

YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting: April 13, 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 3:31 p.m. in a hybrid Regular meeting session in person and on a Zoom conference call. Board Members present were: Tico Zendejas and Carol Souza Cole. By Zoom: Melissa Moreno and Jerry Jimenez. President Matt Taylor was absent. 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: Souza Cole **SECOND:** Zendejas **AYES:** Souza Cole, Zendejas, Jimenez, Moreno **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** Taylor

ROLL CALL VOTE:

JIMENEZ: **AYE**

TAYLOR: **ABSENT**

MORENO: **AYE**

SOUZA COLE: **AYE**

ZENDEJAS: **AYE**

1.4 Public Comment.
None

2.0 REPORTS

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

Board Reports

Trustee Zendejas

- *Happy to be here in person.*

Trustee Moreno

- *Acknowledged hard work and effort given from teachers and staff on reopening schools.*
- *Welcomed YCOE teachers, staff and new students back to school.*
- *Attended California Department of Education Ethnic studies model curriculum meeting.*

- *Commented that it is a Non-mandated curriculum with limitations.*
- *California Teachers Association (CTA) will not endorse curriculum.*
- *Attended YCOE Native American education work group.*
 - *Director Deborah Bruns, Curriculum & Instruction is leading.*
 - *One of the meetings she was invited to included Native American educator Pam Gonzales from the Cache Creek Conservancy.*
 - *Discussed Cache Creek conservancy to raise awareness of space, teaching and learning at the conservancy when it becomes safe for gatherings.*
- *Attended California Latino School Boards Association meeting. Discussed which legislation will be supporting in the coming months.*

Trustee Jimenez

- *Attended Yolo County School Boards Association (YCSBA) meeting on March 29, 2021.*
 - *Discussed potential goals for 2021*
 - *Communications campaign.*
 - *Parent and student's vocational options.*
 - *Educational pathways.*
 - *Access and equity.*
 - *Networking opportunities.*
- *Discussed the April 20 YCSBA's New Trustee event.*
- *Next YCSBA meeting is on April 26.*

Trustee Souza Cole

- *Attended vaccine event at YCOE.*
 - *Commended staff on event.*
- *Attended Town hall event with Congressman John Garamendi.*
 - *Discussed the American Rescue Plan fund.*

Superintendent

Margie Valenzuela, Executive Director, Human Resources honored the employee of the month:

Chris Stringer, Network Engineer, YCOE.

Superintendent Lewis recognized Lori Ross from United Way who presented YCOE with the Outstanding Community Partnership award for 2021. Partnership includes:

- *Grade level reading.*
- *Co-sponsored literacy.*
- *Preschool for all.*
- *Kinder Camps.*
- *Employee giving campaigns.*
- *Yolo county apprenticeship program.*

Ms. Ross presented YCOE with the Outstanding Community Partnership award for 2021 and commented that on Thursday, April 22 there will be an awards showcase including YCOE and highlights.

Other items discussed included:

- *All school districts have reopened.*
- *Recently visited many school sites in YCOE including the new Head Start center.*
- *Will participate in a workshop on the importance of broadband with Carl Fahle, IT Director, tomorrow.*
- *On May 3, 2021 all YCOE staff will return to in person.*

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.

Trustee Taylor joined meeting at 4 p.m.

Items and questions from Board in the updates included:

- *Clarification on the grant for 21 – 24 regarding foster youth.*
- *Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, announced a five-year lease with California Human Development (CHD) for suite 190.*
 - *Lease starts on June 1.*
 - *Trustee Zendejas asked about funds to help support partnership.*
 - *We are also looking to partner with CHD on a smaller level.*

Committees.

None

2.2 Associations.

Anissa DelCastillo, CSEA President is looking forward to coming back on May 3.

Cyndi Hale, YEA President is happy to be back at work collaborating in person and hybrid.

Sharon Gendelman Wilson, YEA Vice President stated that they should reach an agreement soon.

