

YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting: January 12, 2021
MINUTES

1.1 OPENING PROCEDURES

1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education met on January 12, 2021 at 4:31 p.m. in Regular session on a Zoom conference call. Board Members present were: Matt Taylor, Melissa Moreno, Jerry Jimenez and Carol Souza Cole. Trustee Zendejas 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.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

JIMENEZ: **AYE**

TAYLOR: **AYE**

MORENO: **AYE**

SOUZA COLE: **AYE**

ZENDEJAS: **ABSENT**

1.4 Public Comment.
None.

2.0 REPORTS

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

a. Board Reports

Trustee Souza Cole

- *Attended facilities committee meeting. Meeting summary:*
 - *Superintendent and leadership of bargaining unit were included in the meeting.*
 - *Helpful and informative.*
 - *Reopening schools on January 25 postponed to March 1.*
 - *Appreciate staff and leadership for all their work this year on items that have never been done before.*
 - *Example - classes at 18 different sites and needs being met at these sites*
 - *Meeting the challenge of receiving supplies.*
 - *Air cleaner in classrooms.*

- *Attended CSBA budget workshop where they reviewed proposed budget.*
- *Commented on terrorism at Capitol last week. Reminded of the words in the Pledge of allegiance... that we are one nation indivisible and what each one of us can do to support that and work toward that end goal to meet this moment.*

Trustee Moreno

- *Thanked Superintendent Lewis for sending email acknowledging concern regarding the terrorism at capitol and how it could be difficult for people to concentrate at this time.*
 - *Resolution on this subject.*
- *Acknowledged Black History month.*

Trustee Jimenez

- *Attended Yolo County CASA meeting.*
- *Will connect with key leaders at various schools to take a tour soon*
- *Interested in joining the California Latino School Boards Association.*

Trustee Taylor

- *Appreciated Trustee Souza Cole's comments.*
- *Attended California County Board of Education (CCBE) statewide executive Retreat. Currently the treasurer and excited about upcoming events planned with providing training and resources for county board members.*

Superintendent

Updates

- *Introduced new staff member An Ta, Career College Readiness Specialist (CCR) and Heather Schlamann, Program Specialist II, Curriculum & Instruction Department.*
- *Received message from Trustee Zendejas that he will be joining the meeting at 5 p.m.*
- *Attended the English Learning Roadmap Institution on December 16, 2020.*
- *Attended state COVID-19 testing taskforce meetings in preparation for a test site (YCOE building) for YCOE employees.*
 - *Taskforce includes staff at Davis, Healthy Davis, Woodland, Winters and Esparto.*
 - *Trustees will be welcome to participate in the test site.*

Trustee Zendejas arrived at 4:48 pm

- *Attended Facilities meetings and thanked staff for work on reopening schools.*
- *Attended the North County Professional Learning Network.*
 - *Addresses issues of educational equity through the LCAP.*

- *Discussed guidance for opening schools from Governor's office.*
- *Upcoming Zoom event on January 26 from 6 to 6:45 featuring Dawnte Early-West, PhD, MS discussing Martin Luther King, Jr. at YCOE's Annual Celebration.*
- *Will participate in School Services of California budget seminar on Friday.*
- *Upcoming Zoom event on February 4 featuring Patti Herrera from School Services of California presenting on Governor Newsom's Budget Proposal for 2021-22: Implications for K12 education*
- *Condolence letter was recently sent from Superintendent's office on the death of Tribal Elder Marshal McKay.*
- *Participated in the Yolo County Board of Supervisors meeting to accept a resolution honoring Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday.*
 - *Shared comments from resolution.*

SAT

Dr.Carolynne Beno, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services referred to the updates in the Board packet. Reviewed the PowerPoint "Board Update on YCOE Educational Programs.

Items discussed included:

- *Change to YCOE Program Reopening Date*
- *Updated Return Schedule: February 22, 2021 – Staff who are engaged in classroom preparation/Managers return to classroom.*
- *March 1, 2021 – Students return to classroom.*
- *Preparations for students returning to the classroom.*
- *Facilities meeting update*

Question from Vice President Moreno included the educators' unions and have they made any requests or are there ongoing issues that have not been attended to regarding facilities and reopening plans. Dr. Beno stated there is ongoing discussion regarding:

- *Teachers' instruction via Zoom which will be discussed soon with labor partners.*
- *Ongoing planning on schools reopening.*
- *Dr. Beno and other administrators, along with a representative from public health, will be touring three (3) of our facilities soon (Alyce Norman, Greengate and Cesar Chavez) to provide an opportunity for input from the health department and additional recommendations on a safe reopening. This also includes collaboration with each school district in terms of protocols, etc.*
- *There will also be a meeting soon with Dr. Sisson, Health officer and district schools on Jan 21 and 28 to discuss guidelines and support a safe return to campuses.*

Committees.

