

YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting: August 10, 2021
MINUTES

1.1 OPENING PROCEDURES

- 1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education Meeting met on August 10, 2021 at 3:34 p.m. in a hybrid Regular meeting session in person and on a Zoom conference call. Board Members present were: Matt Taylor and Carol Souza Cole. By Zoom: Melissa Moreno and Tico Zendejas. 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.
President Taylor requested the Board re-order the agenda items since Trustee Zendejas needs to leave the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Trustee Souza Cole made a motion to re-order the agenda items:

- Move item 5.4 Yolo County Board of Education Trustee Area #4 Vacancy to the first Action item 5.1
We will then discuss in this order:
- Resolutions.
- Consent item.
- Consolidated Application
- Support Letter
- Updated School Calendars
- Move board reports and staff reports after action items.

Vice President Moreno has comments on the Minutes. Trustee Taylor stated that we will address that item during Consent.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

- 1.4 Public Comment.
None

ACTION ITEMS

5.4 Yolo County Board of Education Trustee Area #4 Vacancy

Trustee Jerry Jimenez tendered his resignation via email on July 29, 2021. Requirements for filling former Trustee Jimenez vacancy include a provisional appointment. Superintendent Lewis presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. Trustee Souza Cole prefers a provisional appointment. She asked if we need to hold a special meeting to do interviews. Superintendent Lewis stated that provisional appointments are usually made at Regular Board meetings. Vice President Moreno prefers the process similar to when the Board appointed Trustee Zendejas.

Next steps for Board vacancy include:

- Interviews will be held at the start of the September 14 meeting.
 - Would like to conduct all interviews during meeting.
- Appoint committee to review applications.
 - Superintendent Lewis recommends considering to appoint Executive Committee.

Motion to fill Board vacancy with a provisional appointment and to conduct interviews at the September 14, 2021 Regular Board meeting. Also, the Executive Committee will review the applications for eligibility.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

5.1 Resolution #21-22/02 In Support of High School Voter Weeks (last two full weeks in September 2021)

Superintendent Lewis presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. He would like to stress the impact to students on civic awareness and engagement in county that was stated in resolution.

Trustee Souza Cole commented that this year we have an election prior to voter education week. She would like the classrooms to emphasize voting in the upcoming Special election. She asked Principal Gerhart if they have enrolled students? This will be mentioned at an upcoming staff meeting. Will also have voter registration marquees and bring up this topic with Brown Issues.

Motion to adopt Resolution #21-22/02 In Support of High School Voter Weeks (last two full weeks in September 2021)

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

- 5.2 Resolution #21-22/03 School Attendance
Superintendent Lewis presented this item. Special emphasis since all students will be back in the classroom this year.

Motion to approve Resolution #21-22/03 School Attendance

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

- 5.3 RESOLUTION #21-22/04 Latino/Chicano Heritage Month

Superintendent Lewis presented this item. Vice President Moreno sent him correspondence asking about the effort and commitment for our schools to ensure that there is special attention to detail ensuring our students especially in the Latin X community that Latino/Chicano heritage is reflected in curriculum. Superintendent Lewis commented that we recently had a meeting with Brown Issues on Tuesday on this issue and are leveraging a recent grant awarded to engage young people on this issue.

Alma Lopez, Director and Organizer from Brown Issues gave public comment

Excited to share that Brown Issues will be working very closely in partnership with the Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE) this school year. She applauds this resolution and appreciates the positive impact in our communities when contributions are recognized and identities celebrated. Esperanza is an appropriate theme for this year and she wants to uplift the need for Ethnic studies to translate from this resolution into

practice. She understands that the Board is having discussions on implementation and can't emphasize how important that is. She commented that the Latino community is not a monolith. Identities are diverse and language is used to describe experiences. Ethnic studies in the classroom would be transformational for students to get this knowledge in middle school. Especially with 50% of students who are Latino/Chicano. It is critical at this time to implement ethnic studies. She looks forward to inviting and engaging with everyone in the upcoming school year.

Vice President Moreno thanked YCOE and Superintendent Lewis for ensuring that this resolution is part of the institution year after year. She would like to encourage and recommend that YCOE ensure that culturally relevant curriculum such as Brown Issues get on the budget in the future. She is not aware if YCOE is in discussion for ethnic studies but would be excited to hear this information along with community members. Overall, she supports this resolution. She also commented that the founder of Chicano Heritage month was the first Chicano congressman Edward Roybal and his daughter was her first Chicana mentor for Latina leadership. She expressed gratitude to the Roybal family to create and cultivate leadership through relevant curriculum.

Motion to approve Resolution #21-22/04 Latino/Chicano Heritage Month

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

5.5 Consolidated Application Spring Release

Dr. Micah Studer, Interim Associate Superintendent, Educational Services presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. The Consolidated application is used by the California Department of Education to distribute funds from various Federal programs to county offices, school districts, and charter schools throughout California.

