

WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Joint Powers Board Regular Meeting
October 16, 2024
9:00 AM
9401 S. Painter Ave, Board Room
Whittier, CA 90602**

MINUTES

A. Opening of Meeting by Chairperson- The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

1. Roll Call

EW, Marc Patterson - Present
ER, Marco Villegas - Absent
LL, Jonathan Vasquez, Vice Chair - Present
LN, Ramiro Rubalcaba - Present
SW, Gary Gonzales - Absent
WC, Brad Mason - Present
WU, Monica Oviedo, Chair - Present

B. Community Comments on Closed Session Items

There were no Closed Session community comments.

C. Closed Session- By general consent of the Board, the Board moved into Closed Session at 9:02 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.

D. Reconvene Meeting - The meeting reconvened at 9:25 a.m.

1. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

No reportable action.

2. Approval of Agenda for October 16, 2024 meeting

Moved: Ramiro Rubalcaba
 Seconded: Brad Mason
 Vote: 5-0

3. Approval of Minutes for September 18, 2024 meeting

Moved: Brad Mason
 Seconded: Marc Patterson
 Vote: 5-0

E. Community Comments

There were no community comments.

F. Consent Calendar

Moved: Ramiro Rubalcaba
 Seconded: Jonathan Vasquez
 Vote: 5-0

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the following contracts be approved for the 2024-2025 school years:

Provider	Description	Dates	Income/Expense
Pathways to Partnership [Exhibit F.1]	Agreement for Regional Implementation Co-Lead	07/01/2024 to 06/30/2025	+\$30,000
Rowland Unified School District [Exhibit F.1]	MOU with Rowland Unified School District for DHH Regional Programs	10/17/2024 to 06/30/20225	+\$57,780.50 to \$67,957.50/ per student
Yarijanian & Associates, PC	Settlement Costs	07/01/2024 to 06/30/2025	Not to Exceed \$100,000 (previously approved for \$50,000)

2. 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 #
4	Dell Latitude 3500	GXZTNT2, 5GQFKW2, JN203, 2PJN203	63866, 67741, 70410, 70411

3	Dell OptiPlex 3070	H8ZYS13, H901T13, H8ZZS13	69412, 69414, 69415
1	Apple MacBook Model No. A1181	N/A	N/A
2	Apple iPad Model A1822	GCTW4DABHLF9, GCTW4CUBHLF9	60238, 60239

G. Personnel Report

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director the following staffing needs for the 2024-2025 school year be approved:

Position	Reason	Cost
Mental Health LCSW	New hire, Evelyn Briones, effective TBD	Based on Salary Schedule

Moved: Ramiro Rubalcaba
Seconded: Brad Mason
Vote: 5-0

H. New Business

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the “Policy, Procedures and Criteria for Obtaining Independent Educational Evaluations”, updated September 2024, be approved - Final Reading. [Exhibit H.1]

Moved: Jonathan Vasquez
Seconded: Ramiro Rubalcaba
Vote: 5-0

I. SELPA Director Report

Ms. Janet Queneau shared that the Disability Resource and Transition Fair is taking place next Tuesday, October 22nd, 4:00 -6:30 p.m. at Pioneer High School. WACSEP is thankful to Pioneer High School for letting us host the fair at their site. There will be two parent workshops offered, “Supported Decision Making” and “Teaching Your Child Appropriate Behaviors with the Use of a 5-Point Scale”. This annual event was moved from March to October due to other local competing events in the spring.

Ms. Janet Queneau reported that Supported Inclusive Practices presented during the Coordinating Council Retreat. The attendees included special education directors, coordinators, and program specialists from the member districts, as well as WACSEP administrators and program specialists. She received great feedback. This presentation was the precursor to the Inclusion Academy for district leadership teams, which will be offered in June, August, and October.

Lastly, Ms. Janet Queneau thanked Dr. Brad Mason for attending the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) Showcase. Dr. Sarah Carlton led the showcase which was attended mostly

by teachers and administrators from other districts. The DHH teachers did a beautiful job showcasing their programs. She wished everyone a happy Unity Day and Boss's Day.

J. Board Member Reports

Dr. Brad Mason, Superintendent of Whittier City School District, wished everyone a happy Boss's Day.

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

Dr. Ramiro Rubalcaba, Superintendent of Los Nietos School District, thanked Ms. Janet Queneau and her team for attending the LCAP meeting. He also thanked Mr. Jeremy Rytky and the legal team for their help in navigating cases. Lastly, he thanked Dr. Marc Patterson for hosting the Hispanic Outreach Taskforce (HOT) Conference. He wished everyone a happy Boss's Day.

Mr. Jonathan Vasquez, Superintendent of Little Lake City School District, thanked Dr. Vivian Rodriguez-Eads for her presentation to administrators on navigating high conflict situations. The presentation was well received by principals.

Dr. Monica Oviedo, Superintendent of Whittier Union High School District, reported that she visited classrooms where co-teaching is happening and was highly impressed with the collaborative relationships between the general education teachers and the special education teachers. She looked forward to more co-teaching opportunities.

K. Adjournment- The meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Moved: Brad Mason

Seconded: Ramiro Rubalcaba

Vote: 5-0

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