

YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting: January 11, 2022
MINUTES

1.0 OPENING PROCEDURES

1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education met on January 11, 2022 at 3:31 p.m. at a Regular Board meeting session in person. Board Members present were: Carol Souza Cole, Shelton Yip and Tico Zendejas. Absent: Melissa Moreno. Vice President Zendejas 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: Yip **SECOND:** Souza Cole **AYES:** Yip, Souza Cole, Zendejas **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** Moreno

1.4 Public Comment.
Maria Grijalva, Latino Information and Resource Center gave the following public comment:

I am here to introduce myself and I live in West Sacramento. I am here to say sorry that you lost Matt Taylor as your President and that was the main reason I came and introduced myself and I haven't had the pleasure of meeting everyone here. Also back in 2018 I had ran for the position and also in 2015 I had written to our county district attorney that I felt there was a conflict of interest with Matt and I actually brought a copy of that letter to share. Full circle the attorney general ended up agreeing with me and Trustee Sarah Kirby and so I wanted to reintroduce myself and I am sorry Matt had to leave and I am grateful for all of the work that you do.

2.0 REPORTS

2.1 Board Reports

Trustee Yip
Happy New Year. There are no reports.

Trustee Souza Cole
Happy New Year. There are no reports.

Trustee Zendejas
Happy New Year. There are no reports.

Superintendent

Superintendent Lewis reviewed items listed in the Power Point which included:
Return to School information and updated events:

- January 19, 4:30 PM: Virtual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration with Dr. Tecoy Porter
- January 26, 9 AM: Governor’s Budget Proposal for 2022-23: Implications for Public Education with Patti Herrera
- January 26, 3 PM: Classified Educator Recruitment Fair

Trustee Souza Cole requested that the registration link for the events please be emailed to her and Board.

Margie Valenzuela, Executive Director, Human Resources honored the Employee of the Month for January: Bridget Vaughn. Ms. Valenzuela read the following:

Bridget played an integral role while a short-handed External Business Services Department served our districts and YCOE departments. Her years of experience with YCOE was invaluable. She contributed in both a technical accounting way as well as providing a calm and professional attitude throughout. Her dedication and attitude, in my opinion, should be recognized. She is an example of an employee we want to continue with YCOE for years to come.

Ms. Vaughn was not able to attend the meeting but staff honored and congratulated her exemplary work.

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

Items discussed included:

- Current staff shortage.
- Antigen test kits delivered to students and staff.
- Half of SOS staff were out so members of the Superintendent’s Advisory Team stepped up and helped.
- Trustee Yip thanked staff members and stated that LEA’s complimented the county office on doing a great job of delivering these kits to districts.

Maria Arvizu-Espinoza, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services presented her report in the Board packet.

Items discussed included:

- Stated that it is a very interesting time and thanked her YCOE team for all of their hard work.
 - They have pulled together to make the best of the current situation with COVID-19 and staff being out and flexible with schedules.

- Universal TK and working with state.
 - Thanked Superintendent Lewis for his patience and leadership.

Public Comment

Pam Gonzalez, member of the Yolo California Indian Curriculum & Professional Learning Advisory Committee requested to give public comment at this time which the Board approved.

Her comment is below:

I am not speaking for the committee that I am on and these are my opinions. I wanted to share with the Board our first year and give some positive feedback regarding the year we have been together. I have been with the committee for sixteen (16) months and one of the positives that we have had is Professional development for teachers in the district and we have explored and connected with other organizations and resources in the county and outside agencies like Woodland Community College and Davis.

We have been provided with a retreat training which just took place and helped us to work better as a committee to continue the work with educators. This year I would like to bring up professional development training for the YCOE Board, Superintendent and principals because it begins with support from the top. I am going to bring this issue up at the next meeting. The Second thing is we will continue our support for a second professional development for teachers and continue with retreat training. A lot of us are not trained in abstracts and it is helpful that we have these two (2) meetings. We are also meeting at end of month for a third.

I would like to be put on future agendas as a committee report also. I think this work that we are doing is helpful to navigate the ethnic studies state mandates down the pike and should be used as a model. Also please think local histories. Because our history is overlapping with other groups. Shout out to Superintendent Garth Lewis- he never told us no while navigating COVID when we met in 2020 of September and there was a lot on him and a lot of requests. He never told us no and provided support for us all the way. We couldn't have asked for a better person to start this work with us and want the rest of the Board to know that.

Deb Bruns, Director, Teacher and Learning is so proactive and has been to every meeting and facilitated each one. I have much respect for her continuing this work and how much they have done to get this started. Ms. Bruns brought Shasta education and their program to us and the Redmond group who facilitated professional development training with Ms. Pennywell a Native American teacher and educator. We couldn't have found a better person to help facilitate that and connect with other agencies in the school districts. I wanted the Board to know all this amazing work that is happening. Thank you!

Committees

None

- 2.2 Associations
None

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Yip requested that the minutes be pulled.

Motion to approve consent agenda minus the *minutes*.

