

YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting: December 14, 2021
MINUTES

1.0 OPENING PROCEDURES

1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education meeting met on December 14, 2021 at 3:31 p.m. at a Regular Board meeting session in person. Board Members present were: Melissa Moreno, Shelton Yip and Tico Zendejas. Absent: Carol Souza Cole. Vice President Moreno 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 to Approve Agenda.

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

1.4 Public Comment.
Jacqueline Wong, President, Washington USD Board made public comment to honor and acknowledge Matt Taylor and his contributions to the Yolo County Board of Education.

2.0 HONORING TRUSTEE MATT TAYLOR'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Superintendent Garth Lewis and the Yolo County Board of Education honored Matt Taylor for his years of service on the Board. He was presented a resolution from Assemblymember Kevin McCarty's office. Some comments from the Board about Mr. Taylor included his commitment, generosity and integrity which will be missed and the Board has appreciated his hard work and involvement on the Board through the years.

Superintendent Garth Lewis read a message from Trustee Souza Cole who was absent:

We started on this governance journey together 7 years ago. I have really enjoyed working with you and it has been a real pleasure to serve on this Board with you.

Your leadership and thought contributions have been significant in moving us forward – both as a Board and a county office of education. Your dedication to the mission has been an inspiration.

I'll miss your perspective on the budget and facilities, and your enthusiasm for this

work. And, of course, I will never again look at a Yolo County Treasurer's report without thinking of you.

Best Wishes and the best of luck and everything else to you!

Break at 3:45 PM
Returned to meeting at 3:55 PM

3.0 YOLO COUNTY CAREER PROGRAM (YCCP) STUDENT

Gayelynn Gerhart, Principal, Alternative Education introduced students from the Yolo County Career Program (YCCP). Fermin Bermudez and Nick Leach, students from YCCP presented their recruitment video and shared their reflections and goal setting with the Board.

4.0 REPORTS

4.1 Trustee Yip

- Senator Richard Pan addressed the CSBA AAPI caucus on issues faced by students, staff and communities
- A presentation by DGS Strategies sharing the Workforce Housing Advantage; an innovative approach to ease the California teacher shortage by creating affordable housing in their district
- Karina Talamontes, Trustee Sacramento COE, was appointed treasurer for CCBE to fill the vacancy created when Matt Taylor resigned from this position
- Hector Comacho, Trustee San Mateo COE was elected as the next VP for CCBE

Trustee Moreno

- Attended CSBA conference where the California Latino School Boards Association (CLSBA) and Deborah Zavala organized various events at conference.
 - Great week of planning and organizing.
- Attended the Native American curriculum advisory retreat.
 - Deb Bruns, Director, Teaching and Learning did an excellent job planning and organizing the event.
 - Superintendent Garth Lewis is very supportive of event.
 - A lot more work ahead investing in upcoming leadership retreat.

Trustee Zendejas

- Attended CSBA conference in December.
 - Great to have educational leaders in same place.
 - Technology was a big topic at conference.
 - Had a great time.

Superintendent

- Superintendent Lewis also attended the CSBA conference and presented with Davis Joint USD.
- Attended the California Native American Curriculum Advisory retreat. Thanked Vice President Moreno for introducing this topic to YCOE.

Margie Valenzuela, Executive Director, Human Resources honored the Employees of the Month for December: Katya Griffin and Ana Renteria. Staff honored and congratulated their exemplary work. Katya Griffin attended in person and thanked staff for the nomination brought forward from colleagues. They will also be honored at Greengate school at 2 PM on Friday if anyone is interested in attending.

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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.

Discussed

Ms. Arvizu-Espinoza discussed the Alternative Education Equity Report from San Diego state. It stated that Cesar Chavez Community School was in the top 5% of schools. This information is very humbling and wanted to share how proud we are. Currently working on success indicators and how do we let people know about the programming offered.

Committees

None

2.2 Associations
None

5.0 YOLO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION AUDIT REPORT JUNE 30, 2021.

Debra Hinely introduced Jesse Deol, from James Marta & Company Accounting firm who presented the audit report to the Board.

Trustee Carol Souza Cole arrived at 4:35 PM.

Trustee Souza Cole sent Ms. Huey and Superintendent Lewis her questions on the audit in which some of them were answered by auditors.

Questions from Trustee Cole included the lease, GASB 87 and OPEB liabilities.

Other items discussed included:

- Summary statement of net position.
- Summary statement of activities.
- County School Services Fund expenses.

- Financial trends and analysis.
- Status of prior year comments

Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services thanked staff for all their hard work on the audit report.

Trustee Yip stated that the audit report was very well done and in depth. He appreciates staff for all of their hard work on this report.

6.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve consent agenda.