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA

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

The Board took action to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION: Jimenez **SECOND:** Zendejas **AYES:** Jimenez, Zendejas, Moreno, Souza Cole, 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 #20-21/31: Classified School Employees Week
Superintendent Lewis presented this item. Anissa DelCastillo, CSEA President shared thoughts on this recognition along with other staff members.

Motion was made to approve RESOLUTION #20-21/31: Classified School Employees Week.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

- 4.2 RESOLUTION #20-21/32: California Day of the Teacher
Superintendent Lewis presented this item. Cyndi Hale, YEA president shared thoughts on this recognition along with other staff members.

The Board took action to approve the RESOLUTION #20-21/32: California Day of the Teacher.

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**

4.3 RESOLUTION #20-21/34: Asian American Month

Superintendent Lewis presented this item. Discussed celebrating diversity of this nation. Board thanked staff for taking stand on racist remarks to AAPI community. Trustee Moreno supports change to resolution to include AAPI in title to recognize constituency.

Motion was made to approve RESOLUTION #20-21/34: Asian American Heritage month and include AAPI in title.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

4.4 RESOLUTION #20-21/35: Teen pregnancy month

Superintendent Lewis presented and asked the Board to reconsider passing this resolution. Superintendent Lewis suggested changing some of the language. He felt that much of the resolution was framed in a deficit and counter to our commitment of inherent value of every human being. Staff will rewrite the resolution and present it at the next Board meeting in May.

Board supports request made by Superintendent Lewis to rewrite the resolution.

Items commented on by Board include:

Trustee Moreno would like it mentioned in the resolution that the county supports teen mothers and will provide education to empower teen girls.

Motion to accept Superintendent Lewis' recommendation to write a new Teen Pregnancy Month resolution with current language will be brought back as an action item at next month's meeting on May 11, 2021.

MOTION: Souza Cole **SECOND:** Moreno **AYES:** Souza Cole,

Moreno, Jimenez, Zendejas, Taylor **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** None

ROLL CALL VOTE:

TAYLOR: **AYE**

JIMENEZ: **AYE**

MORENO: **AYE**

SOUZA COLE: **AYE**

ZENDEJAS: **AYE**

4.5 RESOLUTION #20-21/36 Mental Health Awareness Month (May 2021)

Superintendent Lewis presented this item. This resolution is very important especially during our current pandemic. It is important to codify what we learned which includes the stigma and inability for young people to have the language to express what alienates them. An effort has been and will be made to reach out to partner agencies to align our work and resources. Items to be discussed include the American Rescue Plan act and infrastructure issues.

Motion was made to approve RESOLUTION #20-21/36: Mental Health Awareness month.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

TAYLOR: **AYE**

JIMENEZ: **AYE**

MORENO: **AYE**

SOUZA COLE: **AYE**

ZENDEJAS: **AYE**

4.6 Create a subcommittee for climate change

Trustee Souza Cole requested creating a subcommittee to rewrite the Climate change resolution. CSBA has a new sample resolution and the Yolo County Board of Supervisors approved a new climate change resolution and action plan. Trustee Souza Cole suggested a two-person committee work on this, for example the Facility committee could be tasked with this item.

Trustee Moreno will take President Taylor's place on the subcommittee for climate change. Trustee Souza Cole commented and included data that the world has measured the highest level of carbon effect on temperature and sea level rise today. She also stated that Governor Newsom authorized an early budget action including half a billion dollars to fight fires in the State of California.

The Board took action to create subcommittee for climate with Trustees Souza Cole and Moreno.

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**

5.0 Information items

- 5.1 Initial Proposals to the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools from the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Council 57, Certificated and Classified Units

Superintendent Lewis reviewed these items in the Board packet.

