

YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting: June 22, 2021
MINUTES

1.1 OPENING PROCEDURES

- 1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education Financing Corporation Meeting met on June 22, 2021 at 3:31 p.m. in a hybrid Regular 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.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

- 1.4 Public Comment.
None

2.0 Board Reports

Trustee Moreno

- Toured Head Start and Greengate Sites in West Sacramento and Woodland
 - Impressed with space, organization and care.
 - Excited that Anti-bias training will be included for teachers at Head Start.
 - Has questions with social distancing in Head Start. Does it apply?
 - Impressed to see Cesar Chavez students learning CPR.
 - Would like the Art program more accessible for students.
- Attended Cesar Chavez graduation.
 - Wonderful to see support for students.
 - Excited and pleased to meet teachers and staff.
- California Latino School Boards Association (CLSBA) is taking a position

around the incident in Southern CA with students rivaling and using tortillas as a way to manifest their racist disposition. CLSBA is putting together a statement of support for the importance of education needed for students that is culturally relevant and includes ethnic studies.

Trustee Jimenez

- Attended graduation at Cesar Chavez for students.
 - Outstanding staff, teamwork and camaraderie.
- Toured Alyce Norman, Greengate and Cesar Chavez sites
 - Thanked staff who gave tour.

Trustee Souza Cole

- Received all the invitations to board regarding end of year events.
 - Appreciate all the emails and information during this busy time.
- Thanked Principal Gerhart for all her hard work with the graduation at Cesar Chavez Community School.
- Thanked Superintendent Lewis and staff for the special YCOE retirement ceremony.
- Thanked Principal Castiglia for the tour of Greengate School.

President Taylor

- Reminded Board about the California County Board of Education (CCBE) conference in September 2021.
 - Registration is available now please let Yvette Seibert, Executive Assistant know so that she can register you.
 - Information on computer science will be highlighted at conference along with information relevant to districts/county boards.

1.5 ESSER III Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

Dr. Micah Studer, Interim Associate Superintendent, Educational Services presented this item to ensure YCOE's eligibility to meet the funding requirements for the ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund) III funding. In order to be eligible, YCOE must regularly, but no less frequently than every six months (taking into consideration the timing of significant changes to CDC guidance on reopening schools), review and, as appropriate, revise its plan for the safe return to in- person instruction and continuity of services. This continues through September 30, 2023. YCOE must seek public input and take such input into account both when making revisions and when determining if revision is necessary.

No public comment.

The PowerPoint, *ESSER III Part I: Safe School Reopening Plan* was

presented. Description, requirements and next steps for ESSER II was discussed.

Trustee Moreno asked about social distancing and how it applies to Head Start children. Superintendent Lewis stated that the requirements for K12 education is different than preschool age children.

Superintendent

- Congratulated team at the Adult living schools and Horizon for the wonderful tour of facility he recently had with staff.
- Celebrated YCOE Retirees in a hybrid ceremony recently.
- Will host a YCOE town hall meeting this Friday with Dr. Aimee Sisson, Yolo County Public Health Officer.
 - Dr. Sisson will give an update on most recent public health guidance.
 - Adjustments will be made based on guidelines.
 - Anticipate full reopening of schools in Fall.

Superintendent Advisory Team

Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services had no additional information to report.

Dr. Micah Studer, Interim Associate Superintendent had no additional information to report.

Trustee Souza Cole asked a question about project updates on the Suite 130 restrooms and where they are in the building.

Ms. Huey stated it was a Retrofit for the shower stall in that suite.

Anthony Volkar had no information to report.

Committees

Superintendent compensation committee met recently.

2.2 Associations
None

3.0 Consent Agenda
Motion to approve consent agenda.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:
JIMENEZ: AYE

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

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Resolution #20-21/43 Climate Change

Superintendent Lewis presented this item. Trustee Souza Cole commented that it was a thoughtful resolution and relied on the template from the California School Boards Association (CSBA). The resolution is relevant and important.

Motion to adopt climate action plan and add a date line under the two signatures.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

4.2 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)

The LCAP is presented for approval in accordance with Education Code 52060, after satisfying the requirements of Education Code 52062(b)(1), 42127(a)(1) for public hearing and comment. Dr. Studer presented the PowerPoint, *Recovery and Healing Part II: The LCAP*. He reviewed the Annual Planning Documents and the changes made since June 8th. There may be more minor tweaks that the California Department of Education (CDE) may request. If so, they will let the Board know.

