

WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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**JOINT POWERS BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
January 17, 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 8:34 a.m.

1. Roll Call

EW, Marc Patterson - Absent
ER, Karling Aguilera-Fort - Absent
LL, William Crean, Vice Chair - Present
LN, Jonathan Vasquez -Present
SW, Gary Gonzales - Present
WC, Maria Martinez-Poulin - Present
WU, Martin Plourde, Chair - Present

B. Closed Session - By general consent of the Board, the Board moved into Closed Session at 8:35 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
The Joint Powers Board Chair reported there was no action taken in Closed Session.
2. Approval of Agenda for the January 17, 2019 meeting

Moved: William Crean
 Seconded: Jonathan Vasquez
 Vote: 5-0

3. Approval of Minutes for the November 15, 2018 meeting

Moved: Maria Martinez-Poulin
 Seconded: Gary Gonzales
 Vote: 5-0

D. Community Comments

Ms. Gloria Ruiz, parent, addressed the Board regarding the Community Advisory Committee’s (CAC) goal to increase connectivity and communication with other parents. She thanked Janet Queneau for listening to input and putting it into action such as changes on the website and the new CAC brochure. Mrs. Ruiz also thanked Jessica Burgos for all her work with the CAC. Additionally, she shared that the next CAC event would be an evening Cyber Safety parent training; she hoped that the evening time would result in better attendance.

E. Consent Calendar

Moved: William Crean
 Seconded: Maria Martinez-Poulin
 Vote: 5-0

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

Provider	Description	Dates	Cost
REZ Law Group, APC	Settlement Costs	12/10/2018 to 06/30/2019	Not to Exceed \$50,000
Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI)	To provide Nonviolent Crisis Intervention training to staff SELPA wide	07/01/2018 to 06/30/2019	Increase by \$10,000 for a total of \$45,000
East Whittier City School District	Reimbursement for Construction/ Architecture Cost/Fees for MPR Upgrade	02/01/2019 to 06/30/2019	Increase by \$71,000 for a total of \$171,000

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

Conference/Workshop	Person(s) Authorized	Expense (Per Person)
Travel to Devereux RTC Viera, FL Dates: TBD	Maria Huerta, Mental Health Liaison	Registration: \$ 0.00 Related Expenses: \$ 1,250 Total: \$ 1,250
Travel to Mountain Valley Academy Ramona, CA Dates: TBD	Maria Huerta, Mental Health Liaison	Registration: \$ 0.00 Related Expenses: \$ 1,100 Total: \$ 1,100
New Directors Training/Bootcamp Sacramento, CA February 26-27, 2019	Janet Queneau, Executive Director	Registration: \$ 0.00 Related Expenses: \$ 512.28 Total: \$ 512.28

F. Personnel Report

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director the following staffing needs for the 2018-2019 school year be approved:

Position	Reason	Cost
DHH Itinerant Teacher	Maria Nanez, start date to be announced	Based on Salary Schedule
Mental Health LCSW	Resignation of Fabiola Ruiz, effective January 17, 2019	Based on Salary Schedule

Program Lead	Additional Duties Stipend for Vivian Rodriguez-Eads to support Los Nietos School District effective 12/01/2018	\$500/month
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Moved: Jonathan Vasquez
 Seconded: Gary Gonzales
 Vote: 5-0

G. New Business

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the following agreements be approved for the 2018-2019 school year:

Provider	Description	Dates	Expense
Mountain Valley Child and Family Services, Inc.	RTC Placement for WUHSD Student #1192941033	11/26/2018 to 06/30/2019	Not to Exceed \$151,860
Hillsides Education Center	RTC Placement for WCSD Student #5793570731	12/26/2018 to 06/30/2019	Not to Exceed \$135,000
Loving Hands Family Support Services, LLC (Danyelle S. Goita Beal)	Coverage during Behavior Specialist Leave	02/13/2019 to 06/30/2019	Not to Exceed \$54,000
The Taco Bar	Outside Catering Services	03/06/2019	Not to Exceed \$550

Provider	Service	Dates	Income
La Habra City School District	Agreement for DHH Regional Program	12/11/2018 to 06/30/2019	Up to \$15,588

Moved: Gary Gonzales
 Seconded: Maria Martinez-Poulin
 Vote: 5-0

H. SELPA Director Report

Janet Queneau reported that the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting had taken place the day before and thanked the Board and Directors of Special Education of the member districts for working on increasing the CAC Board membership. She shared that an evening CAC

sponsored Cyber Safety parent training will take place in the Whittier Union High School District Board Room on January 28, 2019. Additionally, she reported that the CAC Resource Fair will be combined with the Whittier Union High District Transition Fair and will take place the evening of March 6, 2019. Lastly, she shared that the new CAC brochure was posted on the WACSEP website and had encouraged the district to post on their websites.

Janet Queneau also shared that she represented the Greater L.A. Area SELPA Directors at the Workforce Development Board.

I. Board Member Reports

Maria Martinez-Poulin, Superintendent of Whittier City School District, had no report.

Gary Gonzales, Superintendent of South Whittier School District, had no report.

Jonathan Vasquez, Superintendent of Los Nietos School District, thanked Mrs. Ruiz for her work with the Community Advisory Committee and kind words about Janet Queneau.

William Crean, Superintendent of Little Lake City School District, shared the Community Advisor Committee was building a great reputation as a group that does a lot of work and thanked Mrs. Ruiz for her positive comments.

Martin Plourde, Superintendent of Whittier Union High School District, reported that he had the opportunity to visit many of the Transition Program students at their job sites which included sites such as Marshals, Lucky Treats Bakery, Smart and Final, and a local retirement home and observe them at work. He shared that the students were working hard and proud to be contributing members of the community.

J. Adjournment -The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

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