

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

**1.1 OPENING PROCEDURES**

1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education met on April 13, 2021 at 3:3 p.m. in Regular session on a Zoom conference call. Board Members present were: Matt Taylor, Tico Zendejas and Carol Souza Cole. By Zoom: Melissa Moreno and Jerry Jimenez. President 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 to approve agenda with removal of *Item 4.4 RESOLUTION #20-21/25 Commitment to Environmental Sustainability Action (April 2021)* to be placed on next month's agenda with edits from the California School Boards Association's (CSBA) sample resolution.

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

JIMENEZ: **AYE**

TAYLOR: **AYE**

MORENO: **AYE**

SOUZA COLE: **AYE**

ZENDEJAS: **AYE**

1.4 Public Comment.  
Cecelia Escamilla-Greenwald, member of the public in Davis made a public comment.

I appreciate the board having the meetings at 4:30 p.m. it gives time for community members and those who work and have responsibilities to attend and listen to the meetings. I respectfully request that the Board consider keeping the time at 4:30 p.m. so the public can listen and participate in the meetings.

Please assign a subcommittee to look at ethnic studies at Davis Schools and other schools in Yolo county as we are working diligently a group of 100 people in Davis trying to get ethnic studies implemented. Davis and Yolo county is very diverse and we are currently looking at which schools have ethnic studies and which are working on them and are making recommendations and working with districts to get that implemented. Please assign a subcommittee to look at this issue. It is very important at this time when at-risk groups and other groups including Native American, African American, Chicano, Latinos and Asians there

have been a lot of hate crimes and backlash so we believe it is important to have ethnic studies in the classroom to appreciate their own and other cultures. If you have any questions please contact me. She gave her phone number and email if any questions.

## 2.0 REPORTS

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

#### a. Board Reports

##### Trustee Moreno

- *Acknowledged current period of education on ethnic studies is important topic.*
- *Invited to forum on ethnic studies at Davis Jt. USD area organized by parents and community with school district leadership invited also.*
- *Shared that the California Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum final draft is out for review and they are taking comments before end of month.*
  - *One change to be discussed is that Jewish studies be included in the Asian American studies section.*

##### Trustee Jimenez

- *Attended Foster Children Inequitable Discipline seminar on February 17, 2021.*
  - *Insightful and educational*
- *Attended childcare forum on February 24, 2021.*
  - *Discussed needs of childcare in Yolo County*
- *Thanked teachers and staff on great work opening schools safely.*

##### Trustee Zendejas

- *Appreciates the hybrid Board meeting and being able to meet in person today.*
- *Congratulated staff on schools reopening.*
- *Excited for school to be onsite again.*
- *Will plan to visit school sites in the future.*

##### Trustee Souza Cole

- *Congratulated staff on reopening schools.*
- *Will plan to visit sites in the future.*
- *Attended YCOE's Black history month celebration on February 23, 2021.*
- *Attended the Yolo County Leadership Forum on March 3, 2021.*
- *Attended the Board retreat last Friday.*
- *Volunteered at vaccination clinic held at YCOE in partnership with First Five on Sunday, March 7, 2021.*
  - *Amazed at how well the YCOE facility worked for the large event.*

Trustee Taylor

- *Thanked staff for work on recent Board retreat.*
- *Welcomed Dr. Micah Studer in his new interim role as Associate Superintendent of Educational Services.*

Superintendent

- *Thanked staff for hard work.*
- *Visited school sites.*
- *Welcomed Dr. Studer in his new interim role as Associate Superintendent of Educational Services.*
- *Thanked Dr. Rex Fortune for his presentation at the YCOE Black history Celebration on February 23, 2021.*
- *Discussed first town hall meeting.*
  - *280 staff attended.*
  - *Dr. Aimee Sisson, Yolo County Public Health Director shared data and status of COVID-19 and vaccines in Yolo County.*
- *Enjoyed volunteering at the vaccine clinic held at YCOE in partnership with First 5 recently.*
  - *330 childcare workers registered for vaccine.*
- *Celebrated a meaningful and productive retreat with Board held recently.*

SAT

*Dr. Micah Studer, Interim Associate Superintendent, Educational Services referred to the updates in the Board packet. Welcomed students back to school and discussed first day of programs. More information will be discussed during the school reopening update on this issue.*

*Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services referred to the updates in the Board packet.*

*Discussed collaboration with staff on welcoming students back in the classroom.*

Committees.