Trustee Moreno thanked staff for continuing to educate on all details of the LCAP and for including a youth advocate and allocation for youth mentorship in the plan. She did ask for clarification from Principal Gerhart on the academic mentorship. Principal Gerhart discussed students and holistic behavior. Trustee Moreno also asked for clarification on the community engagement that is linked to the freedom center or is there other types of examples that will be used. Principal Gerhart commented that it has not been specified yet, but that family and community

engagement is a priority.

Motion to approve the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

4.3 School Plan for Student Achievement

California Education Code 64001 and the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires schools that receive federal funds through the ConApp to consolidate all school planning requirements into the SPSA. Additionally, this SPSA template satisfies the statutory requirements of Section 1111 of the ESSA. Dr. Studer presented the PowerPoint, *Recovery and Healing Part II: The LCAP*. Dr. Studer reviewed the document in the Board packet which reflected updates to the LCAP.

Motion to approve the School Plan for Student Achievement.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

4.4 LCAP Federal Addendum

The LCAP Federal Addendum is meant to supplement the LCAP to ensure that eligible LEAs have the opportunity to meet the Local Educational Agency (LEA) Plan provisions of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). While many provisions of the ESSA are covered in the LCAP process through the state priorities, the ESSA provisions listed in the LCAP Federal Addendum below do not align with state priorities. This document outlines how YCOE meets the ESSA provisions and has been updated to be in align

with current organizational practices. Dr. Studer reviewed the document in the Board packet which reflected updates to the LCAP.

Board Vice President Moreno asked if a counselor is coming back to Cesar Chavez Community School and is the school offering robust mental health services. Principal Gerhart stated that a counselor is important and they offer support to the students with CommuniCare.

Motion to approve the LCAP Federal Addendum.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

- 4.5 2021-2022 Budget Adoption for Yolo County Office of Education
Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Business Services presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. An update on Budget will be provided to Board after revisions are made. The ending fund balance sheet will be included with the update.

Vice President Moreno requested a brief response on why certain funds were not allocated. Ms. Hinely stated that we did not include any changes after June 8. After the Governor's Budget is updated and a determination of additional funding sources are made, an update will be given at a future Board meeting and adjustments will be made with the First Interim Report.

Motion to approve the 2021-2022 Budget Adoption for Yolo County Office of Education.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

- 4.6 2021-22 Education Protection Account Spending Plan
Proposition 30, The Schools and Local Public Safety Protection Act of 2012, approved by voters on November 6, 2012, temporarily increases the states sales tax rate for all taxpayers and the personal income tax rate for upper-income taxpayers. The new revenues generated from Proposition 30 are deposited into a state account called the Education Protection Account (EPA). School districts, county offices of education, and charter schools (LEA's) will receive funds from the EPA based on their proportionate share of the statewide revenue limit amount. Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Business Office presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

Motion to approve the 2021-2022 Education Protection Account Spending Plan.

MOTION: Souza Cole **SECOND:** Moreno **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**

- 4.7 Temporary Interfund Cash Transfers
Education Code 42603 states that the governing board of any school district or county office of education may direct that monies held in any account be temporarily transferred to another fund or account of the district/county office for payment of obligations. Education Code 42603 delineates the requirements regarding temporary interfund cash transfers. Board approval is required before making these transfers. In an effort to facilitate this process, a resolution is needed to make transfers for cash-flow purposes, as the needs arise, based on authorization by the Superintendent or designee. Temporary transfers to meet temporary cash shortages in a fund will be processed based on this authorization. Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Business Office presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

Motion to approve the Temporary Interfund Cash Transfers.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Superintendent Lewis thanked staff for all of their hard work with the LCAP, budget and all of the different plans required. Tremendous effort was made by staff to present these items in a meaningful and thoughtful way.

4.8 Yolo County Superintendent of Schools Compensation.

The Executive Committee consisting of President Taylor and Vice President Moreno met to discuss the 2021-22 Salary and Benefits recommendation for the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools.

Motion to approve Executive Committee's recommendation for the 2021-22 Salary and Benefits for the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools:

1. A one-time lump sum payment of 5% based on the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools' current annual salary placement on the salary schedule, with payment to be paid based on the requirements of the retirement systems.
2. A \$300 increase to YCOE's annual contribution to the health and welfare benefit cap for full-time unit members, to be implemented within approximately sixty (60) days after ratification. ($\$675 + \$25 = \$700$ monthly; \$8,400 annually). This would apply to the Superintendent.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

4.9 Yolo County Plan for Expelled Youth Triennial Update 2021-2024.

Education Code § 48926 requires county superintendents, in conjunction with superintendents of the school districts within the county, to develop a plan for providing education services to all expelled students in that county. The plan is to be adopted by the governing board of each school district within the county and by the county board of education, and then submitted to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Dr. Micah Studer, Interim Associate Superintendent presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. The attached county plan identifies educational options available for expelled students in the county. Educational placement options are identified for elementary students (grades K-6) and for secondary students (grades 7-12). Dr. Studer also presented the PowerPoint, *AB 922 Triennial Update*. The county plan has been approved by the respective school district board of trustees. The county plan will be monitored by district and county representatives prior to its next revisions due in June, 2024.

