

YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting: November 9, 2021
MINUTES

1.0 OPENING PROCEDURES

- 1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education meeting met on November 9, 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). Melissa on Zoom.
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance. The pledge of allegiance was conducted.
- 1.3 Approval of Agenda.
Motion to Approve Agenda

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**

- 1.4 Public Comment.
None

2.0 REPORTS

2.1 Board Reports

Trustee Yip

- Congratulated Trustee Carol Souza Cole on receiving the Women of the Year award from Congressman John Garamendi's office.
- Attended the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) conference where they announced *the Every Student Succeeding* winners and the student from Yolo being honored this year is Rayanna Fraijo from Esparto High School, Esparto USD.

Trustee Souza Cole

- Honored to receive Women of the Year award from Congressman Garamendi's office.
 - Congratulated Maria Arvizu-Espinoza, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services, who was also honored with an award along with 43 other women in California.
 - Thanked Superintendent Lewis for submitting nomination.
- Thanked Anthony Volkar, PIO for posting the resolutions on website.
- Attended student presentations at Cesar Chavez community school from Yolo County Construction Program (YCCP) class.
 - Wonderful experience!
 - Asked if it would be possible to have one student present at next Board meeting.
 - Will discuss request at next Executive Committee meeting.
 - Thrilled to see what students have learned in class.

President Taylor

- Congratulated Trustee Carol Souza Cole for receiving the Women of the Year award.

Trustee Moreno

- Thanked staff and teachers for continuing to do all the hard work to sustain students.
- Congratulated Trustee Souza Cole on receiving her award and thanked her for serving.
- Attended a successful California Latino School Boards Association (CLSBA) Annual conference which had several highlights.
 - Including a strong emphasis on community-based schools as ethnic studies is being implemented and how county offices of education are taking a community-based approach on this issue.
 - Emphasis on funding
 - Helped to moderate a panel with Assemblyman Medina on passing AB 101 and encouraged parents to remember that Assemblymember Medina passing AB 101 sets in motion a first amendment right. We want to make sure families know that and have full access to ethnic studies.
 - Historical time on this issue. LAUSD including the COE is moving towards community based and hopes that happens here at YCOE. Impressed to see that large urban areas are moving in that tradition and are currently reimagining schools and programs.
- Continues to be Native American Heritage month.
 - Spoke recently with Wintun leader and educator Pam Gonzales. She was noting that she would like to see COEs and districts

highlight and focus that it is Native American Heritage month on their website.

Trustee Zendejas

- Congratulated Trustee Carol Souza Cole on receiving the Women of the Year award.
- Attended Innovation grants selection committee at YCOE.
 - Enjoyed process.

Superintendent

Margie Valenzuela, Executive Director, Human Resources honored the employee of the Month for November: Andrea Barajas, Administrative Secretary, Teaching and Learning. Staff honored and congratulated Ms. Barajas for her exemplary work since she returned to the Teaching and Learning Department where she supports six managers, over 20 grant programs and an average of 2-3 professional learning events or meetings every week.

Discussed

- Congratulated Trustee Souza Cole and Maria Arvizu Espinoza, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services on receiving the Women of the Year Award.
- Attended Harvest Festival at Greengate School.
- YCOE hosted a Vaccine Town Hall with Yolo County.
- Discussed vaccine rollout for Yolo County.
- Discussed the teacher and substitute shortage in education and Yolo County. If Board knows anyone who can take the CBEST please ask them to work with Human Resources to try and recruit employees.
- Congratulated Gayelynn Gerhart, Principal, Alternative Education and students who displayed what they have learned recently by presentations to staff.
 - Hearing their reflections and how our team has been engaged with students is amazing
- Team is participating in the expansion of Transitional Kindergarten.

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

- Discussed auditors from James Marta and Company were at YCOE recently.
 - Thanked Claudia Grimaldi, Accountant for working with the auditors and congratulated her for having no audit findings.
 - The auditors will present the audit report at the next Board meeting via Zoom.

Maria Arvizu-Espinoza, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services was not present.

Committees

None

2.2 Associations

None

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve consent agenda.

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**

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4.0 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

4.1 Educator Effective Block Grant

Dr. Micah Studer, Assistant Superintendent, Equity and Support Services presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions. Assembly Bills 130 and 167 authorized the Educator Effectiveness Block grant for all LEAs. As a condition of the funding, boards must adopt a plan prior to December 30th, 2021. Trustee Yip asked a question regarding training and Dr. Studer clarified. Trustee Souza Cole asked if this was coming back as an action item at the next meeting in which Dr. Studer stated yes and any adjustments to the grant can be made in the future.

4.2 Alternative Education Monthly Attendance Reports

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

Items discussed:

- Celebrated a recent graduate.
- Trustee Yip stated that there was one (1) graduate recently but another three (3) are coming up and there will be a possible in-person celebration on campus.