Trustee Jimenez discussed recent Yolo County School Boards Association meeting:

- *Opportunities for Yolo County trustees to network.*
- *New Trustee Engagement and Networking session has been scheduled for April 20, 2021 and will feature Teri Vigil, CSBA who will discuss developing a student-centered governance mindset: Moving from I to We, Without Losing me.*

2.2 Associations.

Sharon Gendelman-Wilson, Vice President, YEA commented that she is excited to be back in the classroom and discussed open IT tickets in terms of

technology for students.

**3.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of Minutes:
  - February 9, 2021 Regular Board Meeting
  - Temporary County Certificates (February 2021)

The Board took action to approve the consent agenda.

**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**

**4.0 ACTION ITEMS**

4.1 RESOLUTION #20-21/22: In Support of Equal Treatment for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI)

Superintendent Lewis presented this item. He recognized that our county board was mentioned in a letter from the Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association (letter will be forwarded to Board). The association applauds the resolution in Yolo county and notes local incidents in California with the contribution of COVID-19 Anti-Asian hate in country that has been previously demonstrated. The association supports Yolo County's resolution of intolerance of racist and xenophobic behavior.

Public comment from Lisa Salinas.

Thank you my name is Lisa Salinas and I want to thank you for this opportunity to speak and address this important resolution. I am sorry this is the first time I have appeared and that I have to share this. I am a six (6) time survival of racist attacks since COVID-19 began. I am a mother and grandmother and I was grocery shopping at COSTCO and Raleys when racial slurs were hurled at me and people physically attacked me in a parking lot and I used a cart as a shield to defend myself for the racists to leave me alone. As I shared my story I became concerned that this is happening in Yolo County and with children. I began to hear more stories with API students and families began to rise with this issue. I have heard from students in Woodland, West Sacramento and Davis that the microaggressions and physical violence are rising. I am so happy that you are addressing this and being a support so that this violence will not rise and increase in Yolo. In April we are commemorating the death of a Vietnamese American student that was killed on the Davis High School campus for racial reasons. I am hoping that we will not have that anywhere in Yolo county and that we can begin to address

racism by having an honest discussion. So thank you for your leadership and for addressing this issue and you may be one of the only county boards in the nation to address this issue. Thank you for your strong leadership.

Public comment from Jackie Wong.

Thank you YCOE and Superintendent for bringing this forward. In appreciation of this resolution I am sharing this not only on behalf of myself but more on behalf of my eldest child who has been extremely upset about the rise of anti-Asian hate crimes and general normalization of racist sentiment in our community. She told me that no one would listen or believe a 12-year old who had not experienced this and was told by several people to get over it and that she was too sensitive. People do not believe that Asians experience racism and she further explained how she understood why her grandmother never left her home and she wanted us all to do better. She requested that you continue to do good work and to not adopt this because it's a trendy or political thing to do but that there be action behind the words since kids like her are depending on leaders like you and me to do the right thing so that her and her friends can feel safe. I appreciate your leadership.

Yvette Seibert, Executive Assistant read the comments from former trustee Shelton Yip and Norb Kumagai

**3/9/2021 8:24:10 3/9/2021 Shelton Yip/citizen Resolution#20-21/22**

President Taylor and Trustees; thank you for placing on your agenda and consideration of Resolution #20-21/22. The issue(s) as you are aware of concerns the uptick in attacks and harassment of AAPI students and community members in our Cities, State and across the Nation. In conversations with neighbors and others across the State, the question of, "How did we get here; how did this happen?" Is always asked. I have to remind them that, "it didn't just happen but it has been amplified!". The Chinese Exclusion Act (1882), The Incarceration of US citizens of Japanese Ancestry-Executive Order 9006 (1942) to illustrate the century/decades of "hate" in our society. When a gunman in 1989 killed five children and wounded 30 others on the playground of Cleveland Elementary School in Stockton, CA., these students were of Asian descent. The reason given, "Asians are taking jobs away", the same reason Vincent Chin was murdered on the streets of Detroit; and "we are not a virus". As an institution of academia, this is our opportunity to educate our students and communities of the "true" history of our Nation and the contributions of the AAPI and BIPOC citizens to our Country. When the Trustees pass this Resolution tonight, you will be joining the Yolo County Supervisors, cities and LEAs of Yolo County in taking a stand against racism. You will be taking a stand to protect our students. You will be taking a stand! Thank you.

