districts to help them craft the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plans.*
- *Highlights include supporting three (3) different professional learning networks – community of practices.*
 1. *Leadership Academy for principals.*
 2. *Compliance supporting North Central Counties for professional learning networks*
 3. *Social emotional learning*
- *Greengate school has new gates and playground area.*

Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services discussed:

- *Roof repair has been completed at Santa Anita site.*
- *Will install fire suppression system in the Data Services room.*
- *Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Business Services, reviewed the PowerPoint, Budget Report Review (copy can be found on file with the official records of this meeting).*
 - *Includes snapshot of expenses and revenues to date. Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services, stated that this item will be included as a one-page document in the board reports monthly and responded to questions from the Board.*

Trustee Souza Cole thanked Ms. Hinely and Ms. Huey and stressed to the Board how important these reports are for keeping apprised of the budget monthly.

Trustee Souza Cole also requested that this item be added as a standing information item at future meetings and if a cash flow report can also be done monthly. Cash flow report is currently done in the interim report and Superintendent Lewis stated that we can update the Board at the next meeting on this issue and continue to provide cash flow information during the interim report.

Trustee Moreno requested information on expenses that go over a certain amount to be highlighted as major transactions to be reported to the Board. Discussion on this issue included the current practice of reporting this information during the interim reports that highlight projects and expenditures. Trustee Taylor commented that the Board's role is not in approving individual expenses. The Board approves the budget but the county figures out how the money is spent.

Committees.

Executive Committee

None

2.2 Associations.

None

3.0 2020 Mini Grant Presentations

- Deaf Coach Program – Kate Boyd, Educational Interpreter reviewed the PowerPoint, *Deaf Coach Program Update* in the Board packet.
- Wellness, Inclusion and Nutrition Program – Cory Wiegel, Teacher, Adult Living Skills-2 discussed this program. Gym membership is currently on hold due to COVID-19 and he is hoping to restart this program in the future.

4.0 **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of Minutes:
- August 11, 2020 Regular Meeting
 - Temporary County Certificates (August 2020)
 - 2020 YCOE EIE Award Recipients

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

TAYLOR: **AYE**

YIP: **AYE**

MORENO: **AYE**

SOUZA COLE: **AYE**

ZENDEJAS: **AYE**

Trustee Souza Cole is now presiding over the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

- 5.0 **A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED TO RECEIVE COMMENT FROM PARENTS, TEACHERS, MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, AND BARGAINING UNIT LEADERS REGARDING THE STIPULATION OF THE STATE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS PROGRAM, AND THE SUFFICIENCY OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS IN THE YOLO COUNTY ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS, GRADES 9-12, FISCAL YEAR 2021-21.**

Public Hearing opened at 5:41 p.m. and closed at 5:42 p.m.

6.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

- 6.1 Instructional Materials Resolution

The Board took action to approve Resolution #20-21/07 Instructional Materials.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

TAYLOR: **AYE**
YIP: **AYE**
MORENO: **AYE**
SOUZA COLE: **AYE**
ZENDEJAS: **AYE**

- 6.2 RESOLUTION #20-21/08 Anti-Bullying Month (October 2020)

The Board took action to approve Resolution #20-21/08: Anti-Bullying Month (October 2020). Superintendent Lewis presented this item and stressed positive school culture with high expectations to combat bullying as a form of harassment.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

TAYLOR: **AYE**
YIP: **AYE**
MORENO: **AYE**
SOUZA COLE: **AYE**
ZENDEJAS: **AYE**

- 7.0 **A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED TO SOLICIT RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

REGARDING SPENDING REGULATIONS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL AND CONCENTRATION GRANTS; TO NOTIFY THE PUBLIC OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT REGARDING THE SPECIFIC ACTIONS AND EXPENDITURES TO BE INCLUDED IN THE LEARNING CONTINUITY AND ATTENDANCE PLAN; TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE PUBLIC HOW THE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION INTENDS TO MEET ANNUAL GOALS FOR ALL PUPILS WITH SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES TO ADDRESS STATE AND LOCAL PRIORITIES AND TO COMPLY WITH EDUCATION CODE SECTION 43509.

Public Hearing opened at 5:45 p.m. and closed at 5:46 p.m.

8.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1 Draft Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan

Dr. Studer presented this item and responded to questions from the Board. This item will be back for approval with revisions at next week's special board meeting. Figures will be different.

