

YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting: May 11, 2021
MINUTES

1.1 OPENING PROCEDURES

- 1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education met on June 8, 2021 at 3:41 p.m. in a hybrid Special meeting session in person and on a Zoom conference call. Board Members present were: Matt Taylor, Carol Souza Cole, Tico Zendejas and Jerry Jimenez. By Zoom: Melissa Moreno. 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 4.5 Yolo County Superintendent of Schools' Compensation to be moved to the June 11, 2021 Regular Board meeting agenda.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

- 1.4 Public Comment.
Kelly Wilkerson, Trustee, Los Rios Community College District.

I am coming to board meeting today to introduce myself as a trustee for the Los Rios Community College District representing Davis, Clarksburg and West Sacramento. I am also a member of the Yolo County School Boards Association (YCSBA) and I am eager to work with all of you and our local school districts throughout the county to improve outcomes for our young people. I am also a teacher working at the Davis Joint USD and I am commenting today to invite you to be a leader in our county for ethnic studies as I am sure you know the California Department of Education (CDE) has been working on an ethnic studies framework and the California Legislature is considering making ethnic studies a requirement. This new curriculum focus comes at a difficult time for our local school districts as we are tackling so much from learning loss and establishing virtual academies. Our districts need help in providing the professional development for administrators and teaching staff to develop a quality ethnic studies program. As a Davis teacher for 18 years I remember a time when the Yolo County Office of

Education (YCOE) was the center for professional development in our county. I remember a time when I traveled to YCOE three (3) times in one week to attend training in CTE, historic curriculum and best practices for English language learners. I come to you to humbly suggest that the YCOE step up to serve the county by offering professional development and ethnic studies for all educators.

2.0 REPORTS

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

Board Reports

Trustee Moreno

- *Acknowledged teachers and staff during these challenging times.*
- *Thanked Trustee Wilkerson for her public comments.*
- *Recently read the California School Boards Association (CSBA) report on students with disabilities.*
 - *Article states the challenges that exist with in-person support and therapists.*
 - *Shows the struggle the state has had with this issue.*
 - *Appreciates reports YCOE has done with in-person support for students at our schools/programs.*
- *Viewed presentation of the California Asian School Boards Association (CASBA) on Back to School: Preparing our school and educators on language which raises awareness for Anti-Asian hate.*
 - *Prepares students to share with teacher and parents their experiences and how to report any discrimination and bullying they may be experiencing.*
- *Commented on the need for ethnic studies and professional development in Yolo county districts and county, similar to Santa Clara, Riverside and San Diego COEs programming and collaboration.*

Trustee Jimenez

- *Attended Yolo County School Boards Association's (YCSBA) New Trustee engagement session.*
 - *Presentation on developing a governance mindset.*
 - *Helpful for new members.*
- *Attended YCSBA meeting.*
 - *Discussion on how to inform and guide as collective.*
 - *Committee members will update YCSBA bylaws.*
- *Attended California Latino School Boards Association (CLSBA) virtual mixer.*
 - *Interaction with fellow colleagues in other school districts helpful.*

Trustee Souza Cole

- *Thanked Gail Nadal, Director, Early Childhood Education for the tour of*

- the new Head Start site in Woodland.*
 - *Appreciated viewing the new equipment, site and children.*
- *Participated in the Ad Hoc committee on climate resolution.*
 - *The climate resolution will return to the Board in June for approval.*
- *Attended bi-monthly meeting with Superintendent Lewis.*
 - *Great conversation on education at YCOE.*
- *Signed up for Cal-Matters webinar on a post COVID workplace.*
 - *Appreciates that link was included in the Friday update from superintendent.*
 - *Shared discussion on post-COVID career technical education at Cesar Chavez and importance of this issue for students.*
 - *Panel on webinar included Assemblymember, journalists, policy experts and a restaurant manager who discussed creating a new position as an entrepreneur after losing job during COVID-19.*
 - *Discussed supporting students at YCOE by:*
 - *Modernizing labor laws.*
 - *Incentivize 20% work at home.*
 - *Getting people off the highways.*
 - *YCCP program – students could learn how to start a business and how to obtain a business license.*

Trustee Zendejas

- *Attended various meetings with YCOE staff.*
- *Thanked staff for keeping students safe.*
- *Attended Yolo youth conference.*
- *Attended Yocha De He Inauguration event.*