- 5.2 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:

- YCCP credit comparison.
- Summary data working to keep students connected with learning.
- Mental health referrals.
 - Data or trend report of mental health referrals to board to fully understand the mental health referrals requested by Trustee Souza Cole.
- Hybrid or distance model that works for students.
- Distance learning structured with independent study.
- Distance learning vs. hybrid special education schedules.
- Head Start data shared.

- 5.4 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, Director, Early Childhood Education is participating in the federal review of this program and was not able to participate in the meeting tonight.

Budget is included for new site per question from Trustee Moreno.

- 5.5 Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for YCOE Schools
Deb Bruns, Director, Curriculum and Instruction reviewed this item in the Board packet.
- 5.6 Dan Jacobs Revised Calendar
Dr. Micah Studer, Interim Associate Superintendent, Educational Services reviewed this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. Revision added for May 18 as a school day. Calendar was approved by the Board at last meeting so this item is for information only.
- 5.7 Cesar Chavez Community School calendar
Dr. Micah Studer, Interim Associate Superintendent, Educational Services reviewed this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.
- 5.8 Title XV review of Dan Jacobs
Dr. Micah Studer, Interim Associate Superintendent, Educational Services reviewed this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

A Title XV Review of the Juvenile Detention Facility was conducted in partnership with Yuba County Office of Education serving as an outside agency.

Dan Jacobs School at the Yolo County Juvenile Detention Facility is in compliance with Article 6, Section 1370 of the Board of Corrections Title 15, Juvenile Facilities Regulations effective July of 2007.

Items discussed included:

- Trustee Jimenez asked how often this review is done. This review is done on an annual basis per staff.
 - Report results are sent to probation department and county board of supervisors.
 - Trustee Souza asked a question regarding realignment/reimagining juvenile detention facility. Principal Gerhart discussed answer and stated that the interest of students is first and foremost.
 - Reusing facility.
 - Whole youth discussion
 - Academically
 - Social emotional
 - Career readiness
 - Transition support
 - Superintendent Lewis stated that staff will include this information as part of monthly report in regards to steps to figuring out the best plan for youth in this facility.
- 5.9 Expanded learning opportunity grant review
Dr. Micah Studer, Interim Associate Superintendent, Educational Services reviewed this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

As part of AB 86, the California Legislature allocated additional funding for In-Person Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities. As a requirement to receive this funding, the LEA must have a board-approved expenditure plan prior to June 1st, 2021.

Items discussed on PowerPoint included:

- Grant Overview
- Key Template features which include Stakeholder engagement, need to support throughline, expenditure categories and fund coordination.
- Expenditure Plan
- Coordination of funding

Approval of expenditure plan will be brought back to the Board at the May meeting.

Comments/Items discussed included:

- Trustee Moreno commented on including ethnic studies funding.
- Status of money post pandemic recovery efforts or is it a separate pot of funding.
- Site improvements.
 - Capital outlay is not one of allowable uses per staff.
- Expanded learning opportunities.
- Trustee Moreno commented that given that our student population is 75% chicano/latino, is it possible for leadership to consider an increase in chicano/latino studies professional development. Consider culturally relevant pedagogy.
 - Possible for funding to be utilized for youth leadership academies, leadership and public speaking.
- Trustee Zendejas – Is there a framework of youth development.
 - Importance of leadership development.
 - Dr. Studer stressed the need for data driven information to help with decision making.
 - Trustee Moreno commented on how to get that information? Research? Would like to consider demographics. Importance of culturally relevant education.
 - Superintendent Lewis stated that we are going through a process that is continual. This issue may require a special board meeting considering magnitude of decision. There are elements in plan to support the youth we serve.
 - There may be an opportunity to partner with Brown issues.
 - Approached yesterday on a grant.
 - Part of leadership expansion on students.
 - Important to be culturally responsive to our youth.
- Trustee Souza Cole– Important to use the engagement platform for creating the LCAP.

