

WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Joint Powers Board Regular Meeting
April 12, 2023
9:00 AM
9401 S. Painter Ave., Board Room
Whittier, CA 90605**

MINUTES

A. Opening of Meeting by Chairperson- The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

1. Roll Call

EW, Marc Patterson - Present
ER, Marco Villegas - Present
LL, William Crean, Vice Chair - Present
LN, Ramiro Rubalcaba- Present (*arrived at 9:06 a.m)
SW, Gary Gonzales - Absent
WC, Brad Mason, Chair - Present
WU, Monica Oviedo - Present

B. Community Comments on Closed Session Items

There were no Closed Session community comments.

C. Closed Session - By general consent of the Board, the Board moved into Closed Session at 9:03 a.m.

1. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment/Employment

No reportable action.

2. Evaluation of Executive Director of the Whittier Area Cooperative Special Education Program (WACSEP) (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957)

No reportable action.

D. Reconvene Meeting –The meeting reconvened at 9:55 a.m.

1. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

No reportable action.

2. Approval of Agenda for April 12, 2023 meeting

Moved: Monica Oviedo
 Seconded: Marco Villegas
 Vote: 6-0

3. Approval of Minutes for March 9, 2023 meeting

Moved: Ramiro Rubalcaba
 Seconded: Maro Villegas
 Vote: 5-0 (1 Abstention, Monica Oviedo)

E. Community Comments

There were no community comments.

F. Consent Calendar

Moved: William Crean
 Seconded: Monica Oviedo
 Vote: 6-0

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the following contracts and expenditures be approved:

Provider	Description	Dates	Cost
Yarjianian & Associates, PC	Settlement Costs	04/13/2023 to 06/30/2023	Not to Exceed \$75,0000 (Additional \$25,000)

2. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the following travel requests be approved:

Conference/Workshop	Person(s) Authorized	Expense (Per Person)
Special Education Local Plan (SELPA) Administrators of California Meetings <u>Sacramento, CA</u> July 5 - 7, 2023 October 3 - 6, 2023 November 28 - December 1, 2023 February 27 - March 1, 2024	Janet Queneau, Executive Director	Registration: \$ 0.00 Related Expenses: \$ 1,950.00 Total: \$ 1,950.00

April 30 - May 3, 2024 <u>San Diego, CA</u> September 5 - 8, 2023 October 31 - November 3, 2023 January 30 - February 2, 2024 April 2 - 5, 2024 June 4 - 7, 2024		
Strategic Planning Meeting <u>Sacramento, CA</u> October 2 - 3, 2023	Janet Queneau, Executive Director	Registration: \$ 0.00 Related Expenses: \$ 715.00 Total: \$ 715.00
Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Instructor Certification Program <u>Orange, CA</u> May 16-18 , 2023	Kristine Ramos, Program Manager (replacing Laura Peguero-Cruz)	Registration: \$ 4,249.00 Related Expenses: \$ 225.00 Total: \$ 4,474.00

G. Personnel Report

There were no personnel report items.

H. New Business

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the following contracts be approved for the 2023-2024 school year:

Provider	Description	Dates	Cost
Tania Rodriguez	Mental Health School Psychologist Intern	7/01/2023 to 6/30/2024	\$25/hr. Not to Exceed \$18,000
Reyna Guzman Martinez	Mental Health School Psychologist Intern	7/01/2023 to 6/30/2024	\$25/hr. Not to Exceed \$18,000
Ashley Cazares	Mental Health School Psychologist Intern	7/01/2023 to 6/30/2024	\$25/hr. Not to Exceed \$18,000
Jahnvi Pancholi	Mental Health School	7/01/2023 to	\$25/hr.

	Psychologist Intern	6/30/2024	Not to Exceed \$18,000
Ashlyn Montoya	Mental Health School Psychologist Intern	7/01/2023 to 6/30/2024	\$25/hr. Not to Exceed \$18,000
Jennifer Kim	Mental Health School Psychologist Intern	7/01/2023 to 6/30/2024	\$25/hr. Not to Exceed \$18,000

Moved: Marco Villegas
 Seconded: Monica Oviedo
 Vote: 6-0

I. SELPA Director Report

Ms. Janet Queneau shared the new WACSEP website with the Joint Powers Board. She thanked the WACSEP team, especially Secretary IV, Adahena Gutierrez, for entering all of the information on the new platform. She also shared that WACSEP now has an Instagram account that can be found by the @WACSEP handle, in addition to the existing WACSEP Facebook. The vision is for WACSEP platforms to be a hub for resources and support for all families and member district staff. The educator portion of the website, that will require a login, is expected to be available at the end of the summer. An email blast will be going out to notify families of our new website.

Ms. Janet Queneau shared the information regarding the upcoming Legislative Sharing Day, sponsored by the SELPA Association of California, in Sacramento on May 3, 2023. Two Community Advisory Committee parents and Ms. Queneau will be attending the morning presentations from the SELPA Association, and then attending meetings with Senator Bob Archuleta’s office and Assemblymember Blanca Pacheco’s office to discuss support of special education.

J. Board Member Reports

Dr. Ramiro Rubalcaba, Superintendent of Los Nietos School District, had no report.

Dr. Marco Villegas, Superintendent of El Rancho Unified School District, had no report.

Dr. William Crean, Superintendent of Little Lake City School District, shared that upon his district receiving a Differentiated Assistance letter, it felt like the district had not been doing the right thing for students. However, he shared his observations from two classroom visits which demonstrated the district is doing what it is supposed to be doing for students in special education. He visited a TK classroom where mainstream opportunities were occurring, and he could not differentiate which students were in special education and which were not. He also visited a 4th grade special day class (SDC)

classroom which had only three students in the room because all of the other students from the class were attending general education classes, which is a great thing.

Dr. Marc Patterson, Superintendent of East Whittier City School District, thanked WACSEP for the new website. He shared that the district will be hosting a dance for special education students on April 28th where students can participate in a safe, sensory appropriate environment with their peers.

Dr. Monica Oviedo, Superintendent of Whittier Union High School District, had no report.

Dr. Brad Mason, Superintendent of Whittier City School District, thanked WACSEP for providing the community with the new website as a resource.

K. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Moved: Maro Villegas

Seconded: Ramiro Rubalcaba

Vote: 6-0

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