Facilities Committee met.

- 2.2 Associations.
None.

3.0 PRESENTATION OF 2021 YOLO COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR PLAQUE TO SARAH GRAVES, WOODLAND HIGH SCHOOL – HOSPITALITY CTE PATHWAY & TECHNOLOGY 9 FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES (FCS)

Supt. Lewis presented a 2021 Yolo County Teacher of the Year plaque to Ms. Graves. Ms. Graves thanked everyone for her honor and many staff from Woodland Joint USD honored Ms. Graves for her work supporting students.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes:
- December 14, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
- Temporary County Certificates (December 2020)

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 RESOLUTION #20-21/15: Black History Month – February 2021

Superintendent Lewis presented this item. He also respectfully asked the Board to reconsider inviting individuals to accept resolutions during future Board meetings.

Superintendent Lewis recommended an amendment in the first section of the resolution recognizing African American throughout the ages that have contributed to world history and inventions prior to the history of enslavement in the U.S.

Vice President Moreno would also like to pass the resolution with Superintendent Lewis' amendment above and include honoring the recognition of social worker Damien Washington. She would like to mention his background in ethnic studies with work around children and families in Yolo county in the resolution also.

Trustee Souza Cole commented on our history of slavery and that we are presently dealing with this issue in the best way and she is grateful we are adding this language to the resolution.

The Board took action to approve the RESOLUTION #20-21/15: Black

History Month – February 2021

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

5.2 RESOLUTION #20-21/16: Career Technical Education (CTE) Month – February 2021

Superintendent Lewis presented this item. CTE is very important and Yolo County continues to make a significant commitment to supporting students and teachers in the field.

Trustee Moreno commented that CTE is very important for students, especially minorities in this field.

The Board took action to approve the RESOLUTION #20-21/16: Career Technical Education (CTE) Month – February 2021

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

5.3 School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs)

Dr. Micah Studer, Executive Director, Equity and Support Services reviewed this Item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

Dr. Studer discussed approving document with changes to be made with additional data. If board adopts it we can modify and resubmit with board approval. We can make corrections prior to the submission date.

Questions from the Board included:

- Facilities section.
 - Data transfer issue which will be corrected.
 - Discussed work order procedures.

- Facilities and what changes will look like.
 - Would like the ratings explained/discussed and include remedy since it is a snapshot in time.
- Revise teacher salary on page 65 in document.
- Board members requested more information on work orders.
 - Process of YCOE work orders.
 - Timeline of when issues are to be addressed.
 - Accountability on YCOE facilities.

The Board requested the updated document emailed to them when completed.

Supt. Lewis stated that additional information will be shared in February on YCOE's system for work orders and how ratings are determined in the report. The Final SARC will also be discussed and shared.

Items to be changed in SARC document include:

- Typographical changes and clarify language in remediation section.
- In February share the SARC with finalized language.
- Facilities presentation on work orders in February.
- Page 47 and 76 will include the repair needed and action on how repairs will be fixed and the ratings and remedy for each action.
- Checklist of problems found will be included and brought back in February meeting.

The Board took action to approve the School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs) with the above changes.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

5.4 2021 California Latino School Boards Association Board membership

Vice President Melissa Moreno reviewed this item in the Board packet. The association advocates for Chicano and Latino students. She would like the Board to consider membership of trustees who are interested in participating. All members are interested in the organization membership and will include Superintendent Lewis. Board also discussed travel funds.

The Board took action to approve participation in the California Latino School Boards Association membership for 2021-22.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Trustee Souza Cole also requested confirmation that all Board members will be added to the mailing list.

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Initial Proposal to the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools from the Yolo Education Association (YEA)

Superintendent Lewis reviewed this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

6.2 School Plan for Student Achievement (2020-2021)

Dr. Micah Studer, Executive Director, Equity and Support Services reviewed this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. Dr. Studer will bring back this item for adoption next month.

