

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

**1.0 OPENING PROCEDURES**

- 1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education Meeting met on October 12, 2021 at 3:36 p.m. at a Regular Board meeting session in person. Board Members present were: Matt Taylor, Carol Souza Cole, Melissa Moreno, Shelton Yip and Tico Zendejas. President Taylor presided. Superintendent Garth Lewis was present. (Roll Call held).
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance. The pledge of allegiance was conducted.
- 1.3 Land Acknowledgement Statement. The Land Acknowledgement Statement was conducted.
- 1.4 Approval of Agenda.  
*Trustee Souza Cole requested that the Board move action items starting with the consent agenda first and then going through each item prior to board and staff reports. Vice President Moreno requested Item 4.3 and 4.4 to be first and then follow with each Action item in order.*

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

- 1.5 Public Comment.  
None

**3.0 CONSENT AGENDA**  
Motion to approve consent agenda.

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**4.0 ACTION ITEMS**

- 4.3 RESOLUTION #21-22/19 Indigenous People's Day (October 11, 2021)  
Superintendent Lewis presented the resolution to Patrick Burt, Tribal Curriculum Writer who thanked the Yolo County Board of Education for this honor. Vice President Moreno recognized and appreciates all the contributions from indigenous people in this country.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION #21-22/19 Indigenous People's Day (October 11, 2021)

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

- 4.4 RESOLUTION #21-22/20 Native American Indian Heritage Month - November 2021  
Superintendent Lewis read the resolution and recognized that in 2020, the Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE) convened the Yolo County California Indian Curriculum and Advisory Group to reflect accurate perspective on this issue. This resolution will be distributed to each district in Yolo County and Vice President Moreno stated that the county will need to include Native American model curriculum and other socio economic instructional materials by 2025.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION #21-22/20 Native American Indian Heritage Month - November 2021.

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

TAYLOR: **AYE**  
MORENO: **AYE**

SOUZA COLE: **AYE**  
YIP: **AYE**  
ZENDEJAS: **AYE**

4.1 Resolution #21-22/16 Declaring the Week of November 7-13, 2021 as California Retired Teachers Week

Superintendent Lewis read and presented this resolution to Gil Walker, President and Richard Halen, Governmental Relations of the California Retired Teachers Association. President Taylor thanked Mr. Walker and Mr. Halen for all their hard work. Trustee Yip also thanked Mr. Walker and Mr. Halen for being here to accept the resolution and for all the work they do on state and federal legislation. Mr. Walker thanked the Board for this honor in receiving this resolution

Motion to adopt Resolution #21-22/16 Declaring the Week of November 7-13, 2021 as California Retired Teachers Week

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

4.2 RESOLUTION #21-22/17 Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month - (November 2021)

Superintendent Lewis read and presented this resolution to Sukhjit Singh, Mike Gill, Kuldip Kang and Harsen Singh from the Sikh Faith. Trustee Yip commented and appreciates the history of Sikh and Punjabi in Yolo county.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION #21-22/17 Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month - (November 2021)

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

## 2.0 REPORTS

### 2.1 Board Reports

#### Trustee Yip

- Congratulated staff for an amazing *Excellence In Education (EIE)* virtual event.
- Discussed K12 funding – Yolo county initiative and separate funding.
- Mental health dollars.
  - How are we going to support LEAs on this issue.
  - Influx of refugees in Yolo community and are we meeting needs of refugee.
    - Superintendent Lewis commented that Shannon McClarin, Director, Early Childhood Education will speak on this issue during the Head Start item.
- Thanked Dr. Micah Studer, Assistant Superintendent, Equity and Support Services for his work on access and issues around equity.
  - CSBA and ACSA have a task force looking at overarching issues.
- Discussed Every Student Succeeding honoree from Cesar Chavez a year ago.
  - Looking for students we want to recognize to be honored this year.

#### Trustee Souza Cole

- Visited YCCP and Cesar Chavez recently.
  - Great visit with students who were so engaged.
  - Wish the class had more students.
- Facilities committee met and we had a brief overview of facility improvements.
  - Great improvements and facilities are up and running. Looked great.
- Regular meeting with Supt. Lewis.
  - Talked about ycoe.org having a page with a list of all resolutions.

#### President Taylor

- YCOE has an amazing staff. During facilities meeting we were able to take a tour of sites and many changes are being made and sites are well maintained.

#### Trustee Moreno

- Thanked staff for hard work this year.
- Excellent *Excellence In Education (EIE)* virtual event this year.
- Currently organizing conferences for the California Latino School Boards Association (CLSBA) to address social and mental aspects for students and teachers.
- Pleased with support for early childhood education and Davis Joint USD's efforts to approve ethnic studies despite the challenges and limitations.

Trustee Zendejas

- Invited community to ground-breaking on Monday for Esparto Capay Valley at 5 pm.
- Discussed substitute shortages.
  - Trustee Zendejas is also doing his part by recently substituting in culinary class at the high school.