**3/9/2021 9:40:32 3/9/2021 Norb Kumagai Resolution #20-21/22**  
**Equal Treatment For Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders**

Public Comments: Good Afternoon President Matt Taylor, Vice President Melissa Moreno, Trustees and Superintendent Garth Lewis. In Strong Support of Resolution #20-21-22. I've been a longtime resident of Davis, California. Given

the hate crimes which have been directed towards Asian Americans here in Yolo County, as well as throughout the nation, this Resolution is necessary. In May 1983, Thong Hy Huynh, a Vietnamese student, was murdered at Davis Senior High School. More recently, last summer, Dr. Khoa Lam, M.D. a graduate of The U.C. Davis School of Medicine, while visiting his parents in Moore Village (Wildhorse in North East Davis) was verbally assaulted by two racist neighbors. As the first Asian American elected Associated Student Body President at Davis Senior High School (Class of '75), I take these hate crimes personally, especially the murder of Thong Hy Huynh. I thank you for your time and consideration of this resolution.

Public Comment from Jesse Salinas

Thank you very much for allowing me to speak on this subject. This issue is very close to our family since Lisa Yep Salinas is my wife and has actually encountered the items she just shared with you. It has brought it close to home so thank you for your leadership I challenge you also in further passing the resolution as step 1 and having the dialogue and creating an opportunity for young people to have a safe place to relay what has happened to them and feel protected. It is important to give children a safe place to respond and to give them the tools they need to respond to these challenges and to help our young people. Another challenge I would like to give to you is to put a process in place so that there is safe place when faced with these challenges. Thank you Jackie for sharing your story. Young people suffering are not always able to share and we know these stories are underreported. It is important to protect and guide these children and to give them tools for this challenge. These are important conversations and thank you for your leadership. I hope you adopt this resolution and take the next step to keep kids safe.

Trustee Jimenez thanked everyone for their stories. Asian Americans contribute to the county, state and nation. Racism has no place in our community.

Trustee Souza Cole echoed what Trustee Jimenez stated. It is important for youth to have an example and to teach youth what it means to live in community where all are supported and to denounce racism. She requested that after the resolution is passed and signed to please send to every staff member and to families in the community.

Trustee Moreno thanked the community members who shared their experience and perspective on this issue. It is important that YCOE hear what is happening in Yolo County. It is important to acknowledge that many districts in the county have passed similar resolutions and she supports Asian American studies in K12 schooling and to consider education and awareness during this time.

Trustee Zendejas echoed what has been mentioned. Appreciates Dr. Moreno's comments. Education needs to continue with young people.

President Taylor stated that hearing from the public is very meaningful and applauds courage.

Motion was made to approve RESOLUTION #20-21/22: In Support of Equal Treatment for Asian Amerians and Pacific Islanders (AAPI)

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

- 4.2 RESOLUTION #20-21/23: National Child Abuse Prevention Month (April 2021)  
Superintendent Lewis presented this item.

Superintendent Lewis presented this item. He invited Trustee Jackie Wong from Washington USD to comment. She commented on the importance to recognize the neglect and abuse caused by the pandemic and the multiple reports of need for children. Stressed the need as an opportunity for leaders for reform and have compassion for care during this time as campuses reopen. Important to think about how to do business differently to protect community and re-engage young people from this trauma.

The Board took action to approve the RESOLUTION #20-21/23: National Child Abuse Prevention Month (April 2021)

**MOTION:** Souza Cole **SECOND:** Moreno **AYES:** Souza Cole, Moreno, Jimenez, Taylor, Zendejas, **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** None  
Printed copy to lisa Salinas.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

- 4.3 RESOLUTION #20-21/24: In Support of High School Voter Weeks (last two weeks in April 2021)

Superintendent Lewis presented this item. Jesse Salinas shared remarks on item. He discussed youth empowerment and the importance of voting. Shared information on YES summit and how to register and participate.

Vice President Moreno thanked Mr. Salinas for being here to support kids and shared in his belief in educating our younger generation. Motivation

and inspiration is important with culturally relevant education for students and it is important for students to see what leadership looks like in the county, state and nation. Important to have representation of different ethnic groups in our nation.

Motion was made to approve RESOLUTION #20-21/24: In Support of High School Voter Weeks (last two weeks in April 2021). YCOE will mail the resolution to Mr. Salinas.

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

4.5 Dan Jacobs School Calendar

Dr. Micah Studer, Interim Associate Superintendent, Educational Services presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

The Board took action to approve the Dan Jacobs School Calendar.

**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**

4.6 2020-21 Yolo County Office of Education Budget Revision and Second Interim Report

Debra Hinely, presented the PowerPoint, "2020-2021 Budget Revision and Second Interim Report" and responded to questions from the Board.

Items discussed included:

Deficit spending and one-time expenditures.

Building improvements.

Components on ending fund balance and history.

Unaudited actuals and how they are reported to Board will be discussed with the budget committee at future meetings.



