

**YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Meeting: March 20, 2008**  
**MINUTES**

**1.0 OPENING PROCEDURES**

- 1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education met on March 20, 2008, at 2:05 p.m. in regular session in the Board Room located at 1280 Santa Anita Court, Suite #100, Woodland, CA. Board Members present: Davis Campbell, Stuart (Stu) Greenfeld, Nancy F. Lea, Dr. Cirenio A. Rodriguez, and Dr. Joseph W. Thomson. Board President Rodriguez presided. Dr. Jorge O. Ayala, Superintendent of Schools, was present.
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
- 1.3 Recognition of Visitors. None.

**2.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

- 2.1 The agenda was pulled for further discussion.
- 2.2 Excused Absences was removed from the agenda as no action was necessary.
- 2.3 The minutes for the 02-21-08 Regular Meeting were approved as submitted.
- 2.4 The Revised Midtown Community School Safety Plan was approved as submitted.

**MOTION:** S. Greenfeld. **SECOND:** J. Thomson. **AYES:** Campbell, Greenfeld, Rodriguez, and Thomson. **ABSTAIN:** Lea. **ABSENT:** None.

- 2.1 Dr. Rodriguez announced that the following agenda items will be removed:

- 4.1 Resolution #07-08/17: Decision of the Yolo County Board of Education to Deny the Valley Oak Charter School Original Petition
- 4.2 Resolution #07-08/18: Decision of the Yolo County Board of Education to Conditionally Grant a Charter for the Revised Valley Oak Charter School Petition
- 4.3 Resolution #07-08/19: Decision of the Yolo County Board of Education to Deny a Charter for the Revised Valley Oak Charter School Petition

The agenda was approved as amended.

**MOTION:** D. Campbell. **SECOND:** S. Greenfeld. **AYES:** Campbell, Greenfeld, Lea, Rodriguez, and Thomson. **ABSTAIN:** None. **ABSENT:** None.

**3.0 ASSOCIATION REPORTS.** An association report was not given.

**4.0 INFORMATION/ACTION/DISCUSSION**

4.4 2008-09 Head Start / Early Head Start “Draft” Grant Application. Dr. Wanda Roundtree reported that the Program Narrative did not change substantially from the version the Board received last month. She mentioned, however, that the Training and Technical Assistance (T&TA) piece was finalized since the Board received it for information last month. Ms. Howard distributed four items (all of which can be found on file with the official records of this meeting):

- (1) Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424) for Head Start
- (2) Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424) for Early Head Start
- (3) Head Start / Early Head Start 2008-2009 Budget Augmentation Request
- (4) Replacement for page 30, Activity 13: Food Service Training (replaces page 30 contained in the Board packet).

The Board took the following action: The Head Start / Early Head Start grant applications are hereby approved under the following condition: If, after review, a Board member(s) identifies any issues of substance in the grant application(s), that an amendment to the application(s) will be made.

**MOTION:** J. Thomson. **SECOND:** D. Campbell. **AYES:** Campbell, Greenfeld, Rodriguez, and Thomson. **ABSTAIN:** Lea. **ABSENT:** None.

4.5 Head Start / Early Head Start Financial Status Report. Debbie Howard mentioned that the material in the Board packet covers December and January. Expenditures are on track with 56% expended dollars. The administrative calculation is at 10%. The non-federal share through January is on the positive side by \$4,000.

4.6 Head Start / Early Head Start Enrollment Update / Director’s Report. Dr. Wanda Roundtree presented this item. There are no issues with enrollment.

4.7 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC (Century Community Learning Centers) Program for ASSETs Grant Application. Dr. Jorge Ayala stated that this is a grant written by Edgar Lampkin. Dr. Ronda Adams announced that a requirement of this grant is to announce in public that an application is going forth. If funded, this grant will supplement services for 40 targeted Einstein Education Center students.

4.8 Resolution #07-08/10: Authorizing the Borrowing of Funds for Fiscal Year 2008-09. Debbie Howard presented this item. This resolution was presented in March for information. Due to a conflict of interest, Trustee Campbell recused himself and left the room. The Board took action to adopt Resolution #07-08/10 as presented.

**MOTION:** S. Greenfeld. **SECOND:** J. Thomson. **AYES:** Greenfeld, Lea, Rodriguez, and Thomson. **ABSTAIN:** None. **ABSENT:** Campbell.

- 4.9 Quarterly Report of Investments for Period Ending December 31, 2007. Debbie Howard presented this item. This was for information per Government Code § 53646.
- 4.10 Annual Review of Yolo County Investment Policy. Debbie Howard reviewed the changes that have been made to this policy since last year. Trustee Lea noted that one of the changes states that monthly reports will be given to the Board of Supervisors. Staff was requested to check on whether or not the investment reports can be supplied monthly in electronic format.
- 4.11 Yolo County Board of Education Program Narrative and Goals for 2008-09. Dr. Jorge Ayala presented this item for Board consideration. Following a discussion, it was decided that Board President Rodriguez would review this information and recommend any necessary changes to staff.
- 4.12 Review 2008 Board Meeting Dates for April/May/June. Trustee Lea announced that she will miss the June 5<sup>th</sup> Budget Study Session. The Board took action to keep the meeting dates of April 17, May 15, and June 19 Regular meetings, and the June 5 Special meeting for the 2008-09 Budget Study Session.

