

# WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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JANET QUENEAU  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## **Joint Powers Board Regular Meeting**

**January 13, 2021**

**9:00 AM**

**(Due to "safer-at-home order," meeting will be conducted on-line only)**

**8036 Ocean View  
Whittier, CA 90602**

## **MINUTES**

**A. Opening of Meeting by Chairperson-** The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

1. Roll Call

EW, Marc Patterson, Vice Chair- Present

ER, Frances Esparza- Present

LL, William Crean - Present

LN, Jonathan Vasquez - Present

SW, Gary Gonzales, Chair - Present

WC, Maria Martinez-Poulin - Present

WU, Martin Plourde - Present

**B. Closed Session-** By general consent of the Board, the Board moved into Closed Session at 9:11 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 9:47 a.m.

1. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

No reportable action.

2. Approval of Agenda for January 13, 2021 meeting

Moved: Maria Martinez-Poulin

Seconded: Jonathan Vasquez

Vote: 7-0

3. Approval of Minutes for December 2, 2020 meeting

Moved: Martin Plourde  
Seconded: Jonathan Vasquez  
Vote: 7-0

**D. Community Comments**

There were no community comments.

**E. Consent Calendar**

Moved: Martin Plourde  
Seconded: Maria Martinez-Poulin  
Vote: 7-0

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

Provider	Description	Dates	Cost
SJCOE	Additional E-signature SEIS feature	01/01/2021 to 06/30/2021	Not to Exceed \$3,325
Purchin Consulting Inc. [Exhibit E.1]	Alternative dispute resolutions support	01/14/2021 to 06/30/2022	Not to Exceed \$30,000 (Consultation/Mediation) Not to Exceed \$50,000 (Trainings)

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

Conference/Workshop	Person(s) Authorized	Expense (Per Person)
2021 Virtual California ADR Conference Virtual Event March 11-12, 2021	Darin Barber, Legal Attorney Karla Rahiman, Program Manager Kristine Ramos, Program Manager Jeremy Rytky, Legal Attorney	Registration: \$ 300.00  Related Expenses: \$ 0.00  Total: \$ 1,200.00

#### F. Personnel Report

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director the following staffing needs be approved:

Provider	Description	Dates	Cost
John Leonard/ WUHSD	Technology support to WACSEP during summer	Not to Exceed 38 hours 07/01/2020 to 08/01/2020	Based on Salary Schedule

Moved: William Crean

Seconded: Jonathan Vasquez

Vote: 7-0

#### G. New Business

No new business items.

#### H. SELPA Director Report

Ms. Queneau wished everyone a Happy New Year. She reported that the WACSEP offices are closed to the public, and closed to staff except by appointment, in order to minimize interaction. The staff is working remotely and doing well to support all students and staff.

Ms. Queneau shared that the WACSEP Parent Training workshop series is now complete, and while registration numbers were high, attendance was low to moderate. Low attendance may have been due to the timing and Zoom fatigue; however, the feedback from parents who attended was positive. Additionally, WACSEP is looking to possibly hold the same trainings or similar ones as part of the Disability and Transition Resource Fair that CAC

would like to host in the late Spring. WACSEP staff is researching platforms and actively brainstorming presentation topics for the Fair.

## I. Board Member Reports

Jonathan Vasquez, Superintendent of Los Nietos School District, wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked Ms. Janet Queneau for her leadership with the Special Education Directors and staff. He wished everyone a good and healthy 2021.

Martin Plourde, Superintendent of Whittier Union High School District, had no report.

Marc Patterson, Superintendent of East Whittier City School District, had no report.

Dr. Maria Martinez-Poulin, Superintendent of Whittier City School District, wished everyone a healthy and prosperous new year and looked forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the Joint Powers Board in a supportive environment.

Dr. Frances Esparza, Superintendent of El Rancho Unified School District, wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked the Joint Powers Board for their continued support.

Dr. William Crean, Superintendent of Little Lake City School District, wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked Ms. Janet Queneau for clarification on the letter that was received by the California Department of Education. Additionally, he hoped to continue to get the message out to the community to be safe as COVID is hitting the community drastically. He shared that sadly the Little Lake City School District Board closed their last meeting in honor of several employees and community members that have passed from COVID in the last few weeks.

Dr. Gary Gonzales, Superintendent of South Whittier School District, wished everyone a Happy New Year and hoped that 2021 will be a better year than 2020.

## J. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Moved: William Crean

Seconded: Maria Martinez-Poulin

Vote: 7-0

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

Due to the school closures, the WACSEP office is closed at this time. You may contact Jessica Burgos at [jburos@wacsep.org](mailto:jburos@wacsep.org) if you would like to view copies of the exhibits.