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

Trustee Yip will email the changes to the minutes to Yvette Seibert, Executive Assistant and the Board will approve those minutes at the next Board meeting on February 8, 2022.

- 4.0 A public hearing will be conducted to receive comment from parents, teachers, members of the community, and bargaining unit leaders regarding the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools' Response and Initial Proposal of the California School Employees Association (CSEA), Yolo County Chapter #639. Public Hearing opened at 3:56 p.m. and closed at 3:57 p.m.
- 5.0 A public hearing will be conducted to receive comment from parents, teachers, members of the community, and bargaining unit leaders regarding the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools' Response and Initial Proposal of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Council 57, Certificated Unit. Public Hearing opened at 3:57 p.m. and closed at 3:58 p.m.
- 6.0 A public hearing will be conducted to receive comment from parents, teachers, members of the community, and bargaining unit leaders regarding the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools' Response and Initial Proposal to the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Council 57, Classified Unit. Public Hearing opened at 3:58 p.m. and closed at 3:59 p.m.
- 7.0 A public hearing will be conducted to receive comment from parents, teachers, members of the community, and bargaining unit leaders regarding the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools' Response and Initial Proposal to the Yolo Education Association (YEA). Public Hearing opened at 3:50 p.m. and closed at 3:51 p.m.

8.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 8.1 RESOLUTION #21-22/25 African American History Month – February 2022
Superintendent Lewis presented this item. It is important to celebrate African American History Month especially in the current time period in Nation's history of civil rights and voter rights. Superintendent Lewis quoted Carter B. Woodson, The Father of Black History and stated that is where we should be headed as an educational community and institution – "*Real education is meant to inspire*

people to live more abundantly, to learn to begin life as they find it and make it better.”

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #21-22/25 African American History Month – February 2022

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

8.2 RESOLUTION #21-22/26 Career Technical Education Month – February 2022

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #21-22/26 Career Technical Education Month – February 2022. Superintendent Lewis presented this resolution to Deborah Bruns, Director, Teaching and Learning. Ms. Bruns thanked the Board and commented on the work done by staff to create a strong program at Cesar Chavez in regards to the reimagined YCCP Program. She thanked Superintendent Lewis and staff.

Trustee Souza Cole requested the date in the resolution be changed to 2022.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION #21-22/26 Career Technical Education Month – February 2022

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

8.3 Request to change the date of the Board Retreat meeting that is currently scheduled for March 4, 2022. Superintendent requested a change. Friday does work well. March 18, 2022.

Motion to approve changing the Board Retreat meeting date from March 4, 2022 to March 18, 2022 pending discussion with President Moreno on her schedule.

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

9.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

9.1 Alternative Education Monthly Attendance Reports
Dr. Micah Studer, Assistant Superintendent, Equity and Support Services presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board.

Trustee Souza Cole requested clarification on Cesar Chavez - Woodland and the

percentage of students attending per PowerPoint.

9.2 Head Start/Early Head Start Reports

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

Items discussed included:

- Trustee Souza Cole stated that there was not an enrollment report and financial reports. Staff stated that there was not a meeting in December that they don't provide reports until approved at the Head Start meetings. Trustee Souza Cole requested that the information be stated in future Board packets.
- Staffing challenges.
 - Trustee Zendejas asked what happens when other districts can't make the ratio of absent staff. Ms. McClarin stated that there is a plan in place and there is a flow chart for YCOE Head Start to follow. We are keeping classrooms open because management has stepped up.
- Staff vaccinations.

9.3 Comprehensive School Safety Plans

Dr. Micah Studer, Assistant Superintendent, Equity and Support Services presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. Draft of School Safety plans were attached. Education code requires review and adoption. Initial revision updating contact information intention is to bring back for adoption in February.

Trustee Yip asked about terms of making changes to contact information in document. He was also in attendance at parent meeting and there were concerns that there was no clear delineation regarding medications that follow kids during emergencies in regards, to severe disability, emergency food and water. Staff stated that this was addressed in plan and is aware of the concerns. The plan is continuing to be updated per Dr. Micah Studer, Assistant Superintendent, Equity and Support Services and he stated that if there are changes they will present the changes in red per Trustee Souza Cole.

9.4 School Accountability Report Cards

Dr. Micah Studer, Assistant Superintendent, Equity and Support Services presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. The California Department of Education (CDE) has not released data in system. Item is due on February 1 but currently it is an incomplete release. He does not feel comfortable bringing an incomplete SARC for action to the Board so he would like to bring this item back for action once there is complete data. Trustee Souza Cole stated that we could have a special meeting before the deadline if needed to approve. Dr. Studer thanked Sonia Pizano, Program Data Analyst for all her work on this item with districts.

9.5 2021-22 Second Quarter Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for YCOE

schools.

Deborah Bruns, Director, Teaching and Learning presented this item in the Board packet and responded to questions from the Board. There were no complaints.

9.6 Monthly Board Financial Report

Debra Hinely, Director, Fiscal Services presented this item in the Board packet and responded to question from the Board.

Suggested future agenda items.

None.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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



Garth Lewis, Superintendent