**MOTION:** J. Thomson. **SECOND:** S. Greenfeld. **AYES:** Campbell, Greenfeld, Lea, Rodriguez, and Thomson. **ABSTAIN:** None. **ABSENT:** None.

- 4.13 Yolo County Board of Education and Yolo County Superintendent of Schools Resolution #07-08/15: Declaring April 2008 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Dr. Ayala presented this item. The Board waived its policy to receive an item for information one meeting and action the next and joined the Superintendent in adopting Resolution #07-08/15.

**MOTION:** D. Campbell. **SECOND:** S. Greenfeld. **AYES:** Campbell, Greenfeld, Lea, Rodriguez, and Thomson. **ABSTAIN:** None. **ABSENT:** None.

- 4.14 California School Boards Association Nomination of Officers. The Board decided not to nominate any officers.
- 4.15 Correspondence. Dr. Ayala reviewed the following items of correspondence:
- 02-28-08 letter from CDE verifying that this organization will be able to meet its financial obligations for the current and subsequent two fiscal years, and that a positive certification is appropriate.
  - This item was not contained in the Board packet. A 03-19-08 E-mail message from Linda Legnitto, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services, was sent to the Yolo County Board of Education forwarding a letter from Michael F. Egan of the Valley Oak Charter School Founding Group, to Dr. Jorge Ayala,

which informed of the withdrawal of its appeal of the Davis Joint Unified School District 's denial of their charter petition(s).

- 4.12 Suggested Future Agenda Item(s). (1) Trustee Greenfeld made reference to a resolution in opposition to the Governor's 2008-09 proposed budget that will be on the 04-17-08 agenda. Several districts in Yolo County have adopted such a resolution. This is a state-wide movement. (2) Trustee Lea asked for an update on the Einstein Education Center that includes enrollment. She said this report can be given at year end. Dr. Ronda Adams said that staff are preparing this information for the May Board meeting. (3) Dr. Jorge O. Ayala said that the 2008-09 Comprehensive Plan will be on the May Board agenda. An overview of the over-arching goals for the two major divisions will be given. (4) Trustee Lea asked for a report on Juvenile Hall, in particular, the status of enrollment. Dr. Adams said that a report will be given in May.
- 4.13 Recognition of Visitors. There were no visitors to be recognized at this time.

## 5.0 REPORTS

- (1) Board Member(s) / Superintendent / Cabinet
- a. Board Members.
- (1) Trustee Greenfeld reported the following:
- (a) He was a judge at the state Academic Decathlon.
  - (b) He was elected President of the Yolo County School Boards Association (YCSBA) and Mary Leland (Washington USD), Vice President.
    - Washington USD is hosting the Golden Apple dinner awards banquet this year.
    - YCSBA Executive Board is planning a workshop; they would like to make the group more viable.
    - YCSBA may take joint action on a resolution in opposition to the Governor's proposed 2008-09 budget.
  - (c) He would like the Board to schedule some time to discuss roles and responsibilities.
- (2) Trustee Thomson expressed his appreciation for YCOE staff's handling of the Valley Oak Charter School petition appeals. They did a fine job; everything was very clear and well laid out; all Trustees agreed.
- b. Board Liaison to the Head Start / Early Head Start Policy Council. Trustee Rodriguez reported that he attended the Policy Council meeting where the

grant applications were approved. He said the meeting was well-attended and that there are nine very active individuals.

c. Superintendent. Dr. Ayala reported the following:

- (1) Staff have been very busy with:
  - (a) the Valley Oak Charter School petition appeals;
  - (b) working closely with school districts and Boards to maintain their fiscal solvency;
  - (c) development of the Head Start / Early Head Start three-year grant proposals; and
  - (d) development of the 2008-09 budget and comprehensive plan.
- (2) Relationships with the districts in the county have been very positive.

d. Cabinet.

- (1) Dr. Ronda Adams reported the following:
  - (a) We have four grants pending:
    - Teaching American History grant; should know in April;
    - Safe School Community grant that was submitted last week;
    - Violence Prevention grant that was submitted week before last; and the
    - After School grant.
  - (b) Grant-writing team is presently looking at the California Math Science Partnership grant.
  - (c) A School Leadership grant was just released today by the Feds. She recently attended the state Curriculum and Instruction Steering Committee (CISC) meeting and the theme for next year's conference will be Visionary Leadership with an emphasis on District Assistance and Intervention Team (DAIT). So this grant could be written through the lense of DAIT in California using "Visionary Leadership" throughout the process.
- (2) Linda Legnitto addressed the Board's question regarding the fiscal solvency of our districts. All of our districts are doing what is necessary to remain solvent. Davis and Winters have the greatest challenges at a time when they also have declining enrollment. Every district is making budget reductions.
- (3) Dr. Jorge Ayala reported that in the development of the comprehensive plan he has asked all departments to list their major achievements and he said it is phenomenal to see the work that individuals have done. The Board will receive a copy in the May Board meeting packet. He asked that the Board read all of them so that they can see the fine work that is being done and also what is

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being worked on.

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Superintendent's Cabinet is meeting for a half day in April to work on the comprehensive plan. There will be a facilitator to look at team-building, this is Part II. Part I was held in September. We will also be looking at closing the communication gap and develop protocols to address this.

(2) Committee Reports. There were no Committee Reports at this time.

**6.0 MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM.

**MOTION:** S. Greenfeld. **SECOND:** D. Campbell. **AYES:** Campbell, Greenfeld, Lea, Rodriguez, and Thomson. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** None.

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