

WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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**JOINT POWERS BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, March 20, 2014
8:30 am
Whittier Union High School District**

Minutes

A. Opening of Meeting by Chairperson--- meeting opened at 9:18am

1. Roll Call

Martin Galindo, ER --- Present (served as Chair)
Dorka Duron, EW --- Present
Mary Branca, EW --- Absent
Phillip Perez, LL --- Absent
Jonathan Vasquez, LN, Chair --- Absent
Erich Kwek, SW --- Present
Ron Carruth, WC --- Present
Sandra Thorstenson, WU --- Present

2. Approval of Agenda of March 20, 2014

Moved: Ron Carruth
Seconded: Erich Kwek
Vote: 5-0

3. Approval of Minutes of January 23, 2014

Moved: Erich Kwek
Seconded: Sandra Thorstenson
Vote: 3-0-2

4. Approval of Minutes of February 20, 2014

This item was tabled due to lack of enough members present who were in attendance at the February 20, 2014 meeting.

B. Citizen's Comments

There were no public comments.

C. Action Items

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that America Saisho's title and job description be revised as indicated under separate cover.

Moved: Erich Kwek
Seconded: Ron Carruth
Vote: 5-0

2. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the East Whittier School District STEP Program MOU be approved for the 2013-2014 school year.

Moved: Ron Carruth
Seconded: Erich Kwek
Vote: 5-0

D. Consent Calendar

Moved: Ron Carruth
Seconded: Dorka Duron
Vote: 5-0

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the Master Contracts between Cinnamon Hills, Starview Adolescent Center, Harbor View Adolescent Center and WACSEP, for the purpose of providing services to students requiring a residential placement, be approved for the 13-14 school year.
2. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the Individual Services Agreement (ISA) from Cinnamon Hills in regards to Whittier Union student number 4123415610 (SSID), for the period of March 03, 2014 through June 30, 2014, not to exceed \$125,000, be approved.
3. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the Individual Services Agreement (ISA) from Starview Adolescent Center in regards to Whittier Union student number 5079686062 (SSID), for the period of March 17, 2014 through June 30, 2014, not to exceed \$125,000, be approved
4. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the Individual Services Agreement (ISA) from Harbor View Adolescent Center in regards to Whittier Union student number 5079686062 (SSID), for the period of March 17, 2014 through June 30, 2014, not to exceed \$125,000, be approved
5. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that attorney fees in the total amount of \$7,500.00 be paid to Newman.Aaronson.Vanaman in Settlement Agreement dated 3/6/14, OAH Case No. 2013110853.
6. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that attorney fees in the total amount of \$10,000.00 be paid to Woodsmall Law Group, P.C. in Settlement Agreement dated 3/12/14, OAH Case No. 2014010018.

E. Discussion Items

1. Billbacks

It is the SELPA Director's recommendation that billbacks be based on an average cost and be the same for each district.

It was agreed upon that each superintendent would discuss this concept with his or her business office and come prepared to discuss this further at the April meeting. Ideas such as using a simple formula for calculating this cost that is used consistently by each district and if change is expected, agreeing to a gradual movement towards this change if needed were discussed.

2. It is the SELPA Director's recommendation that we hire a 1 FTE program specialist to begin the work of our regional ED elementary program which will allow us to provide a broader continuum of services/programs that will result in a reduced number of elementary students being placed in nonpublic schools.

It was agreed upon that this item would be discussed further at the April meeting and that the SELPA Director would provide financial information regarding the fiscal impact of this position as it pertains to the WACSEP budget.

3. Mediated Agreements between WACSEP districts

This item was tabled.

F. Information Items

G. Adjournment

**NEXT JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING
April 17, 2014**