Question on summary – unrestricted/restricted revenues, expenditures, and changes in ending fund balance.

**Trustee Jimenez left at 6:21 p.m. and returned at 6:24 p.m.**

Superintendent Lewis stated that we will schedule time for the budget committee to meet soon to discuss some of the issues brought up during this item.

The Board took action to approve 2020-21 Yolo County Office of Education Budget Revision and Second Interim Report.

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

4.7 Discussion and Action on changing the time of the Yolo County Board of Education Regular meetings to 3:30 p.m.

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

Vice President Moreno asked if there was a budget reason for the change and felt it was important to keep the meeting at 4:30 for people who get off work later.

President Taylor and Trustee Souza Cole both felt it was important to take staff consideration into account of decision along with reviewing past public participation since the time change to 4:30 p.m since August 2020.

Motion to move start time for monthly Regular Board meetings to 3:30 p.m. with special consideration for public comment on each item in future Board meetings.

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

5.0 A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED TO RECEIVE COMMENT

FROM PARENTS, TEACHERS, MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, AND BARGAINING UNIT LEADERS REGARDING THE INITIAL PROPOSAL TO THE YOLO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS FROM THE YOLO EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (YEA)

The Public Hearing opened at 6:40 p.m. and closed at 6:41p.m.

6.0 A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED TO RECEIVE COMMENT FROM PARENTS, TEACHERS, MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, AND BARGAINING UNIT LEADERS REGARDING THE YOLO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS' RESPONSE TO THE 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 2020-2021

The Public Hearing opened at 6:41p.m. and closed at 6:42 p.m.

7.0 A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED TO RECEIVE COMMENT FROM PARENTS, TEACHERS, MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, AND BARGAINING UNIT LEADERS REGARDING THE YOLO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS' RESPONSE TO THE 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 2020-2021

The Public Hearing opened at 6:43 p.m. and closed at 6:44 p.m.

**8.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

8.1 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:

- Support to one (1) youth not attending during school hours.
- Gender almost 50/50 on students attending school.
- YCCP data reviewed.
- Trustee Souza Cole had questions on the YCCP program for Tech digital media and video production.
- Enrollment and attendance report.
  - Hold harmless status.
    - Budget decreased based on numbers.

- Significant decrease in alternative education programs.

8.2 School Reopening Update

Dr. Micah Studer, Interim Associate Superintendent, Educational Services reviewed the PowerPoint, in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

Items discussed included:

- Schools re-opened March 1, 2021.
- Early Childhood Education.
- Special Education.
- Discussed first day.
- Alternative Education.
- Student statements reviewed.
- Food service.
- Yoga on the lawn.
- Digital media.
- Technology spectrum.
- Dr. Studer thanked staff for their hard work on re-opening day.
  - Commended detailed SOS processes and guidance.
  - Team felt supported and confident.
  - Discussed video production classes.
    - When videos are complete the trustees asked if they could be shared with the Board.
  - Trustee Moreno thanked staff for these presentations.
    - Appreciates local community college leadership
    - Digital filming classes needed in county.
- Board thanked Superintendent Lewis, staff and union leadership for all their hard work.

8.3 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:

- Glad to be back in class.
- Grant is due April 1 with approval of policy council.
  - Discussed plans for upcoming year.

- 5 year grant (on year 4).
- Office of Head Start will begin 45 day federal review - 1 week.
- Study session on Head Start with superintendent and associate superintendent will begin soon.

8.4 Consolidated Application Winter Release  
Dr. Micah Studer, Interim Associate Superintendent, Educational Services reviewed this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

8.5 Quarterly Report of Investments for Period Ending December 31, 2021  
Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Business Services reviewed this item in the Board packet.

8.6 Monthly Board Financial Report  
Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Business Services reviewed this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

8.7 Suggested Future Agenda Item(s)

- Trustee Souza Cole - Remove two items on list.
- Trustee Souza Cole - Add student voter registration report as part of alternative education safety plans to May Board meeting.
- Trustee Souza Cole - Add written report on panic button used at schools to future Board meeting.
- Trustee Moreno - Add a report on why students decided not to come on campus. Present survey data.
- Trustee Moreno - Add a report on status in county on ethnic studies.

7.0 **ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

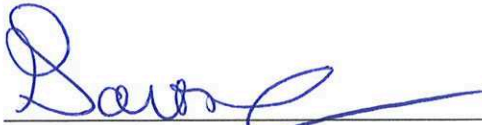
TAYLOR: **AYE**

JIMENEZ: **AYE**

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Garth Lewis, Superintendent

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