Items reviewed included:

Plan development

Educational options for TK-6, 7-8 and 9-12.

The role of YCOE which is to help facilitate and support districts.

Dates of adoptions by school boards.

Dr. Studer stressed students being reintegrated into population, support for districts and what is in student's best interest.

Trustee Souza Cole commented on the countywide expulsion data. Year 19-20 which stated three (3) expulsions countywide which is a trend in right direction.

Motion to approve the Yolo County Plan for Expelled Youth Triennial Update 2021-2024.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

JIMENEZ: **AYE**

TAYLOR: **AYE**

MORENO: **AYE**

SOUZA COLE: **AYE**

ZENDEJAS: **AYE**

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Dashboard Local Indicators 2021

As part of the California Accountability Model, each county office must annually submit locally collected data to the Dashboard. This data is due to

the California School Dashboard by mid-November. Dr. Micah Studer, Interim Associate Superintendent presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

The Board had no questions.

5.2 Alternative Education Monthly Attendance Update

Gayelynn Gerhart, Principal, Cesar Chavez Community School presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

Items discussed included:

- Extended learning calendar
- Vice President Moreno commented on the great art room on campus and how important and critical it is for students to have hands-on activities. She also asked how Art will be revitalized and how many programs do the students have to select from. Principal Gerhart commented that there are multiple art programs for the students to engage in. Art will always be a priority.
- Staffing changes.
- Painting, photography and ceramic classes – 2 days a week.
- Vice President Moreno asked about the outdoor art space. Could you consider supporting a bigger and better space in the future? Some items do need to be indoors but there is also space for outdoor mural painting per Principal Gerhart.

5.3 Juvenile Justice Realignment

Update on the Juvenile Detention Facility that currently houses Dan Jacobs School. Gayelynn Gerhart, Principal, Cesar Chavez Community School presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. New changes statewide per PowerPoint, *Juvenile Justice Realignment Update*.

Items discussed included:

- Realignment and the future of the facility.
- Vice President Moreno commented that during the recent tour she took that some youth were using a tracking device on the ankle? Response was that there are less youth in juvenile hall and it is so they can stay close to families.
- President Taylor asked about the funding for Yolo per ADA funding. Is it a flat rate? Answer was that they will provide flat level of funding for the cost of staff and educational services that are offered to incarcerated youth.
- Trustee Souza Cole commented on the two (2) youth in the State Department of Juvenile Justice program. Will it close in a year if they age out? Answer was they will be put in transitional placement.

5.4 System of Support Plan (SOS) 2021-2022

Education Code 52066(i)(1)(A)-(B) requires that each county office Superintendent present a plan for how they will support continuous improvement and provide technical assistance within their counties. This plan is to be updated annually and presented along with the LCAP each year. Dr. Micah Studer, Interim Associate Superintendent presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

Trustee Moreno asked about PBIS programming and does every district pay? Also does the county provide support to districts on this issue? Dr. Studer stated that we are in the second year of the countywide initiative which involves all five (5) districts. Placer County Office of Education (PCOE) has a contract on special development training with 26 school sites.

Trustee Taylor asked about California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCCE) and its relation to Systems of Support. Dr. Studer stated that it is in tune with the districts. The County Office of Education (COE) serves as a support and resource so that there is a symbiotic relationship.

Public Comment:

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Item #5: Countywide Ethnic Studies Updates

Budget for free Ethnic Studies training available: facilitate easy access to Ethnic Studies training. I was fortunate to recently attend a 5-day ES training with the Liberated Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum summer institute, and wished all Yolo Educators knew about the opportunity.

Superintendent Lewis made an announcement that Lisa Young, current Yolo County SELPA Program Specialist has been hired as the new Principal at Greengate Elementary.

5.5 Countywide Ethnic Studies Update.

Deb Bruns, Director, Curriculum and Instruction presented the PowerPoint, *Countywide Ethnic Studies Update* regarding implementation of Ethnic Studies in our five partner school districts.

Items discussed included:

Status of ethnic studies in California and Yolo County.

Board comments and questions.