6.3 Alternative Education Monthly Attendance Report

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

Items discussed included:

- Comment from Trustee Zendejas who thanked Principal Gerhart and her team for all of the positive items going on with school right now and appreciates the relationship building.
- Trustee Souza Cole had a question on referrals and if there is a trend.
- Check in and focus on students who are not engaged with school/learning/classes (10 or 11). Items that can affect students engagement:
 - Working with CommuniCare partners.
 - Instability in student lives.
 - Tragedies of deaths over a matter of weeks.
 - Housing and food insecurities.
 - Homelife strengthen so they can learn.
 - Learning is second to survival.

- Most working to survive.
- Vice President Moreno wanted to extend appreciation for the effort taking place at the school. She also asked about gender breakdown and if there was a female version of Trino at the school.
- Principal Gerhart stated that there are many female staff members that mentor and help students. Including paraeducators, teachers, and counselors. Superintendent Lewis also shared with the Board, Maribel Zaragoza's (former student) final interview with ACSA that mentioned female mentors that impacted her life.

6.4 First Reading of School Site Safety Plans

Dr. Carolynne Beno, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services reviewed the PowerPoint, *Comprehensive School Safety Plans* in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

Items discussed included:

- Comprehensive School Safety Plan Requirements
- Cesar Chavez Community School
 - 2020-21 Comprehensive School Safety Plan Updates
- Greengate School
 - Changes/Updates to 2020-21 Comprehensive School Safety Plan

Question from Trustee Souza Cole included how is training performed at other sites where there is staff.

- Teachers and paraeducators are trained and schools include YCOE in the training. Training is fully integrated with rules, safety, assembly, etc. We use the district plan if we have YCOE staff on facility.
- Principals have monthly check in meetings on COVID-19 processes and safety.
- Adoption of School Site Safety plans will return to the February meeting.

6.5 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 reviewed this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

Items discussed:

- New reopening date of March 1.
- Region 9 federal review - No change.
- Next month or two all classes online.
- Continue distance learning for Kindergarten.

- Observed zoom meetings recently.
 - Discussed social and emotional feelings for children.
 - Looking forward to new classroom at Woodland United Methodist Church.
 - February 2021 opening.
 - Region 9 enrollment - 67 percent capacity.
 - Focus on children going to kindergarten. Ready for school district sites.
 - Some team members are located at YCOE.
 - Will soon relocate to Suite 190 where there is more room.
- 6.6 Head Start Surplus Vehicles
Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Business Services reviewed this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.
- 6.7 Monthly Board Financial Report
Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Business Services reviewed this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.
- 6.8 Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for YCOE schools
Deb Bruns, Director, Curriculum and Instruction reviewed this item in the Board packet.
- 6.9 First Reading of Board Policy BP/SP 4133
Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services reviewed this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.
- Trustee Souza Cole had a question on the approval of superintendent policies also is the mileage rate reflecting the correct amount per 2021. Ms. Huey stated that we will change the amount to .56 cents per mile to reflect the correct mileage for 2021 and the Board does approve Board Policy/Superintendent policies. This policy will be brought back to the Board for approval at the February meeting.
- 6.10 Discuss YCBE Retreat Goals for March 2021 workshop
President Matt Taylor reviewed this item in the Board packet. President Taylor discussed the agenda and the Board made the following suggestions:
- Trustee Moreno requested an orientation packet or updated binder. Yvette Seibert, Executive Assistant will update the binders and mail to each Board member for the Board retreat in March.
 - Superintendent Lewis stated that it would be helpful to have a one-page document with big picture items at the retreat to help with the visual of a governance calendar to assist with communications this year.
 - Trustee Souza Cole requested that the Board conduct a self-assessment annually.
 - Will also discuss the tools and timing of self-assessment.

If any Board members have additional retreat items please send to Superintendent Lewis or Yvette Seibert.

Superintendent Lewis will schedule one on one meetings with the Board this year.

- 6.11 Suggested Future Agenda Item(s)
Trustee Moreno requested a special meeting to consider a resolution upholding democracy in schools. The Board discussed scheduling a special meeting on Friday, January 15 at 4 p.m.

7.0 **ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:


TAYLOR: AYE

JIMENEZ: AYE

MORENO: AYE

SOUZA COLE: AYE

ZENDEJAS: AYE



Garth Lewis, Superintendent

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