Trustee Taylor

- *Attended California County Board of Education (CCBE) Executive board meeting.*
 - *Discussed conference for county board members on September 10-12 which will be held as a hybrid meeting virtually and in Monterey.*
 - *The CEO from Zoom recently donated money to CCBE and CSBA to bring computer science to counties and students.*

Superintendent

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

Rose Castaneda, Ana Ceballos, Teresa Jauregui, Cierra Joseph, Andrew Martinez, Julisa Melgoza, Amelia Rodriguez Abonce

Items presented:

- *Attended Senator McCarty's Roundtable*
 - *Conversation included strong expectation of full in-person instruction but will have option for parents to access virtual option/academies.*
 - *Projected enrollment numbers to drop to 3% expected in county heading into 2021-22 school year.*
 - *Anticipate 800 students less to be enrolled in schools countywide next Fall.*
 - *Efforts to families to re-engage is ongoing.*
 - *YCOE looking into how much is due to pandemic.*
 - *Trustee Souza Cole stated reasons could include students attending private school since they were open during pandemic.*
 - *Trustee Souza Cole also asked if there was a way to find the number of children in Yolo County that are not attending schools? Superintendent Lewis will request information at county level to hopefully receive a perspective and sample of children not attending school and where they currently are.*
- *Governor announced surplus Prop. 98 funds.*
 - *Trustee Moreno asked for clarification on if it is true that high school students are the group where attendance is low. Superintendent Lewis stated it is mostly referring to TK-12.*
- *Met with Local Yolo County Child Care Planning Council (LPC).*
 - *Will schedule a presentation to Board from Director Gail Nadal, Early Childhood Education on data focused on feedback from childcare providers.*
 - *Focus guarantees preschool space for every four (4) year old.*
 - *First 5 and Yolo in conversations with goal of lessons learned.*
 - *Federal and state dollars to mitigate support for child care providers.*
 - *Focus on Broadband and mental health.*
- *Reminder to Board that we will be processing 2020 census data soon for redistricting and will work with school districts on timelines.*

SAT

Dr. Micah Studer, Interim Associate Superintendent, Educational Services referred to the updates in the Board packet.

Highlights

- *Federal Review with Head Start program.*
 - *Thanked Director Nadal for her hard work.*
- *Strategic planning work.*

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

Items and questions from Board in the updates included:

- *Trustee Souza Cole asked for clarification on the Foster youth graduation that is on June 18.*
 - *Superintendent Lewis stated that the Board will receive invitations for all graduations.*

Highlights

- *Auditors on site.*
- *Working with programs/departments on different projects.*
- *Trustee Souza Cole asked for clarification on the Information and Technology item – self- service screening and P.O. routing process.*
 - *Ms. Huey stated that it is updating Internal business documents/procedures digitally.*
 - *Employee check-In for COVID symptoms.*

Committees.

None.

2.2 Associations.

Cyndi Hale, President, YEA commented on:

- Currently having 37 members.
- MOU for ESY.
- Members retiring.

Received public comment through the Google form:

5/11/2021

16:15:26

Cecilia Escamilla-Greenwald (Parent)

Davis/Yolo County

I respectfully request from the Board to create an Ethnic Studies Task Force to look at why Ethnic Studies is not happening in Yolo County and make recommendation to have Ethnic Studies throughout Yolo County Schools. If the Board could hire an Ethnic Studies Coordinator to work with districts in Yolo County to establish Ethnic Studies that would be very helpful. I also respectfully request that the Board have the ES Coordinator work districts to ensure that English Language learners in Yolo County have summer programs available to them that include arts, outdoor education, and math and science enrichment, so children have expanded learning opportunities provided the first summer after transitioning back to school.

3.0 **CONSENT AGENDA**

a. Approval of Minutes:

- April 13, 2021 Regular Board Meeting
- Temporary County Certificates (April 2021)

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

- 4.0 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 American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Council 57, Certificated and Classified Unit. **Public Hearing opened at 4:24 pm and Closed at 4:25 pm.**

5.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

5.1 RESOLUTION #20-21/39: Teen Pregnancy Month (May 2021)

Superintendent Lewis presented this item. Dr. Studer shared thoughts on this recognition along with other staff members. Superintendent Lewis stated that we will include the statement *young men who are teen fathers* to the resolution.