- Program enrollment information.
- Trustee Zendejas and staff discussed services for families.
- Trustee Souza Cole asked when the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) quarterly updates will be brought back to the Board for progress reports?
 - Report will match LCAP deadline.
- There were questions and discussion from the Board on goal 3 - standard work to serve youth and serving expelled youth.
- Trustee Souza Cole had a question on CCCS stability rate in 2019-20 and the stability of cohorts of students compared to state average. Staff discussed the average rates in California.

4.3 Update on TK Expansion

- Gail Nadal presented PowerPoint in Board packet. All five (5) school districts have preschool.
 - Hoping for mixed delivery system. Currently meeting with districts on regular basis.

Vice President Moreno is excited Ms. Nadal came back and is leading this effort.

Items discussed included:

- Questions on if this was mandated and focusing on social and emotional opportunities for children.
 - Learning numbers and colors and the balance of social emotional play is critical while learning to communicate.
- Licensing standards.
- Funding.

President Taylor had questions on:

- Instructional minutes for TK.
- Facilities.
 - Next steps to move districts along at faster pace. Possible resources. Ms. Nadal will contact authors of TK guidance manual for guidance.
- Professional development.
- Trustee Yip asked what is expectation from kids.
 - There is currently a lack of skills due to pandemic. There is a great need for foundational work since there is a loss of connection.
- Vice President Moreno asked what are the implications on daycare centers in county.
 - Head start will continue work but Ms. Nadal stated there is fear and concern from businesses who run daycare centers. Ms. Nadal's goal is to share information with school districts and work on having a successful system for TK.
- Trustee Zendejas discussed infant toddler care and currently there is not

enough slots, so his non-profit Rise is transitioning towards infant toddler licenses. Would be great to get guidance to some providers on how to switch licenses and what requirements are to obtain toddler infant care licenses, etc.

- Vice President Moreno asked about teacher training for bilingual or bicultural? Discussion on preference to go to one- on-one daycare. Importance of cultural language in development.
- Ms. Nadal shared that she is working with staff on Dual immersion and more information on this subject will be coming in January.

4.4 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.

Items discussed included:

- Local Planning Committee (LPC) purchasing PPE supplies.
 - Shortage of supplies for childcare providers. Garth stated there is quite a bit of PPE items. Recently approached by supply bank as a non-profit who has a quite of bit of PPE.
- Budget.
- Food bank.
- Refugee children.
 - Upwards of 250 unaccompanied and going into foster care. Shortage of foster placements and youth. Working towards helping them. Challenge.

4.5 Quarterly Report of Investments for Period Ending September 30, 2021

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

4.6 Monthly Board Financial Report

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

4.7 Williams Quarterly Report on Yolo County Schools in Decile 1-3; Covering the months of (July, August & September)

Deb Bruns, Director, Teaching and Learning presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

- Visited schools and did not find any insufficiencies.

Upcoming changes: new list of schools with new criteria.

- Vice President Moreno asked about textbooks.
- Ms. Bruns stated that there were no complaints on textbooks material from any of the five (5) school districts. Vice President Moreno stated that there

is a lack of representation in school regarding books on Native Americans and it is troubling and disturbing. Ms. Bruns stated that this report is just on compliance on sufficient copies of the materials for students. This report does not address subject of materials.

- 4.8 2021-2022 First Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for YCOE Schools
Deb Bruns, Director, Teaching and Learning presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. Have not received complaints.
- 4.9 Initial Proposal to the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools from the California School Employees Association (CSEA), Yolo County Chapter #639 and Initial Proposal of Superintendent for Reopener Negotiations for 2021-22
Superintendent Garth Lewis presented this item.
- 4.10 Set Date of Organizational Meeting in December 2021
Superintendent Garth Lewis presented this item. Organization meeting will be at the December 14 Regular Board meeting. Ms. Chrissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services stated the 2022 calendar still reflects December 13, 2021, so please change to 2022.
- 5.0 Suggested future agenda items.
Resolution on Virtual Meetings will be on consent agenda in the future. Trustee Souza Cole asked Superintendent Lewis if we need to create a board policy in regards to the Resolution so that Board policy will allow for hybrid meetings. Superintendent Lewis stated that we can check with the California School Boards Association (CSBA). Vice President Moreno clarified that trustees should continue to attend in person unless there is situation that happens where it needs to be virtual.
- Superintendent Lewis stated that Dr. Studer emailed information on stability report to trustees.
 - Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services stated that the auditors will be presenting via Zoom at the next meeting.
 - Trustee Souza Cole asked when Trustees would receive a hard copy of audit before meeting. Ms. Debra Hinely, Director, Fiscal Services stated usually the week before.
 - Trustee Yip congratulated Maria Arvizu-Espinoza for receiving an award for Women of the Year.
 - Vice President Moreno asked about maps for redistricting. President Taylor stated that the redistricting meeting is a separate meeting with the county committee next month and is kept separate from the Regular Board meetings.
- 6.0 ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

TAYLOR: **AYE**
MORENO: **AYE**
SOUZA COLE: **AYE**
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Garth Lewis, Superintendent