

WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

8036 OCEAN VIEW AVENUE, WHITTIER, CA 90602

PHONE: (562) 945-6431

FAX: (562) 945-5855

**JOINT POWERS BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
January 23, 2020
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 8:39 a.m.

1. Roll Call
 - EW, Marc Patterson - Absent
 - ER, Frances Esparza - Present
 - LL, William Crean, Chair- Present
 - LN, Jonathan Vasquez - Absent
 - SW, Gary Gonzales, Vice Chair - Present
 - WC, Maria Martinez-Poulin - Present
 - WU, Martin Plourde - Present

B. Closed Session – The Closed Session was not held, but the agenda items will be rescheduled to a later date.

1. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment/Employment
2. Evaluation of Executive Director of the Whittier Area Cooperative Special Education Program (WACSEP) (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957)

C. Reconvene Meeting – The Regular Meeting began at 8:39 a.m.

1. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session
2. Approval of Agenda for the January 23, 2020 meeting

Moved: Martin Plourde
Seconded: Gary Gonzales
Vote: 5-0

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

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

D. Community Comments

There were no community comments.

E. Consent Calendar

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

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education, Special Education Local Plan Area, Local Education Agency (LEA) Assurances Policy, be approved – Final Reading.
2. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the following expenditures be approved:

Provider	Description	Dates	Cost
N Jane Dubovy, A2Z Educational Advocates	Settlement Costs	12/06/2019 to 06/30/2020	Not to Exceed \$50,000
East Whittier City School District	Reimbursement for Construction/ Architecture Cost/Fees for MPR Upgrade	01/23/2020 to 06/30/2020	Increase by \$5,726 for a total of \$176,726
El Unico Hamburger (Alfredo Serna)	Outside Catering Services for Community Advisory Committee Resource Fair	03/10/2020	Not to Exceed \$500.00

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

Conference/Workshop	Person(s) Authorized	Expense (Per Person)
Devereux Florida Viera, FL to Whittier, CA December 20, 2019	SSID# 5167184062 Travel of RTC Student (one-way), Pablo Delmonte, RTC Escort (round trip)	Registration: \$ 0.00 Related Expenses: \$ 1,300.00 Total: \$ 1,300.00
California Speech-Language-Hearing Association Annual Conference, Convergence 2020 Anaheim, CA March 20-22, 2020	Marcy Fox, Speech and Language Pathologist	Registration: \$ 481.00 Related Expenses: \$ 115.00 Total: \$ 596.00

4. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the following obsolete and unusable equipment be approved to surplus:

COUNT	DESCRIPTION/BRAND MFG.	SERIAL NO.	ASSET TAG #
2	Dell Laptop Computers	10662954086 & 8486171750	46562 & 46561
2	Dell Laptop Computers	43254222950 & 38900658278	46560 & 46566
2	Dell Laptop Computers	4132607078 & 3532002267	46564 & 45634
2	Dell Laptop Computers	6309389414 & 28971074197	46565 & 45638
2	Dell Laptop Computers	4905536149 & 36723875942	45637 & 46563

F. Personnel Report

No personnel report to report.

G. New Business

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that effective July 1, 2019, a 2.25% salary increase be applied to all WACSEP staff.

Moved: Martin Plourde

Seconded: Frances Esparza

Vote: 5-0

H. SELPA Director Report

Ms. Janet Queneau reported that the “Understanding the IEP Process” parent training was held at WACSEP and was well attended by parents of all seven member districts. The presenters included Mr. Jonathan Vasquez, Kristine Ramos, Karla Rahiman and herself. The feedback received was shared with the Community Advisory Committee (CAC); CAC has expressed interest in hosting this training again. She thanked Mr. Jonathan Vasquez for his participation in the training.

Ms. Janet Queneau reported that WACSEP had made progress on updating the Local Plan draft. All SELPAs are still awaiting the finalized Local Plan templates that will be provided by California Department of Education (CDE).

Ms. Janet Queneau, shared that the Governor’s preliminary budget proposal was released. The proposal equalized base spending for most districts, but created a different model for determination of total student attendance by district. Additionally, there would be continued preschool money to districts but it would be restricted.

Ms. Janet Queneau reported that Kristine Ramos, Karla Rahiman or herself are attending LCAP meetings per the request of the districts.

I. Board Member Reports

Dr. Maria Martinez-Poulin, Superintendent of Whittier City School District, thanked Janet Queneau for providing the parent workshop and for all the work that has been done thus far. Additionally, she shared that she attended the Trail of Language training and the CSBA conference and looked forward to working with colleagues on student achievement.

Dr. Gary Gonzales, Superintendent of South Whittier School District, wished everyone a happy new year. He reported the district would be looking to hire a new Director of Special Education.

Martin Plourde, Superintendent of Whittier Union High School District, reported that the LCAP meeting would take place on Tuesday in the Board Room and wished everyone a happy new year.

Dr. Frances Esparza, Superintendent of El Rancho Unified School District, reported that the district is exploring other companies for student transportation. Additionally, she is meeting regularly with the extended cabinet which includes special education staff to dialogue regarding concerns and requests.

Dr. William Crean, Superintendent of Little Lake City School District, thanked Janet Queneau for having Karla Rahiman attend the LCAP meeting and reported that voting by the Trustees had been completed. He wished everyone a happy new year.

J. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:53 a.m.

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