Superintendent

Margie Valenzuela, Executive Director, Human Resources and staff recognized and honored the employees of the month: Heather Williams, Sarah Jull, Jonathon Monin, Roni Morales, Caitlyn Tsutsui have displayed a deep level of collaborative spirit to the students and staff on the Greengate campus. In response to low Staff numbers, these educators have worked as a team with neighboring classes to ensure that students receive the necessary supports while at school. They have provided a welcoming environment for students to join their class during art, music therapy, community-based instruction, and other engaging activities (including practicing fire safety, making s'mores). All Special Education staff have risen to the challenges that this year has brought so far and this team exemplifies that commitment.

Update from Deb Bruns, Director, Teaching and Learning on Yolo California Indian Curriculum & Professional Learning Advisory Group – (Powerpoint was included in Board packet).

Introduced Patrick Burt, Tribal Curriculum Writer who was here to accept resolution earlier. Discussed next steps recognized Vice President Moreno for participating and bringing this group together. Vice President Moreno thanked Ms. Bruns for her leadership and commitment to this work.

Discussed

- Recognized EIE award and event planners – Anthony Volkar, PIO and Yvette Seibert, Executive Assistant and Carrie Green, President, YCSBA.
- Declining enrollment.
  - Trustee Souza Cole and Moreno both asked questions regarding CALPADS system and where students went since we need to identify.
  - Superintendent Lewis stated that yes, we anticipated declining enrollment.
    - Number of factors affect declining enrollment - birthrate and moving, pandemic and choices.
    - End of school year report to board will show impact on this issue. Trustee Souza Cole concerned that no students fall through the crack.

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Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services presented her report in the Board packet.

Maria Arvizu-Espinoza, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services presented her report in the Board packet.

Highlighted

- Adult living skills program.
  - Ms. Arvizu-Espinoza read daily skills of the program and what they are doing.
    - Happy to be around other college students at a new location in Sol West.
    - Trustee Souza Cole will contact staff to take a tour of program.
    - Apartment is the classroom.
    - Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services described rooms. Trustee Yip described unit and duplex that he has seen in the past for classrooms – the transformation is amazing during program. The room is proficient in a lot of things not done in classroom.

Ms. Huey also thanked Board for acknowledging work done at sites with the recent moves.

Committees

None

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Associations

None

4.5

Committed Fund Balance

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

Motion to adopt the Committed Fund Balance

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

ZENDEJAS: **AYE**

- 4.6 Committed Fund Balance Pension Contribution  
Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Fiscal Services presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

Motion to adopt the Committed Fund Balance Pension Contribution.

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

- 4.7 Adoption of the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 Gann Limit  
Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Fiscal Services presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

Motion to adopt the Adoption of the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 Gann Limit.

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

- 4.8 ESSER III Expenditure Plan  
Dr. Micah Studer, Assistant Superintendent of Equity and Support Services, presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

Items discussed included

- Draft plan submitted for review.
  - Items pulled from LCAP.
- Trustee Souza Cole commented on ensuring interventions in student needs and the four (4) monitoring steps that involve the Board – will they receive

quarterly and/or monthly reports to review progress.

- Dr. Studer stated that quarterly updates are expected.
- Vice President Moreno had a question on page 63 under community engagement.
  - Do the LEAs engage with tribes in regards to approval of AB 101 - Ethnic studies in high schools and how does that fit in by 2030. Is there funding through 2025 to spend on this issue by then. Also, will the curriculum adoption process meet the minimum requirement process.
  - Dr. Studer described the process that will be used for this plan and stated that there will be funding.

Motion to adopt the ESSER III Expenditure Plan.

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

- 4.9 RESOLUTION #21-22/18 Resolution of the Yolo County Board of Education Regarding Brown Act Compliance and Possible Teleconferencing Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953, as Amended by Assembly Bill 361, During the COVID-19 Pandemic.  
Superintendent Garth Lewis presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

President Taylor stated that this resolution will allow the Board to move to teleconference meetings if necessary. There is a need for remote and for the Board to move to hybrid meetings. Superintendent Lewis stated that the Governor's executive order allows teleconferencing by declaring a health emergency and it allows the Board to exercise this virtual format if necessary. Trustee Souza Cole asked how will implementation work and will hybrid or virtual meetings allow community to engage more easily. Can the Board look at possibly incorporating a virtual component at all meetings? Vice President Moreno suggested a hybrid meeting for public and not trustees. Community members had asked about meetings being videotaped or streamed. Board asked Superintendent Lewis to bring back an agenda item for next meeting and a board policy change for hybrid meetings (possible resolution) and if we could start doing hybrid after the next meeting.



