

WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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**JOINT POWERS BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
April 10, 2019
9401 S. Painter Avenue, Board Room
Whittier, California 90605
8:30 a.m.**

MINUTES

A. Opening of Meeting by Chairperson- The meeting was called to order at 8:49 a.m.

1. Roll Call

EW, Marc Patterson - Present

ER, Karling Aguilera-Fort - Present

LL, William Crean, Vice Chair - Absent

LN, Jonathan Vasquez -Present

SW, Gary Gonzales - Present

WC, Maria Martinez-Poulin – Present (arrived at 8:56 a.m.)

WU, Martin Plourde, Chair – Present

B. Closed Session- By general consent of the Board, the Board moved into Closed Session at 8:49 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.

C. Reconvene Meeting- The public meeting reconvened at 9:39 a.m.

1. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session
No reportable action.

2. Approval of Agenda for the April 10, 2019 meeting

Moved: Gary Gonzales
 Seconded: Karling Aguilera-Fort
 Vote: 6 – 0

3. Approval of Minutes for the March 21, 2019 meeting

Moved: Maria Martinez-Poulin
 Seconded: Jonathan Vasquez
 Vote: 4-0 (Abstentions - Karling Aguilera-Fort, Martin Plourde)

The amended minutes, correcting the March 21, 2019 roll call status of Gary Gonzales to present were approved.

D. Community Comments

There were no community comments.

E. Consent Calendar

Moved: Gary Gonzales
 Seconded: Maria Martinez-Poulin
 Vote: 6 – 0

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

Provider	Description	Dates	Cost
Rivers Law Inc. APC (previously approved as Law Office of Surisa Rivers)	Settlement Costs	03/20/2019 to 06/30/2019	Not to Exceed \$50,000
Rivers Law Inc. APC (previously approved as Law Office of Surisa Rivers)	Settlement Costs	07/01/2019 to 06/30/2020	Not to Exceed \$50,000
Laura’s Loaves & Goodies, Inc.	Outside Catering Services	5/31/2019	Not to Exceed \$1,000

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

Conference/Workshop	Person(s) Authorized	Expense (Per Person)
Annual Summer Professional Skills Program in Dispute Resolution 2019 Malibu, CA June 19, 2019	Lara Ulmer, SELPA Liaison	Registration: \$ 0.00 Related Expenses: \$ 210.00 Total: \$ 210.00

F. Personnel Report

No reportable action taken.

G. New Business

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the following contracts be approved for the 2019-2020 school year:

Provider	Description	Dates	Cost
Emily Alcaraz	Mental Health School Psychology Intern	07/01/2019 to 06/30/2020	\$25/ hr. Not to Exceed \$18,000
Laura Castaneda	Mental Health School Psychology Intern	07/01/2019 to 06/30/2020	\$25/ hr. Not to Exceed \$18,000
Emily Durden	Mental Health School Psychology Intern	07/01/2019 to 06/30/2020	\$25/ hr. Not to Exceed \$18,000
Brian Mendoza	Mental Health School Psychology Intern	07/01/2019 to 06/30/2020	\$25/ hr. Not to Exceed \$18,000
Lucia Serio	Mental Health School Psychology Intern	07/01/2019 to 06/30/2020	\$25/ hr. Not to Exceed \$18,000
Sasha Vital	Mental Health School Psychology Intern	07/01/2019 to 06/30/2020	\$25/ hr. Not to Exceed \$18,000

Moved: Jonathan Vasquez
Seconded: Marc Patterson
Vote: 6 – 0

H. SELPA Director Report

Ms. Queneau reported that she will be attending Legislative Sharing Day on May 1st with two Community Advisory Committee (CAC) representatives. They will be meeting with legislators to discuss special education issues and ask for their support on bills supporting special education and students with disabilities.

Ms. Queneau shared that there will be a blood drive held at WACSEP on May 4th for a WACSEP staff member battling leukaemia and extended an invitation to sign up and donate. She thanked Kristine Ramos for being instrumental in organizing the blood drive. The flier is on the WACSEP website.

I. Board Member Reports

Karling Aguilera-Fort, Superintendent of El Rancho Unified School District, reported that El Rancho Unified is in differentiated assistance for special education. They are working with the county to improve their strategic plan to support the needs of all students.

Gary Gonzales, Superintendent of South Whittier School District, reported that their Performance Indicator Review plan development is moving forward. There is a team in place and they will be meeting to create the plan.

Jonathan Vasquez, Superintendent of Los Nietos School District, reported working with Ms. Queneau on the Performance Indicator Review plan, and would like to work with all seven member districts in developing a cohesive plan and procedures.

Marc Patterson, Superintendent of East Whittier City School District, thanked Ms. Queneau for her support.

Maria Martinez-Poulin, Superintendent of Whittier City School District, thanked WACSEP, peers and Ms. Queneau for the legislative and budget updates.

Martin Plourde, Superintendent of Whittier Union High School District, provided a transportation update. He reported that the district has released staff who are not meeting the standards and have a contract with other carriers should they become understaffed. The district continues to work on the culture of the transportation organization. Additionally, the Adult School has a new bus training program; they currently have 10 students enrolled.

J. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

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