Trustee Moreno confirmed that YCOE does offer sexual reproduction education to students. Superintendent Lewis stated that YCOE offers teen empowerment programming and Communicare offers that program to students also.

Motion was made to approve RESOLUTION #20-21/39: Teen Pregnancy Month (May 2021) and will include the statement *young men who are teen fathers* also to resolution.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

5.2 RESOLUTION #20-21/40: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month (June 2021)

Superintendent Lewis presented this item. Superintendent Lewis shared thoughts on this recognition along with other staff members.

Trustee Moreno requested changing:

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ)

to

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and/or Questioning, Intersex, and Asexual and/or Ally (LGBTQIA) in the resolution.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #20-21/40: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month (June 2021) with the edit to revise:

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ)

to

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and/or Questioning, Intersex, and Asexual and/or Ally (LGBTQIA) in the resolution.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

- 5.3 RESOLUTION #20-21/41: National Foster Care Month (June 2021)
Superintendent Lewis presented this item.

Motion was made to approve RESOLUTION #20-21/41: National Foster Care Month (June 2021).

Trustee Souza Cole requested a brief report on what YCOE does to support foster youth at the June Board meeting.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

- 5.4 Second Reading of the Board Bylaws
Superintendent Lewis presented this item.

Motion was made to Approve Board Bylaws:

BB 9000 Role of the Board
BB 9012 Board Member Electronic Communications
BB 9320 Meetings and Notices

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**

- 5.5 Second Reading of Public comment card/Google form

Superintendent Lewis presented this item.

President Souza Cole requested the asterisk be put after *name* only.
Affiliation will be separated and will not have an asterisk which means it is
optional to fill in information.

**Motion was made to approve the public comment card/Google form
with the above changes.**

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

- 5.6 Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant
Dr. Micah Studer, Interim Associate Superintendent, Educational Services and
Gayelynn Gerhart, Principal, Cesar Chavez Community School reviewed the
PowerPoint, “*Recovery and Healing: Today, Tomorrow and Beyond*” 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 reviewed in PowerPoint included:

- Early Investments.
- Student stories.
- Investments in education and upcoming one-time funding overview.
- In-person learning and expanded learning opportunities grant included:
 - Plan Development Process.
 - Sources of Stakeholder Input for ELO.
 - Stakeholder engagement activities (as of 4/21/21).
 - Plan design.
 - Beyond 2022-2024.
 - Accountability.

Items discussed during meeting:

President Taylor had a question on the expenditure plan and approval process.

Trustee Jimenez appreciated story and input from students.

Trustee Moreno agreed with Trustee Jimenez on the power and effectiveness of video.

Trustee Moreno commented on:

- Importance on prioritizing ongoing social and emotional well-being of students.
- Outdoor education is highlighted and prioritized for students. What does this include.
- Does the theme of recovering and healing include racial tensions witnessed by youth.
- Career and College Readiness. Does college readiness include ethnic studies course requirement.
 - Preparing students to pass ethnic studies course.
- Importance of youth mentorship/leadership framework and approach.
- Focus on partnerships in Yolo county to provide math, reading and ethnic studies trainings for example field trips to Cache Creek conservancy (possible partner). Does outdoor education include peer to peer instruction.
- Does this address civic activities and group speakers for culturally responsive curriculum (Brown Issues).
- U.C. Davis Math Project: is this associated through the U.C. History Project. Funding for providing math, reading and ethnic studies.

Superintendent Lewis suggested that we receive those comments and questions in the spirit of stakeholder engagement for today, tomorrow and beyond.

Dr. Studer commented on Brown Issues being included in the plan on page 4.

Trustees Souza Cole and Taylor stated that it was smart to weave in the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP).

Trustee Souza Cole commented:

- Looks forward to quarterly reports on this subject to the Board.
- Summer school career tech.
- Nutrition and Wellness for students.
- Summary of input of families and support of whole family.

Trustee Zendejas commented:

- Youth development framework.
- Outdoor learning including Summer camps.
- Leadership skills for students.

Trustee Moreno commented:

- Had a question on surveys and what did it include. Dr. Studer stated that it included questions on funding priorities which was moderately helpful. Families had difficulty interpreting and decision was made to focus on engagement with families which included conversations, phone calls and meetings.
- Had a question on funding for equipment or curriculum and instruction. Funding has a broad scope per Dr. Studer and focus is to return students to school full time.