Motion to approve the Consolidated Application Spring Release.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

TAYLOR: **AYE**

MORENO: **AYE**
SOUZA COLE: **AYE**
ZENDEJAS: **AYE**

5.6 Support Letter for the Yolo County Childcare Plan

Draft Support letter for the Yolo County Childcare Plan is attached for Board review and Action. Superintendent Lewis presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

Trustee Souza Cole requested clarification on if the Board President or Superintendent signs the letter? Superintendent Lewis stated that it was the decision of the Board to authorize. The Board decided that all board members and superintendent will sign. The letter was drafted with strong support by Gail Nadal, Director, Early Childhood Education, Local Childcare Planning Council and First Five. Matt Juchniewicz, Director of Support Operation Services is looking into facility needs and assisting with proposal that will be put before the Board of Supervisors.

Motion to approve letter with signatures from YCBOE and the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

5.7 Updated School Calendars

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

Motion to approve Dan Jacobs Calendar.

Trustee Souza Cole also requested looking at our policies for mention of Board approval of updated school calendars. If not we should create a policy mentioning how we govern or how we conduct business. She asked if this issue could come back next month as information.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

- 3.0 Consent Agenda
Vice President Moreno has a change on the minutes. She asked to pull last Regular Board meeting minutes for June 22, 2021.

She stated she sent email to YCOE with a change to the ethnic studies discussion. After clarification from President Taylor that the statement was included in the minutes, she recused her motion to pull the minutes and will approve the Consent items.

Motion to approve consent agenda.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

- 4.0 **Presentation of Anti-Vaping Billboard by Cesar Chavez Student**
Anthony Volkar, Tobacco Use and Prevention Education Coordinator (TUPE) presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. A senior from Cesar Chavez Community School in Woodland, designed the billboard. The billboard, located in West Sacramento along Interstate 80, will be seen by an expected 470,000 people weekly. The billboard will be up for 11 weeks through September, with an estimated 5 million impressions.

Saira Delgado, staff member from Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry's office presented a resolution to the student and Anna Montserrat Carbo, staff member from California Smokers Hotline thanked everyone and is excited about all the people they are going to reach with the billboard. Her organization is going to continue these efforts and focus will be on youth vaping in the upcoming year. She looks forward to more collaborations in the future.

- 2.0 Board Reports

Trustee Zendejas

- Attended YCOE orientation on August 9th and enjoyed the program.

- Thanked Superintendent Lewis and staff for their hard work.

Trustee Moreno

- Acknowledged efforts of teachers and staff in preparation for the return of school.
- Currently supporting and working with the California Latino School Boards Association (CLSBA) in her role as Regional Director.
 - Planning for Unity Conference for educational leaders in California
 - Two sessions: 1. Focus on Latino student mental health and 2. Importance of dual enrollment education for Latino students in high school and continuation school.
 - Previously worked on another event from CLSBA on equity and mathematics for students.
- Invited to participate in Riverside COE's Ethnic Studies Institute to support school district teachers and staff.
 - It was an all day event – 2nd in state to host
 - Really dynamic to hear students preparation for ethnic studies which is a requirement now for community colleges (officially requiring even if AB 1040 does not go into effect).
 - Chancellors' office will review implementation process at end of month.
 - Exciting time for people supporting this effort of equity and inclusion.

Trustee Souza Cole

- Welcomed staff back to school and work.
- Thanked Gail Nadal, Director, Early Childhood Education for all of her hard work and wishes her well during retirement.

President Taylor

- Attended event with Congressman Garamendi in front of DaVinci and Head Start in Davis to champion the Child Tax Credit.
- Discussed the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) annual conference on September 10-12 in Monterey.
 - Hybrid and in person.
 - Initiatives for computer science will be showcased.

Superintendent

- Welcomed staff back.
- Copy of YCOE orientation program was handed out to Board.
- Highlight of activities included:
 - Trustee Zendejas attended.
 - AI "Coach AI" Venegas a Trustee at Washington USD delivered a powerful keynote speech on the power of showing up and being the light.

- Recognized we have lost two (2) students to suicide in Yolo County and in response and in effort to support students the Public health department has given \$150,000 to help support public schools, charter and private schools using suicide prevention services. Mariah Ernst-Collins, Program Coordinator II-Foster Youth, Homeless and Mental Health is the lead on this effort with the Yolo suicide prevention team.
- Tomorrow Woodland Community College will be here in our building for their Convocation service.
- We will also be joined by Congressman Garamendi at suite 190 who is touring the Adult Education center in Yolo County.
- Introduced Shannon McClarin, new Director of Early Childhood Education stated that Maria Arvizu-Espinoza will start on September 1 as the new Associate Superintendent, Educational Services.

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Crissy Huey, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services presented her report in the Board packet.

Trustee Souza Cole had a question about the infrastructure cost analysis in the report. Ms. Huey stated that we are currently reviewing what is needed for students and staff so that YCOE is “technology ready.”

Dr. Micah Studer, Interim Associate Superintendent, Educational Services commented on:

- Enrichment programs and welcomed students back.
- Thanked Ms. Huey and team for their hard work on getting the Head Start Lemen center ready.