Items discussed included:

- Learning loss mitigation funding values will be updated.
- The Board will receive updated totals prior to special meeting within 24 to 48 hours.
- Chromebooks - cost and distribution.
- Textbook distribution vs. online materials
- Case management model.
- CommuniCare and social emotional help for students.
- Attendance plan – work that staff is doing to engage students for participation with distance learning.
 - *32 students currently attending Cesar Chavez Community school*
 - *11 attending YCCP.*
 - *5 attending Dan Jacobs.*
- President Souza Cole requested a change on Page 8 regarding the plan predominance on low income, foster youth and English learners. President Souza Cole asked if it could indicate numbers... for example...X percent are low income.
- Joint student DELAC and ELAC and parent advisory council meeting minutes were very informative with comments from parents and students and the challenge with distance learning.
- Trustee Moreno requested information on the health conditions for students and families and access to food.
 - Principal Gerhart discussed that the access to food is ongoing
 - Students can access food at Woodland Joint USD.
 - Discussed lack of supervision with families.

- CommuniCare and therapists for students help support staff and paraeducators who call right away if a student has not logged in to class.
- Safety and multiple living arrangements for students were discussed.

This item will come back to the Board for approval at the Special Board meeting next Tuesday.

8.2 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

Dr. Carolynne Beno, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services answered questions from the Board. Trustee Taylor requested the status of distance learning. Dr. Beno stated that we just received chrome books for this program and there is a daily schedule for students online that includes reading time, circle time, etc. but unfortunately many families don't have devices so they use packets. The plan is to use a combination of both digital and packets since that is what families indicated was the preference. Trustee Moreno asked how many Head Start students are currently enrolled. Dr. Beno stated that enrollment is down this year due to virtual distance learning and childcare but she will find out the information and email it to the Board. President Souza Cole also commented on the new Head Start classroom that has opened in central Woodland and Head start staff has been reaching out to the emergency shelter to recapture students from the Arts Preschool that was shut down recently. There is one class in Esparto still so the need is there for families living in shelter and in need of care.

8.3 Williams Annual Report

Deb Bruns, Director, Curriculum & Instruction reviewed this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. There is no new information. Guidance for this year will be working with districts via a survey instead of onsite. The survey of instructional materials will be upcoming.

8.4 Disposition of Surplus Equipment

Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Business Services reviewed this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. President Souza Cole asked if the equipment was in good shape and if it was could it be donated to a nonprofit that is doing after school care for families, for example the RISE program. Director Hinely stated that yes, we could donate the furniture and equipment to be disposed of as we wish. Dr. Beno will relay this request to Gail Nadal, Director, Early Childhood Education.

8.5 First Reading of Board Policies - 6000 Series

Dr. Carolynne Beno reviewed this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. The language in Administrative Regulation 6178 - Career Technical Education has been updated to indicate another term for special populations. YCOE will be using “historically excluded” or “underserved populations.” Superintendent Lewis thanked President Souza Cole for bringing this to our attention. That change in language shows YCOE has a commitment to equity and access and a respectful representation of the students.

8.6 2020-21 YCOE Organizational Charts

Superintendent Garth Lewis reviewed this item in the Board Packet.

8.7 Distance Learning Update

Dr. Carolynne Beno, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services and Principal Gayelynn Gerhart, Alternative Education, reviewed the PowerPoint, *Distance Learning Update for YCOE Programs* in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

Items discussed included:

Framing the Work of Reopening Schools
YCOE Planning Efforts
Launching the Year in Distance Learning

Alternative Education

Distance Learning Survey Results
Staff Survey Results
Parent Student Survey Results
Lessons Learned
Reopening YCOE – Supports for Families
Reopening YCOE – Supports for Students

Special Education

Distance Learning in Action – Spring and summer Recap
Distance Learning Survey Results
Reopening YCOE – August 10 - Present

8.8 Suggested Future Agenda Items

Trustee Moreno recommended a future agenda item to recognize Trustee Yip’s service.

President Souza Cole would like an update to the Board on how students will engage in the election process at a future meeting (possibly in October a brief report on election process for students).

9.0 **ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

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

Zendejas **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None

ROLL CALL VOTE:

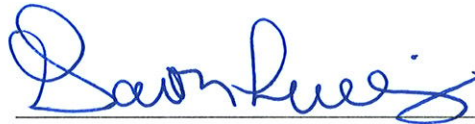
TAYLOR: **AYE**

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Garth Lewis, Superintendent

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