

WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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**JOINT POWERS BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
October 17, 2019
9401 S. Painter Avenue, Board Room
Whittier, California 90605
8:30 a.m.**

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A. Opening of Meeting by Chairperson The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

1. Roll Call

EW, Marc Patterson - Present
ER, Frances Esparza - Present
LL, William Crean, Chair- Present
LN, Jonathan Vasquez - Present
SW, Gary Gonzales, Vice Chair- Present
WC, Maria Martinez-Poulin - Present
WU, Martin Plourde- 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 9:40 a.m.

1. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

No reportable action.

2. Approval of Agenda for the October 17, 2019 meeting

Moved: Martin Plourde
 Seconded: Jonathan Vasquez
 Vote: 7-0

3. Approval of Minutes for the September 19, 2019 meeting

Moved: Maria Martinez-Poulin
 Seconded: Gary Gonzales
 Vote: 7-0

D. Community Comments

There were no community comments.

E. Consent Calendar

Moved: Jonathan Vasquez
 Seconded: Maria Martinez-Poulin
 Vote: 7-0

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the Independent Educational Evaluation Policy, updated September 2019, be approved – Final Reading.
2. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the following travel requests be approved:

Conference/Workshop	Person(s) Authorized	Expense (Per Person)	
2020 Every Child Counts Symposium Palm Desert, CA February 5 -7, 2019	Janet Queneau, Executive Director Karla Rahiman, Program Manager Kristine Ramos, Program Manager Lara Ulmer, SELPA Liaison	Registration: \$ 425.00 Related Expenses: \$ 890.00 Total: \$ 1,315.00	

Travel to Devereux RTC Viera, FL Dates: November 2019 Not to exceed 3 days	Maria Huerta, Mental Health Liaison	Registration: \$ 0.00 Related Expenses: \$ 1,320.00 Total: \$ 1,320.00
Travel to San Diego Center for Children San Diego, CA Dates: December 2019 Not to exceed 3 days	Maria Huerta, Mental Health Liaison	Registration: \$ 0.00 Related Expenses: \$ 650.00 Total: \$ 650.00

F. Personnel Report

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director the following staffing needs be approved:

Provider	Description	Dates	Cost
Yvonne Quesada-Barron	Extra Assignment LCSW providing medical leave coverage	Not to Exceed 120 hours 10/18/2019 to 1/31/2020	Based on Salary Schedule
Taffy Rodriguez	Extra Assignment LCSW providing medical leave coverage	Not to Exceed 120 hours 10/18/2019 to 1/31/2020	Based on Salary Schedule

Moved: Maria Martinez- Poulin

Seconded: Gary Gonzales

Vote: 7-0

2. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that a \$3,000 annual doctoral stipend, adjusted based on part time work status, be granted to any certificated WACSEP employee with an earned Ph.D/Ed.D./SLPD/AuD, effective July 1, 2019. Stipend will be pending final Whittier Union High School District Board approval on November 12, 2019.

Moved: Marc Patterson
Seconded: Gary Gonzales
Vote: 7-0

G. New Business

No new business to report.

H. SELPA Director Report

Ms. Queneau thanked Mr. Patterson and the East Whittier City School District for all the improvements made to the WACSEP site. WACSEP's appearance has improved greatly with a newly redone parking lot, new plants, and painted doors.

Ms. Queneau shared that WACSEP staff has been, and continues to be, busy providing SELPA-wide trainings for teachers, administrators, instructional aides, school psychologists and interns, and parents, as well as additional administrator trainings for Los Nietos School District and Whittier City School District. She thanked the Joint Powers Board for sending their staff to these trainings.

Ms. Queneau expressed her gratitude to the Joint Powers Board for their continued support and the amazing things happening at their districts to improve outcomes for students with disabilities. She wished them a happy Boss's Day.

I. Board Member Reports

Dr. William Crean, Superintendent of Little Lake City School District, wished everyone a great Week of the School Administrator and a happy Boss's Day.

Marc Patterson, Superintendent of East Whittier City School District, thanked Ms. Queneau for the information she has given the Board and looked forward to having in-depth conversations with the group.

Dr. Maria Martinez-Poulin, Superintendent of Whittier City School District, thanked WACSEP for the work they do and looked forward to the training for administrators. Additionally, she recognized Ms. Queneau for all the work she does at WACSEP.

Dr. Gary Gonzales, Superintendent of South Whittier School District, thanked Ms. Queneau and her staff. Additionally, he also thanked Mr. Patterson for hosting the Hispanic Outreach Taskforce (HOT) Annual Parent Conference; the schools looked great.

Jonathan Vasquez, Superintendent of Los Nietos School District, expressed gratitude to Ms. Queneau for being attuned to the needs of the districts and looked forward to having his staff attend the rescheduled training for administrators.

Martin Plourde, Superintendent of Whittier Union High School District, thanked Ms. Queneau and her team for the recent fiscal meeting. Additionally, he shared information about SB 328 and how the implementation of later start times at middle schools and high schools may impact transportation.

Dr. Frances Esparza, Superintendent of El Rancho Unified School District, thanked Ms. Queneau for her work and for providing information regarding the special education department. Additionally, she thanked the Joint Powers Board for their support.

J. Adjournment –The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

**NEXT JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING
November 21, 2019**

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