Trustee Souza Cole thanked Dr. Studer for including the foster youth needs assessment. She commented that it was important for youth input and the need for education to be present at child and team meetings. Dr. Studer will look more into this issue.

Ms. Huey commented on earlier infrastructure question stating that it is also a part of the enhancement of LCAP goals for technology support.

Committees

Trustee Souza Cole commented:

- She had a conversation with Superintendent Lewis regarding scheduling a facilities committee meeting soon to review projects and check in.
- Would also like to check in on the Climate change resolution in addition with state recycling project what else is YCOE doing to move forward with this project.
- Would like to address Trustee Jimenez vacancy as a representative on the YCSBA.
 - President Taylor would like this added to the Executive Committee

agenda next month to discuss.

- 2.2 Associations
None

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 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.

- Discussed the Lemen site.
 - Brand new center.
 - Interior and Exterior beautiful.
 - Playground is wonderful.
 - Created by funding IEEP grant.
 - Thanked Matt Juchniewicz, Director, Support Operations Services and his team for all of their hard work.
 - Site is now ready for children.
- Expansion of DaVinci at Valley Oak.
 - Will now be at Montgomery.
 - Moved furniture to Montgomery and playground built.
 - Done by August 25.
- American Recovery Grant
 - Strong interest in childcare and Infant toddler care.
 - Create something good for families and children in Yolo county.
 - In partnership with First 5, city and county.
- Ms. Nadal is retiring soon.
 - Thanked everyone for their support for her and Head Start program.
 - Superintendent Lewis thanked Ms. Nadal for all of her hard work.

6.2 Instructional Materials Resolution

Dr. Micah Studer, Interim Associate Superintendent, Educational Services presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. He will bring this item back for Action at the next board meeting. Also, there is a plan to adopt new curriculum which will be brought back to the Board in the future. Trustee Souza Cole would like to see an edit to the resolution. There is a list in the resolution of each subject category and publisher. She would like to see on the list the publication date of the textbooks and instructional materials. Dr. Studer stated that it was possible to add that item. Trustee Moreno had a question about Edgenuity and if it is part of the materials. Dr. Studer stated that yes it is part of the materials and will take the opportunity to look into and study what is available to the public online. Trustee Moreno stated that the material has not been culturally relevant in last 2 to 3 years and doesn't

believe this is what our students need. We should support the need for the best quality materials. It is equally important to support teachers with the best and most updated culturally relevant professional materials. Dr. Studer will research what is available and consult with other county offices of education who have access to more culturally relevant material.

Trustee Tico Zendejas left the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

6.3 First Reading of Board Policies – 6000 Series

Dr. Micah Studer, Interim Associate Superintendent, Educational Services presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. Discussed changes to Independent Study board policies which reflect legislative updates. Thanked Gayelynn Gerhart, Principal at Cesar Chavez Community School for her help on this issue.

Trustee Souza Cole read through all the policies and noticed a significant shift from BP/AR. She clarified changes and she had a question on page 150 of the packet in the first paragraph regarding an emergency credential - in regards, to the wording for valid certification document or an emergency credential, can we use teaching credential as a substitute for a district employee who has the correct certification? Dr. Studer stated that the wording is consistent with law but he can go back and review the wording for consistency. He will also substitute County Office of Education for district.

President Taylor asked if Dr. Studer has been tracking trailer bill cleaner language and did that language change again? Would we need to amend these policies and approve all at next meeting? Dr. Studer is not sure what that will look like and if there are possible changes. President Taylor also asked about COVID quarantines and procedures for Independent Study. Items changes included 5 day to 3 day minimum, defaults for next school year and enrolling in Edgenuity course. Also, Dan Jacobs students are not independent study and follow the guidelines for institutionalized youth.

6.4 2020-21 Fourth Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for YCOE Schools

Deb Bruns, Director, Teaching and Learning presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. No complaints.

6.5 Williams Quarterly Report on Yolo County Schools in Decile 1-3 Covering the Months of April, May and June.

Deb Bruns, Director, Teaching and Learning presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. YCOE will be scheduling in-person monitoring soon.

6.6 Public Disclosure of Costs Associated with the 2020-21 Collective

Bargaining Agreement between the Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE) and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Union

Deb Hinely presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

6.7 Components of Ending Fund Balance 2020-21 Estimated Actuals and 2021-22 Budget.

Debra Hinely, Director, Internal Business Services presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. A question from Trustee Souza Cole on carryover was discussed. If there are any other questions on this item, please email Superintendent Lewis.

6.8 Monthly Board Financial Report

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

6.9 YCOE Organizational Charts

Superintendent Lewis presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. Trustee Souza Cole has one edit: Trustee area 5 should be Esparto, Knights Landing, North Woodland and North/South Esparto.

7.0 Suggested future agenda items.

- Report on Native American workgroup – Vice President Moreno thanked Deb Bruns, Director, Teaching and Learning for her work on scheduling and organizing these meetings.
 - Superintendent Lewis thanked Vice President Moreno for keeping this subject on the radar.
 - Add curriculum adoption process and calendar.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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


Garth Lewis, Superintendent