

WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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**JOINT POWERS BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, January 23, 2014
10:00 am
Whittier Union High School District**

Minutes

A. Opening of Meeting by Chairperson --- meeting opened at 10:15am

1. Roll Call

Martin Galindo, ER --- Absent
Dorka Duron, EW --- Present
Mary Branca, EW --- Absent
Phillip Perez, LL --- Absent
Jonathan Vasquez, LN, Chair --- Present
Erich Kwek, SW --- Present
Ron Carruth, WC --- Absent
Sandra Thorstenson, WU --- Present

2. Approval of Agenda of January 23, 2014

Moved: Erich Kwek
Seconded: Dorka Duron
Vote: 4-0

3. Approval of Minutes of November 21, 2013

Moved: Jonathan Vasquez
Seconded: Erich Kwek
Vote: 4-0

B. Citizen's Comments

There were no public comments.

C. Action Items

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that Whittier Union be permitted to hire their own NPS Liaison and be reimbursed for this cost off the top.

Moved: Erich Kwek
Seconded: Sandra Thorstenson
Vote: 4-0

2. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that effective July 1,2013, a 3.0% salary increase be applied to all WACSEP staff.

Moved: Jonathan Vasquez
Seconded: Erich Kwek
Vote: 4-0

3. It is recommended that the Executive Director's contract be updated (please see contract under separate cover).

Moved: Erich Kwek
Seconded: Sandra Thorstenson
Vote: 4-0

D. Consent Calendar

Moved: Dorka Duron
Seconded: Sandra Thorstenson
Vote: 4-0

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that attorney fees in the total amount of \$6,100.00 be paid to Law Offices of Kathleen M. Loyer, Inc. in Settlement Agreement dated 1/8/14, OAH Case No. 2013120237.
2. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that a contract with an independent OT/PT or NPA that provides OT/PT services, to provide guidance pertaining to educationally related services vs. medically related services, not to exceed \$2,000, be approved.
3. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that a contract with Jeanne Davis, for guidance and support related to the revision of our Local Plan and Procedural Handbooks, not to exceed \$15,000, be approved.

4. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that WACSEP be permitted to contract with an outside psychologist to provide assessment support for the NPS Liaisons for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year, not to exceed \$7,000.
5. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that WACSEP be permitted to contract with an outside BCBA or an NPA who can provide BCBA/behavioral services, to provide support to districts in lieu of the resignation of our WACSEP BCBA/Behavior Specialist, for the remainder of the 13-14 school year.

E. Discussion Items

1. Update on Personnel Items
A discussion regarding WACSEP personnel took place.
2. ED "Model" Program at WACSEP
It was agreed upon that WACSEP would explore starting a small elementary ED program that could be used as a model program for our districts to replicate in their own districts. This would be done in hopes of reducing the number of students our SELPA currently sends to non-public schools. Estimated costs will be brought to JPB at a later date.
3. AC/Heater needs at WACSEP MPR
WACSEP will explore the costs related to modernizing the air conditioning system in the multipurpose room on the Mar Vista campus. The existing system is currently not working and out of date and it is making it difficult for WACSEP to use this room for the many trainings that are provided throughout the year. Estimated costs will be brought to JPB at a later date.
4. Mediated Agreements between WACSEP districts
This discussion was tabled and will be held when all the superintendents and our legal team can be present at the meeting.

F. Information Items

1. Low Incidence Funds

G. Adjournment

**NEXT JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING
February 20, 2014**