

WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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JANET QUENEAU
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Joint Powers Board Regular Meeting
October 18, 2023
9:00 AM
9401 S. Painter Ave., Board Room
Whittier, CA 90605**

MINUTES

A. Opening of Meeting by Chairperson - The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

1. Roll Call

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

B. Community Comments on Closed Session Items

There were no community comments.

C. Closed Session - By general consent of the Board, the Board moved into Closed Session at 9:10 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 public meeting reconvened at 10:03 a.m.

1. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

No reportable action.

2. Approval of Agenda for October 18, 2023 meeting

Moved: Marc Patterson
Seconded: Monica Oviedo
Vote: 5-0

3. Approval of Minutes for September 13, 2023 meeting

Moved: Monica Oviedo
Seconded: Marco Villegas
Vote: 5-0

E. Community Comments

There were no community comments.

F. Consent Calendar

Moved: Jonathan Vasquez
Seconded: Marco Villegas
Vote: 5-0

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the following contracts and expenditures be approved:

Provider	Description	Dates	Cost
The Whole Child [Exhibit F.1]	Trainings for parents and families of students with disabilities	10/18/2023 to 06/30/2024	N/A
Corner Bakery La Habra	Outside Catering Services	08/03/2023 to 06/30/2024	Not to Exceed \$5,000
Tony Tai Nguyen Special Education Attorney, PC	Settlement Cost	10/19/2023 to 06/30/2024	Not to Exceed \$50,000

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

Conference/Workshop	Person(s) Authorized	Expense (Per Person)
CalECSE Summit <u>San Diego, CA</u> October 17-19, 2023	Paula Miller, Program Specialist	Registration: \$ 0.00 Related Expenses: \$ 970.00 Total: \$ 970.00
CalECSE Symposium <u>San Diego, CA</u> March 6-8, 2024	Paula Miller, Program Specialist Lisa Torres, Program Specialist	Registration: \$ 309.50 Related Expenses: \$ 1,331.00 Total: \$ 1,640.50
2024 ADR Conference <u>Riverside, CA</u> March 14-15, 2024	Janet Queneau, Executive Director	Registration: \$ 461.00 Related Expenses: \$ 423.00 Total: \$ 884.00
2024 Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Conference <u>Denver, CO</u> March 16-20, 2024	Sarah Carlton, Program Specialist Jessica Gosselin, Auditory Specialist Natalie Perez, Audiologist Lanchi Kim, Audiologist Charissa Powers, DHH Itinerant Maria Nanez, DHH Itinerant Melanie Ronquillo, SLP	Registration: \$ 600.00 Related Expenses: \$ 2,500.00 Total: \$ 3,100.00

G. Personnel Report

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director the following staffing needs for the 23-24 school year be approved:

Position	Reason	Cost
SELPA Liaison	Resignation of Brandi Nerio, effective October 06, 2023	Based on salary schedule

Communication Specialist	Extra Assignment, Kimberly Crouse Not to exceed 75 hours (1 hour X 75 days, as needed) effective November 13, 2023 to March 15, 2024	Based on salary schedule
Speech Language Pathology Assistant	Extra Assignment, Gladys Naranjo Not to exceed 150 hours (2 hours X 75 days, as needed) effective November 13, 2023 to March 15, 2024	Based on salary schedule

Moved: Marco Villegas
Seconded: Monica Oviedo
Vote: 5-0

H. New Business

No new business items.

I. SELPA Director Report

Ms. Janet Queneau reported that the “Understanding the IEP Process” parent training, presented by WACSEP staff, on October 6th was well attended. The same parent training will be presented via Zoom on December 6th. Per the request of the Community Advisory Committee, this training is being held at different times throughout the year, and both in person and virtually. Additionally, Kristine Ramos presented to district staff who work with CALPADS and SEIS and several of the directors of special education regarding CALPAD changes regarding special education.

Ms. Janet Queneau shared that today was Unity Day which celebrates inclusion, kindness, and anti-bullying. This month also celebrates National Disability Employment month, Audiology Awareness month, and Learning Disability, Dyslexia, and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Awareness month. She encouraged everyone to visit the WACSEP Instagram for more information.

J. Board Member Reports

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

Dr. Monica Oviedo, Superintendent of Whittier Union High School District, had no report.

Jonathan Vasquez, Superintendent of Little Lake City School District, had no report.

Dr. Marco Villegas, Superintendent of El Rancho Unified School District, had no report.

Dr. Gary Gonzales, Superintendent of South Whittier School District, had no report.

K. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Moved: Marco Villegas

Seconded: Jonathan Vasquez

Vote: 5-0

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