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

Superintendent Lewis acknowledged that Betsy Erickson, Yolo County Teacher of the Year 2022 had arrived and asked if the Board didn't mind moving up her item so that she and her family may be able to honor her now.

8.0 HONORING THE YOLO COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2022 – BETSY ERICKSON, PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER, RIVER CITY HIGH SCHOOL (WASHINGTON USD)

Public comment from Jackie Wong, Board President, Washington USD. She stated that she wanted to thank the Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE) for acknowledging Ms. Erickson for her phenomenal work with students. She is very proud of her work and is grateful for her dedication and commitment to the students, families and community.

Superintendent Lewis honored Ms. Erickson with flowers and \$200 donation from Travis Credit Union. He thanked her for her dedication and work with students. Ms. Erickson thanked staff and her family for their support.

7.0 ACTION ITEMS

7.1 RESOLUTION #21-22/24 In Support of AB 75, The Kindergarten-Community Colleges Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2022
Superintendent Lewis presented this item.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #21-22/24 In Support of AB 75, The Kindergarten-Community Colleges Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2022

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

Trustee Souza Cole asked Superintendent Lewis if he is sending this resolution to legislature or a specific person. Trustee Yip asked that we mail the resolution to

Lisa Kaplan, Trustee, Natomas USD since she is collecting them from all districts and COE and will send them all together to the legislature.

7.2 2021-2022 Yolo County Office of Education First Interim Report and Budget Revision

Debra Hinley, Director, Internal Fiscal Services reviewed this item in the Board Packet and responded to questions from the Board. Trustee Souza Cole had questions on the net revenues increasing. Ms. Hinley and Ms. Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services stated that revenues are being used for one-time expenditures, that is why there is an increase. There was also discussion on:

- Deficit spending.
- Programs.
- Ending fund balance.
- Budget adoption.

Motion to adopt the 2021-22 Yolo County Office of education First Interim Report and Budget Revision.

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

7.3 Educator Effectiveness 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 Souza Cole confirmed the total plan expenditure of \$354,760. These monies have to be spent by 2025. This is also a one-time allotment.

Motion to approve the Educator Effectiveness Block Grant

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

7.4 Filling Yolo County Board of Education Vacancy for Trustee Area 1

Superintendent Lewis presented this item and responded to questions. Staff recommendation is for the Board to fill the vacancy in Trustee Area 1 by provisional appointment (60 days from today).

Motion to approve filling the Board vacancy in Trustee Area 1 by provisional

appointment.

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

7.5 2022 Organizational Meeting

a. Election of Officers

1) President. Trustee Souza Cole opened the nominations for President. Trustee Souza Cole nominated Trustee Melissa Moreno for President. The Board thanked Trustee Taylor for serving as President in 2021.

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

Trustee Moreno was unanimously elected President for 2022.

2) Vice President. Trustee Souza Cole opened the nominations for Vice President. Trustee Souza Cole nominated Trustee Zendejas for Vice President.

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

Trustee Zendejas was unanimously elected Vice President for 2022.

b. Adopt the 2022 Board Meeting Calendar Dates and Times. The Board reviewed the proposed meeting calendar. The following meeting dates and times were approved:

January 11, 2022, 3:30 p.m.
February 8, 2022, 3:30 p.m.
March 4, 2022, 9:00 a.m. (Board Retreat)
March 8, 2022, 3:30 p.m.
April 12, 2022, 3:30 p.m.
May 10, 2022, 3:30 p.m.
June 14, 2022, 3:30 p.m. (Budget Study Session)
June 28, 2022, 3:30 p.m. (Budget & LCAP Adoption)
July 2022, No Meeting
August 9, 2022, 3:30 p.m.
September 13, 2022, 3:30 p.m.
October 11, 2022, 3:30 p.m.
November 8, 2022, 3:30 p.m.
December 13, 2022, 3:30 p.m.

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

President Moreno's teaching schedule will be released soon and when she receives it she may need to request a change in the Board meeting dates and times at a future meeting.

Trustee Yip requested that staff review the board policy regarding meetings and change the language to include that there is not a board meeting conducted in July each year.

c. Appointment of Board Committee Representatives

- 1) YCSBA Representative: **President Melissa Moreno**
- 2) Policies/Procedures/Bylaw Review Committee: **Trustees Shelton Yip and Tico Zendejas**
- 3) Superintendent's Compensation Committee: **President Melissa Moreno and Vice President Tico Zendejas**
- 4) Facilities Committee: **Trustees Carol Souza Cole and Shelton Yip**
- 5) Board Budget: **Trustee Carol Souza Cole and new trustee for area 1 when appointed**

