

# WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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## JOINT POWERS BOARD REGULAR MEETING Thursday, January 21, 2016

### Minutes

#### **A. Opening of Meeting by Chairperson – meeting was called to order at 8:36am**

##### 1. Roll Call

Present -- Martin Galindo, ER  
Present -- Mary Branca, EW, Chair  
Present -- Phillip Perez, LL  
Present -- Jonathan Vasquez, LN  
Present -- Gail Baxter, SW  
Present -- Ron Carruth, WC  
Present -- Sandra Thorstenson, WU

##### 2. Approval of Agenda for the January 21, 2016 meeting.

Moved: Gail Baxter  
Seconded: Ron Carruth  
Vote: 7-0

##### 3. Approval of Minutes for the November 19, 2015 meeting.

Moved: Sandy Thorstenson  
Seconded: Jonathan Vasquez  
Vote: 7-0

#### **B. Citizen's Comments**

There were no public comments.

### C. Action Items

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the Whittier Union PRIDE Santa Fe Regional Program be an off the top cost starting in the 2016-2017 school year.

Moved: Ron Carruth  
Seconded: Phil Perez  
Vote: 7-0

2. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the Whittier Union PRIDE Santa Fe Regional Program be allotted an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for start-up costs.

Moved: Gail Baxter  
Seconded: Martin Galindo  
Vote: 7-0

### D. Consent Calendar

Moved: Martin Galindo  
Seconded: Ron Carruth  
Vote: 7-0

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that attorney fees in the total amount of \$5,000.00 be paid to David Grey, Attorney at Law, Law Offices of Grey & Grey, in Final Settlement dated November 18, 2015. (For student VR)
2. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that attorney fees in the total amount of \$5,000.00 be paid to David Grey, Attorney at Law, Law Offices of Grey & Grey, in Final Settlement dated November 18, 2015. (For student IR)
3. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that attorney fees in the total amount of \$14,000.00 be paid to The Woodsmall Law Group, P.C, in Final Settlement dated November 18, 2015.
4. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that attorney fees in the total amount of \$19,000.00 be paid to Devon Rios Barellano, Attorney at Law, in Final Settlement dated December 1, 2015.
5. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that attorney fees in the total amount of \$6,500.00 be paid to the Law Offices of Surisa Rivers Law Office, in Final Settlement dated December 1, 2015.

6. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that attorney fees in the total amount of \$11,425.00 be paid to the Law Offices of Punam P. Grewal, in Final Settlement dated December 2, 2015.
7. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that attorney fees in the total amount of \$6,500.00 be paid to the Woodsmall Law Group, P.C., in Final Settlement dated December 8, 2015.
8. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that attorney fees in the total amount of \$9,750.00 be paid to the Law Offices of Abraham Labbad dba Student Rights Advocates, in Final Settlement dated December 9, 2015.
9. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that attorney fees in the total amount of \$6,000.00 be paid to the Law Offices of Kathleen Loyer, in Final Settlement dated December 15, 2015.

#### **E. Discussion Items**

1. A Legal Update  
Darin Barber and Jeremy Rytky presented JPB with a mid-year summary of cases for the 2015-2016 school year highlighting the dramatic increase in cases this year in regards to previous years.
2. Transportation  
Pupil Transportation Cooperative's (PTC) Martin Plourde (JPA Chair), Rick Holash (JPA Vice Chair), and Carina Lazcano (Interim Director) gave an update regarding PTC.
3. East Whittier Program Specialist  
East Whittier will be hiring their own program specialist as WACSEP is in need of utilizing Jay Arroyo into a different assignment and as such he will no longer be able to serve as EW's program specialist.
4. Off the Top Update  
It was shared that a SELPA Finance meeting will be held on January 28, 2016 where districts will present any changes/amendments that need to be made to their 2015-2016 Off the Top documentation. After discussion at the SELPA Finance meeting, any Off the Top changes/amendments will then be presented at the February 18, 2016 JPB meeting for approval.
5. WACSEP Needs in 2016-2017  
Jimmy Templin shared potential needs in the following areas:  
1 FTE Behavior Specialist BCBA, 1 FTE Mental Health Clerical Support, 1 FTE Admin Clerical Support

#### **F. Adjournment** – meeting was adjourned at 10:32