Vice President Moreno

- Felt this was a basic update and it seems that some context is missing.
 - Information is valuable.
- AB 1460 (ethnic studies) did pass California State University system.
 - Largest students.
 - Requirement of ethnic studies.
 - Community Colleges still offering ethnic studies requirement.
 - Community College Board is still working towards discussing ethnic studies requirement.
 - Important for ethnic studies discussion and context.
- California Teachers Association and California Latino School Boards Association represent majority of students in K-12 and strongly support ethnic studies.
 - Over 50 districts offering ethnic studies.
- Monterey does allow continuation students to take ethnic studies courses and Chicano studies.
- Santa Clara also offers ethnic studies.
- Residents aware of ethnic studies discussions at Woodland Joint USD.
 - Board meetings.
 - Clear there is a struggle in implementation.
- Davis JUSD teachers have access to ACOSTA Educational Partnership group (AEP) leads the way in providing dynamic training for educators that is centered on the cultural and community wealth of students and their families.
 - Training is not mandatory.
 - Some districts are struggling to provide resources.
- Question role of COE.
 - Edgenuity has some culturally relevant education.
 - YCOE should look for more programs reflecting the 4 groups. 90 percent of Chavez students are chicano/latino so it brings context to YCOE discussion.
- YCOE has passed resolutions in support for ethnic studies.
 - Need to do more
- All 5 districts asked for PBIS.
 - Is the leadership asking or not asking for ethnic studies?
- Does YCOE have a role to help educate.

Trustee Souza Cole

AB 101 requires semester in ethnic studies so then do the graduation requirements change? Response was we need to wait and see.

Trustee Moreno

- If AB 101 doesn't pass, the community colleges have already

- discussed and most likely are passing an ethnic studies requirement.
- CSU is requiring ethnic studies and is currently training existing teachers on framework.
- Does the YCOE have principles and concepts, pedagogy for ethnic studies?
 - Important to do more and study together as a Board on ethnic studies.

Superintendent Lewis

- Thanked staff for work on this presentation.
- This presentation is highly unusual since we don't present on behalf of school districts.
- Emerging area for K-12 and State of CA regarding adoption of ethnic studies curriculum and framework.
- Districts have moved ahead of state on this issue.
- The ethnic studies process has been intentionally deliberate and YCOE wants to do it right.
 - More information to come.
 - Pace is not always what we want but we are ahead of state.

5.6 Head Start/Early Head Start Reports

Gail Nadal, Director, Early Childhood Education presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

Items discussed:

- Last days of school for Head Start.
 - Kids are ready to come back.
- Yesterday community care licensing had an unannounced visit to our Greengate site for license reviews and audits.
- Reviewed 3-year MOU with school districts.
 - Will be asking for a five (5) year MOU for consistency.
- Trustee Taylor asked about Universal TK that the Governor has proposed and how will it affect Head Start.
 - Head Start already offers TK in program.
 - Head Start accepts 0-3 years of age.
- Legislation mechanisms in place to address issues with TK and modifying Kindergarten.
 - We should know more by June 30.
- Head Start provides comprehensive program for TK.

Trustee Moreno

- Head Start has a wonderful site in West Sacramento.
 - Advocate for more pay in Head Start.
 - Worthy wages is a priority.

Gail submitted to Yolo County a proposal for a childcare plan.
Needs assessment included areas not being served in Woodland and rural Yolo.

- High needs and not enough slots for childcare in these areas.
- Proposal brings forward the concept of a network of childcare providers.
- Includes professional development training

Superintendent Lewis stated that we would like to request a letter of support from Board on this issue.

- There will be listening sessions to receive feedback from community on the American Rescue Plan dollars and would need support for this idea to receive funds.
- Proposal will be sent to board and will include the letter of support and action from the Board on the August agenda.

5.7 Monthly Board Financial Report.

Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Business Services presented this item.

5.8 Statement Certifying Insurance to Cover Assets Purchased with Certificates of Participation

Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services presented this item.

Annual requirement.

No questions.

Bringing this item to June meetings moving forward.

5.9 No Event of Default Certification

Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services presented this item.

Annual requirement.

No questions.

Bringing this item to June meetings moving forward.

5.10 Covenant to Budget and Appropriate for the 2021-22 Fiscal Year

Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services presented this item.

Annual requirement.

No questions.

Bringing this item to June meetings moving forward.

5.11 2021 YCOE Excellence In Education Award Winners

Superintendent Lewis presented this item. List of Nominees were in Board packet.

- 6.0 Suggested future agenda items.
Executive committee meeting will review letter of support for proposal for
childcare plan.

Superintendent Lewis thanked Anthony Volkar, PIO, IT and staff for all of their
hard work to make the hybrid Board meeting successful.

- 7.0 ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.



Garth Lewis, Superintendent