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

Vice President Tico Zendejas left meeting at 5:59 PM

- 9.0 A Public Hearing will be conducted to receive comments from parents, teachers, members of the community, and bargaining unit leaders regarding the initial proposal to the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools from the California Schools Employees Association (CSEA), Yolo County Chapter #639 and Initial Proposal of Superintendent of Schools for Reopener Negotiations for 2022-23.
Public Hearing opened at 6 PM and closed at 6:01 PM

- 10.0 A public hearing will be conducted to receive comment from parents, teachers, members of the community, and bargaining unit leaders regarding the Response to Initial Proposal from the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union, AFSCME, Council 57, Local 146, AFL-CIO Certificated Chapter and Initial Proposal of Superintendent for Negotiations with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union, AFSCME, Council 57, Local 146, AFL-CIO Certificated Chapter for 2022-2023.
Public Hearing opened at 6:01 PM and closed at 6:02 PM

- 11.0 A public hearing will be conducted to receive comment from parents, teachers, members of the community, and bargaining unit leaders regarding the Response to Initial Proposal from the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union, AFSCME, Council 57, Local 146, AFL-CIO Classified Chapter and Initial Proposal of

Superintendent for Negotiations with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union, AFSCME, Council 57, Local 146, AFL-CIO Classified Chapter for 2022-2023.

Public Hearing opened at 6:03 PM and closed at 6:04 PM

- 12.0 A public hearing will be conducted to receive comment from parents, teachers, members of the community, and bargaining unit leaders regarding the Response to Initial Proposal from Yolo Education Association and Initial Proposal of Superintendent for Negotiations.
Public Hearing opened at 6:04 PM and closed at 6:05 PM

13.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

13.1 Yolo County Superintendent of Schools' Response to the Initial Proposal from the California School Employees Association (CSEA), Yolo County Chapter #639 and Initial Proposal of Superintendent for Reopener Negotiations for 2022-23.

Superintendent Garth Lewis presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions.

13.2 Contract Opener/Reopener and Response to the Initial Proposal from the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Council 57, Local 146, AFL-CIO Certificated Chapter and Initial Proposal of Superintendent for Negotiations with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union, AFSCME, Council 57, Local 146, AFL-CIO Certificated Chapter for 2022-23.

Superintendent Garth Lewis presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions.

13.3 Contract Opener/Reopener and Response to the Initial Proposal from the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Council 57, Local 146, AFL-CIO Classified Chapter and Initial Proposal of Superintendent for Negotiations with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union, AFSCME, Council 57, Local 146, AFL-CIO Classified Chapter for 2022-23.

Superintendent Garth Lewis presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions.

13.4 Contract Opener/Reopener and Response to Initial Proposal from Yolo Education Association and Initial Proposal of the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools from the Yolo Education Association (YEA) for Negotiations.

Superintendent Garth Lewis presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions.

13.5 Alternative Education Monthly Attendance Reports

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

Items discussed:

- Remedy attendance.
- Questions from President Moreno included if there are exit interviews or surveys with students and why are we working with the District Attorney's office and not human services in regards to counseling and therapists for students? Also is there a program to help students who may be leaving school to assist with income. Were there COVID funds to provide stipends for the career and technical education and participation?
- Staff stated funds cannot be used for attendance and the District Attorney is the lead in truancy and pursuing litigation. Dr. Studer stated that we are working on how to coordinate community support and currently there is a counseling and health services vacancy rate for therapists. The wellness center had to close down so there are currently no therapists which is a similar narrative across the state. There is a Communicare therapist on staff for the Yolo County Career Program (YCCP) Project based work. In regards to the reasons why students aren't coming to school, it could be anything from money and income and the YCCP students do receive stipend.

There is currently no status change in regards to juvenile hall. The Board of Supervisors have not taken any action on this subject. There is currently 54 percent attendance at Dan Jacobs and Jatinder Sandhu is the current teacher there. President Moreno stated that enrollment and attendance effects current budget.

13.6 Head Start/Early Head Start Reports

Maria Arvizu-Espinoza, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

Items discussed included:

- Filling vacancies.
- Attendance.
- Visits.
- Childcare providers.
- Financial reports.
- Budget development.
- Afghan children.
- Policy council meeting went very well. Elected officers. Dr. Sisson report on legalities impact Head Start program.
- New family coaching program.
- Dual language learners in preschool.

13.7 Monthly Board Financial Report

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

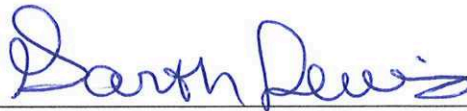
President Moreno asked a question regarding property taxes which was discussed by staff.

Suggested future agenda items.

- Update on filling of board vacancy at next meeting.
- Trustee Yip – Update Board policies (9000s)
- March Board retreat dedicating time on budget cycles, procedures, mini study session.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM

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



Garth Lewis, Superintendent