Motion to adopt RESOLUTION #21-22/18 Resolution of the Yolo County Board of Education Regarding Brown Act Compliance and Possible Teleconferencing Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953, as Amended by Assembly Bill 361, During the COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**Trustee Zendejas left meeting at 4:49 PM**

**5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

**President Taylor left at 4:59 and returned by 5:04 PM**

5.1 Decennial Census Update Process for County Board Trustee Areas (2020)  
David Soldani presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. Reviewed Powerpoint - *Process for Updating Trustee Areas. County Committee.*

- Discussed population balance.
  - Recommended as next step to direct staff to have the demographer have an initial overlay of 5 school districts with county map to see where we are now and see what changes will be made on that map.
  - Another concept is to use the maps and lines of the county board of supervisors. Mr. Soladani stated that sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't. He has concerns with that step since incumbents don't necessarily live where trustees live. His advice to county boards is to do your own map.
- Vice President Moreno asked how accurate is census.
  - Based on whoever filled out census.
- Is there a decline in enrollment growth in population and student enrollment.
  - Based on accuracy
  - Understand data gets certified with State of California.
  - Presumed to be valid so we use the data.
- In regards to population growth and declining enrollment.
  - Both can be true and exist in same place. For example..People

moving from bay area with no kids.

- Trustee Souza Cole asked about timing and how soon they can get numbers and draft map.
- Based on Demographers (Justin Rich Cooperative Strategies). Items that can be done soon include:
  - Populate on website and look at current map to make changes.
  - Seek public comment on county redistricting site.
  - Research a way to overlay our districts with county map.
  - Timeline is short.
  - We could adopt maps on a different day than board meetings.
  - County committee involved with tweeks at school district level
    - Exception if one of 5 school districts has not done it by March 1, 2022 then it will be the Yolo County Board of Education's job to do it for them.
- Trustee Moreno requested clarification on county board of supervisors map and district maps.
  - Territories are not identical.

President Taylor had some finance questions.

- How is this being paid and is there a budget?
  - Superintendent Lewis stated that Yolo county created a consortium with all five districts and a maximum cost of \$15,000 which does not include the cost of the map software which would be an additional \$5,000.

Trustees decided to schedule the County Committee on School District Organization meeting on October 26, 2021 at 5:30 PM. Meeting will be hybrid and we will schedule the Public Hearing when Board is ready to take action on maps. An email reminder will be sent to Board, Mr. Soldani and demographer.

## 5.2 EPIC Charter Annual Report

Dr. Micah Studer presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. Jason Sample, Director, Christine McCormick, Assistant Superintendent, Gateway Community Charters reviewed the Power Point in the Board packet.

- Trustee Souza Cole asked about working with YCOE through pandemic. How has epic been impacted by covid and the pandemic.
  - Transition to provide digital access.
  - Technology improvements to support teachers.
  - Came back for in person end of April.
  - Full in person start of school year.
- How many students are Latino.
  - Nine (9) students.

- Do you currently have Afghan students?
  - One (1) that has already been here.
  - Social services offered.
- Trustee Moreno asked about lack of demographics in report.
  - Discussion on racial ethnic matters and equity.
- What is international topic themes?
  - Clarification on equity inclusive bias training.
- Ethnic studies is not international specifically focusing on 4 international.
  - How did it become an international school.
    - IB learning profiles to continue to expand.
    - Modeled on 4 racial groups.
    - Includes Sikh, Arab, Jewish.
- Discussed outreach and marketing.
  - Continue through IB global love and care for every community and group.

5.3 Juvenile Detention Facility Update

Dr. Micah Studer presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

- Factors to consider in next steps of closing facility –
  - Sheriff requires sharing overlap services in Monroe.
  - Realignment plan will state the need for incarcerated to go to specific location - 2 larger counties.
    - YCOE does not have a say but Principal Gayelynn Gerhart is part of committee representing YCOE which has a role in transition.
  - High quality programming in Sacramento county and extracurricular activities differs with partners.
    - Youth who earn certain level of privileges move from facility on own.
  - Ms. Arvizu-Espinoza described what happens in Colusa and input on curriculum, probation, behavioral health for seamless transition.

5.4 Curriculum Adoption Process

Dr. Micah Studer, Assistant Superintendent, Equity and Support Services presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

**Trustee Yip left at 6:25 and returned at 6:29.**

Dr. Studer will engage members of community in February and April on this subject. Trustee Moreno asked how YCOE is similar to what other COE's do for curriculum adoption? Dr. Studer commented that it could be dependent on budget amount and what curriculum. He will do some research and report back on that question.

5.5 Monthly Attendance Reports

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

Trustee Moreno asked if districts are recommending students to our programs. Principal Gerhart stated it is about two (2) new students every 7 to 10 days. Numbers have stabilized currently with many sixteen and seventeen years old currently being enrolled.

5.6 Head Start/Early Head Start Reports

Shannon McClarin, Director, Early Childhood Education presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

Discussion items:

- Enrollment
- Facilities
- Recruitment
- Substitutes and need for teachers
- Training Diversity in Yolo county.

5.7 2020-2021 Unaudited Actuals

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

5.8 2021-2022 Budget Development Calendar

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

5.9 Monthly Board Financial Report

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

6.0 Suggested future agenda items.

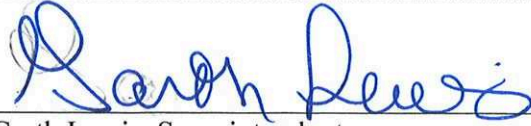
None.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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



Garth Lewis, Superintendent