Trustee Moreno made a motion to support approval of the Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant with some work.

Motion fails without a second.

Trustee Zendejas commented to Trustee Moreno that the motion needs to be more specific otherwise they would need to vote for staff's recommendation of accepting the plan as is.

Trustee Moreno made a motion to support this proposal and consider adding youth leadership development, peer counseling, outdoor education equipment, ethnic studies professional development for career readiness adjustment and culturally responsive curriculum.

Motion fails without a second.

Trustee Jimenez asked Superintendent Lewis if the motion just presented by Trustee Moreno is do-able and would staff still make the June 1 deadline.

Superintendent Lewis stated he would not support moving in that direction since this motion is specific in directing staff work and the manner in which to fulfill that request is the role of the county superintendent.

Trustee Souza Cole stated that many of the items stated in Trustee Moreno's last motion are already mentioned in the plan and she would support approving the motion as presented.

Trustee Moreno withdrew her motion.

Trustee Moreno made a motion to support proposal by specifically including ethnic studies as a culturally relevant approach to programming.

Trustee Jimenez requested clarification on motion. Trustee Moreno stated that the request will be on page 2 – line B to add (i.e. Ethnic Studies) by the deadline.

President Taylor stated that he has a concern with this motion because the plan would change and add new expenditures and does not feel it is appropriate to direct staff work in this manner. Trustee Zendejas asked Superintendent Lewis if adding this language adds/changes the workload for staff.

Superintendent Lewis expressed concern with this motion and would like to reserve the right to evaluate implications for adding language and stated that the role of board is not to direct staff work.

Trustee Souza Cole agrees with President Taylor and Superintendent Lewis' comments and will not support motion. She states that in this plan that there is mention of culturally responsive curriculum in more than one area. The term ethnic studies would need to be identified and specific citations would need to be articulated to approve this motion.

Trustee Moreno asked for clarification on what culturally relevant curriculum is. Dr. Studer commented on this question. Trustee Moreno requested more clarification and discussion on the definition of ethnic studies from staff at a future Board meeting and feels that this is an important topic.

Trustee Moreno made a motion to support proposal by specifically including on page 2 - line B – under Community to add the phrase (i.e. Ethnic Studies).

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

MOTION FAILS.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

TAYLOR: NO
JIMENEZ: AYE
MORENO: AYE
SOUZA COLE: NO
ZENDEJAS: NO

Trustee Souza Cole made a motion to approve the Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant as presented.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

6.0 Information items

6.1 Alternative Education Monthly Attendance Report

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

Superintendent Lewis reminded Board on request for updates on community programming at Juvenile Hall. This report will be presented to the Board in June.

6.2 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 reviewed this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. Ms. Nadal described day substitute teaching with the children.

Trustee Zendejas left meeting at 6:23 p.m.

6.3 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

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

- 6.4 Williams Quarterly Report on Yolo County Schools in Decile 1-3; Covering the months of January, February, and March 2021.
Superintendent Lewis reviewed this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. Fall will reengage visit to classrooms. Updates to Williams law related to current accountability and LCAP. Provide update as we learn more.
- 6.5 Public Disclosure of Costs Associated with the 2020-21 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE) and California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter #639
Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Business Services reviewed this item in the Board packet.
- 6.6 Public Disclosure of Costs Associated with the 2020-21 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE) and Yolo Education Association (YEA), Chapter #71
Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Business Services reviewed this item in the Board packet.
- 6.7 Education Protection Account Spending Plan
Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Business Services reviewed this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.
- 6.8 Disposition of Surplus Equipment
Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Business Services reviewed this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.
- 6.9 Monthly Board Financial Report
Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Business Services reviewed this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.
- 6.10 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 – 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.
 - Presentation to Board from Director Gail Nadal, Early Childhood Education on data focused on feedback from childcare providers.

6.0 **ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

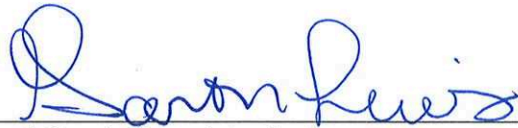
TAYLOR: **AYE**

JIMENEZ: **AYE**

MORENO: **AYE**

SOUZA COLE: **AYE**

ZENDEJAS: **ABSENT**



Garth Lewis, Superintendent