

WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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**Joint Powers Board Regular Meeting
February 14, 2024
9:00 AM
9401 S. Painter Ave., Board Room
Whittier, CA 90605**

AGENDA

A. Opening of Meeting by Chairperson

1. Roll Call

EW, Marc Patterson
ER, Marco Villegas
LL, Jonathan Vasquez
LN, Ramiro Rubalcaba
SW, Gary Gonzales, Chair
WC, Brad Mason
WU, Monica Oviedo, Vice Chair

B. Community Comments on Closed Session Items

Members of the public may address the Joint Powers Board on any Closed Session agenda item. Anyone who would like to address the Board during the opportunity for community comments should complete the comment card. Presentations will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker; fifteen (15) minutes per subject. Following any public comment on the Board's Closed Session agenda items, the Board will convene in Closed Session.

C. Closed Session

1. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment/Employment
2. Evaluation of Executive Director of the Whittier Area Cooperative Special Education Program (WACSEP) (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957)

D. Reconvene Meeting

1. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session
2. Approval of Agenda for February 14, 2024 meeting

Moved _____
Seconded _____
Vote _____

3. Approval of Minutes for December 13, 2023 meeting

Moved _____
 Seconded _____
 Vote _____

E. Community Comments

Members of the public may address the Joint Powers Board directly concerning items within its jurisdiction on any topic of district or SELPA concern that may or may not be on the agenda for that meeting. Anyone who would like to address the Board during the opportunity for community comments should complete the comment card. Presentations will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker; fifteen (15) minutes per subject.

F. Consent Calendar

Moved _____
 Seconded _____
 Vote _____

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the 2023-2024 Updated Off the Top Budgets as shown below be approved:

District	2023-2024 Off-The-Top (November 2023)	2023-2024 Updated Off-The-Top (February 2024)	Difference
EW	\$2,493,047.00	\$2,596,760.00	+\$103,713.00
ER	\$1,118,082.40	No Change	
LL	\$470,149.00	No Change	
LN	\$907,750.00	\$764,000.00	(\$143,750.00)
SW	\$551,774.29	\$566,401.01	+\$14,626.72
WC	\$1,503,986.07	No Change	
WU	\$2,725,060.00	\$2,618,339.25	(\$106,720.75)

2. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the Updated WACSEP 2023-2024 Budget be approved:

District	2023-2024 Off-The-Top (November 2023)	2023-2024 Updated Off-The-Top (February 2024)	Difference
WACSEP	\$12,891,845.72	\$12,890,004.46	(\$1,841.26)

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

Provider	Description	Dates	Cost
TASK [Exhibit F.3]	Trainings for parents/ families of students with disabilities	02/15/2024 to 06/30/2025	N/A
AZ Translations & Interpretation Services	Interpreter services at assessments/IEPs/ Trainings	03/13/2024 to 06/30/2024	Not to Exceed \$5,000
Collins Business Equipment	Braille service and repairs	03/13/2024 to 06/30/2024	Not To Exceed \$5,000
Continental Interpreting	Interpreter services at assessments/IEPs/ Trainings	03/13/2024 to 06/30/2024	Not to Exceed \$5,000
Empower Communication Services, Inc.	Contracted services for SELPA-wide Assessment/Services	06/01/2024 to 06/30/2024	Not to Exceed \$15,000
John Gregory Nolte Law Office of John Nolte	Settlement Costs	02/15/2024 to 06/30/2024	Not to Exceed \$50,000
Nathan Osorio Law Office of Nathan Osorio	Settlement Costs	02/15/2024 to 06/30/2024	Not to Exceed \$50,000
Tsadik Law Seshah Wolde-Tsadik, Esq.	Settlement Costs	02/15/2024 to 06/30/2024	Not to Exceed \$50,000
Visual Aid Services, Inc.	Braille service and repairs	03/13/2024 to 06/30/2024	Not to Exceed \$5,000
Volunteers of Vacaville	Braille service and repairs	03/13/2024 to 06/30/2024	Not to Exceed \$5,000

4. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the following obsolete and unusable equipment be approved for surplus:

Count	Description/Brand Mfg.	Serial No.	Asset Tag #
1	Dell Latitude 3490	83MR9S2	62497

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

Conference/Workshop	Person(s) Authorized	Expense (Per Person)
Introduction to Culture of Care Restorative Justice Practices <u>Virtual</u> March 13- June 14, 2024	Elvira Caro-Michel, Behavior Specialist/ Program Specialist, Inger Johnson-Quezada, School Psychologist Lourdes Lopez, Behavior Specialist	Registration: \$ 950.00 Related Expenses: \$ 0.00 Total: \$ 950.00
Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Children and Adolescents <u>Virtual</u> March 13 - June 17, 2024	Maria Huerta, Mental Health Liaison Elizabeth Moreno, Licensed Clinical Social Worker	Registration: \$ 1,386.94 Related Expenses: \$ 0.00 Total: \$ 1,386.94

6. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the Continuing Contracts Report summarizing continuing contracts and authorized renewal of routine contracts, agreements, leases, and insurance for 2024-2025 be approved. [Exhibit F.6].

G. Personnel Report

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director the following staffing needs for the 23-24 school year be approved:

Position	Reason	Cost
School Psychologist	Yolanda I. Ugarte, effective start date TBD	Based on salary schedule

Moved _____
Seconded _____
Vote _____

H. New Business

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director, after input from SELPA Finance, in compliance with California Education Code section 56836.148 (h) and (i) for the 2023-24 school year, that any funds needed for purposes of providing regionalized and other programmatic services by the SELPA be allocated back to the SELPA by our member districts. The current SELPA allocation model is unchanged.

Moved _____
Seconded _____
Vote _____

I. SELPA Director Report

J. Board Member Reports

K. Adjournment

Moved _____
Seconded _____
Vote _____

**NEXT JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING
March 20, 2024**

Any materials required by law to be made available to the public prior to a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the District can be inspected at the following address during normal business hours: 8036 Ocean View Avenue, Whittier, CA 90602