- Multiple streams of funding for staff and students.
- Trustee Souza Cole – Also important to check in with students, parents and community members on this issue.
- Trustee Zendejas asked about the length of time for grant
 - June 30, 2023 per staff.
- Superintendent Lewis reminded Board that these are one-time dollars.
 - Investment in staff professional learning.
 - Recovery plan.
 - Possible partnership with health and human services.
 - There is a need to be thoughtful in our approach and look for opportunities to leverage funding and partners funding.
- Trustee Moreno asked if trustees will vote on plan.
 - Yes the vote will be at the May Board meeting per staff and we may need to schedule a special meeting.
- Trustee Moreno requested a report on a culturally relevant plan which includes data review. Superintendent Lewis stated that there is some data we have collected and can provide a summary on some of that data but would like to be respectful of staff timelines. A written summary on data collected to date with students will be presented to Board at a future date per Superintendent Lewis.
- Next executive committee meeting there will be a discussion on:
 - Approval process.
 - The need to schedule a second meeting.
- Trustee Moreno will have a conversation offline with Superintendent Lewis on this issue of including ethnic studies.
- Superintendent Lewis commented on the partnership pre-pandemic youth voice to city council recently.
 - Youth asking for transformational change.
 - Seeking a stop to violence against youth.
 - Ethnic studies

5.10 Monthly Board Financial Report

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

5.11 First reading of public comment card, sign in sheet & Google form

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

Discussion centered on having one card per Trustee Souza Cole's request to recognize visitors. Below are some edits to the public comment card:

- Request for participation – *change to Request for public comment*
- Date of presentation – *change to Date of board meeting*
- Agenda item number – *Change to Title of agenda item/number as one item*
- On back of comment card – 3 minute public comment time. *Delete heading please limit comments to 3 minutes.*

Trustee Zendejas left meeting at 6 p.m.

- Trustee Moreno commented on the time change of 3:30 p.m. and if Board is still open to hearing public comment at any time.
 - Trustee Taylor stated that the Board can adjust the agenda for public comment to later in meeting if needed.
 - Important for flexibility at meeting per Trustee Jimenez

Trustee Souza Cole edits for Public Hearing Google sheet:

- Title of document should read...*Request for public comment at YCBOE meetings*
- Change in final sentence from citizens to *residents*
- Affiliation can remain – not required.
- Title of agenda item and item number for number 3
 - remove 3 minute presentation time title expand to bold please limit comments to 3 minutes.
- Approve printed card/online card. Two minute comment time changed to three minute (pdf)
- Use Google form for blue comment form at meetings.

5.12 First reading of board bylaws

Superintendent Lewis reviewed this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. Item will return to the Board for action at the May Board meeting.

5.13 When and how to schedule committee meetings

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

Items discussed included:

- Scheduling committees as needed.
- Scheduling Facility Committee meetings – process discussed.
- Superintendent Lewis requested feedback on wants of Board – preference for regular meeting or bi annual meetings.
 - Board preferred Bi-annual meetings or on an as needed basis.
- Trustees to take a look at slate of policies that have not been reviewed for years and consider abandoning in whole and adopting in alignment with CSBA policies. Superintendent Lewis will discuss with legal what that process looks like and will report at a future meeting.

5.14 Board conducting a self evaluation – push to next month.

This item will be moved to the next Board meeting in May.

5.15 Suggested Future Agenda Item(s)

- Trustee Souza Cole - Add student voter registration report as part of alternative education safety plans to future Board meeting.
- ~~Trustee Souza Cole - Add written report on panic button used at schools to future Board meeting.~~ – **Remove item.**
- Trustee Souza Cole – Request to executive committee regarding SB 364. Would like to add to agenda.
 - First state universal meal plan free meals for all students.
 - CSBA does not have a position.
 - Would like to add placeholder towards end of agenda at next meeting (information).
- 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.

6.0 **ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

TAYLOR: **AYE**

JIMENEZ: **AYE**

MORENO: **AYE**

SOUZA COLE: **AYE**

ZENDEJAS: **ABSENT**



Garth Lewis, Superintendent