

WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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JANET QUENEAU
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Joint Powers Board Regular Meeting
November 09, 2022
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 9:01 a.m.

1. Roll Call

EW, Marc Patterson - Absent
ER, Marco Villegas - Present
LL, William Crean, Vice Chair - Present
LN, William Gideon - Absent
SW, Gary Gonzales - Present
WC, Brad Mason, Chair - Present
WU, Monica Oviedo - Present

B. 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.

C. Reconvene Meeting- The public meeting reconvened at 9:48 a.m.

1. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

No reportable action.

2. Approval of Agenda for November 09, 2022 meeting

Moved: William Crean
Seconded: Monica Oviedo
Vote: 5-0

3. Approval of Minutes for September 14, 2022 meeting

Moved: Marco Villegas
 Seconded: Gary Gonzales
 Vote: 5-0

D. Community Comments

There were no community comments.

E. Consent Calendar

Moved: Gary Gonzales
 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/Income
CalECSE Network [Exhibit E.1]	MOU and Agreement Provision of Geographic Technical Assistance Facilitator	09/30/2022 to 06/30/2024	Up to \$26,500/year
Pacific Coast Speech Services, Inc.	Contracted Speech and Language Pathology Services for SELPA-Wide assessments	11/10/2022 to 06/30/2023	Not to Exceed \$135,420.00
Nanci Lynch	OI Specialist	07/01/2022 to 06/30/2023	Not to Exceed \$113,300.00 (Additional \$1,500.00)
Corner Bakery Cafe	Outside Catering for Professional Development	01/17/2023	Not to Exceed \$1,000.00

2. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the 2021-2022 Final Off the Top Expenditures as shown below be approved:

District	2021-2022 Off the Top Approved Budget (JPB Approved May)	2021-2022 Off the Top Updated October	Difference
EW	\$2,268,847.17	\$2,260,662.15	-\$8,185.02
ER	\$1,016,841.00	\$1,059,897.25	+\$43,056.25
LL	\$405,542.00	\$392,595.61	-\$12,946.39
LN	\$972,557.00	\$1,006,587.81	+\$34,030.81
SW	\$730,591.00	\$727,710.02	-\$2,880.98
WC	\$1,567,041.78	\$1,477,549.02	-\$89,492.76
WU	\$2,333,834.88	\$2,339,316.33	+\$5,481.45

3. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the Final WACSEP 2021-2022 Expenditures be approved:

District	2021-2022 Off the Top Approved Budget (JPB Approved May)	2021-2022 Off the Top Updated October	Difference
WACSEP	\$10,430,446.46	\$9,982,095.50	-\$448,350.96

4. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the 2022-2023 Updated Off the Top Expenditures as shown below be approved:

District	2022-2023 Off the Top Approved Budget (JPB Approved May)	2022-2023 Off the Top Updated October	Difference
EW	\$2,362,592.52	No Change	\$0.00
ER	\$1,028,437.85	\$1,077,663.28	\$49,225.43
LL	\$467,150.00	No Change	\$0.00
LN	\$877,250.00	No Change	\$0.00
SW	\$746,661.00	No Change	\$0.00
WC	\$1,698,200.25	No Change	\$0.00
WU	\$2,613,440.00	No Change	\$0.00

5. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the Updated WACSEP 2022-2023 Expenditures be approved:

District	2022-2023 Off the Top Approved Budget (JPB Approved May)	2022-2023 Off the Top Updated October	Difference
WACSEP	\$11,596,055.96	No Change	\$0.00

6. 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 #
3	Dell Latitude 3480	DH01NJ2, GH01NJ2, BH01NJ2	60223, 60225, 60227
1	Dell Latitude E5570	B70GTF2	58957
1	Dell OptiPlex 3040	20B5JH2	59340
1	Dell Chromebook	F2LM962	54968
11	iPad Model A1458	N/A	44771, 44776, , 44777, 44778, 44780, 44783, 44788,45836, 45838, 45940, N/A

F. Personnel Report

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the following salary and benefits changes be approved, effective July 1, 2022, as approved by Whittier Union High School District Board approval on November 8, 2022
- An 8.5% ongoing salary increase and a 1.25% one-time off-schedule salary increase for all WACSEP unit members, effective July 1, 2022.
 - WACSEP will make a one-time contribution of \$123,000 to the Health and Welfare Benefits fund. Calculation was based on 50 employees who receive Health and Welfare Benefits.

Moved: William Crean

Seconded: Marco Villegas

Vote: 5-0

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

Name/ Position	Assignment/ Service	Dates/ Hours	Cost
Kolia Ponce/ Program Specialist	Extra Assignment - Program Specialist Support for South Whittier School District	Not to Exceed 100 Hours 10/13/2022-06/30/2023	Based on Salary Schedule
Jessica Gosselin/ DHH Auditory Specialist	Temporary Reclassification to Program Specialist	Effective 10/13/2022-11/18/2022 (previously approved 08/11/2022 to 10/12/2022)	Based of Salary Schedule

Moved: Gary Gonzales

Seconded: Monica Oviedo

Vote: 5-0

G. New Business

There were no new business items.

H. SELPA Director Report

Ms. Janet Queneau reported that the SELPA continues to provide many trainings in the SELPA. This week, WACSEP hosted the Diagnostic Center and offered a training for approximately 40 speech and language pathologists focused on assessing nonverbal students. Additionally, the Behavior department completed an Intensive Behavior Training, which is held multiple times a year for instructional aides designated by the districts. The Mental Health department held a mindfulness training for psychologists. WACSEP hopes to enhance training capabilities once the audio visual equipment is installed over the winter break.

Ms. Janet Queneau thanked Dr. William Gideon for serving on the Joint Powers Board as the Los Nietos School District Interim Superintendent and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Lastly, she shared that the WACSEP office would be closed next week due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

I. Board Member Reports

Dr. Marco Villegas, Superintendent of El Rancho Unified School District, shared that it is a

busy time of year for the special education team. They are working hard as there were 130 assessments pending. He thanked WACSEP and appreciated the support with behavior trainings and future support. He looked forward to a successful end of the calendar year.

Dr. Gary Gonzales, Superintendent of South Whittier School District, reported that the district held its first annual Title I Parent Conference last weekend which included a session targeting special education students and accommodations and modifications and what could be done at home to assist their students. The district was having an anti-fentanyl awareness program on November 17th hosted by the County Sheriff Department and Fire Department in response to parent requests.

Dr. William Crean, Superintendent of Little Lake City School District, reported that tomorrow would be the last day of the first trimester. He congratulated Dr. Monica Oviedo for her participation in her first City of Santa Fe Springs Red Ribbon Parade. He shared that the Autism Focus Program at William Orr Elementary School would be receiving a Golden Bell Award and had received positive feedback from the California School Board Association visit. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Dr. Monica Oviedo, Superintendent of Whittier Union High School District, reported that the Whittier Union High School District Board approved all union contracts last night. Additionally, the Board recognized a student of the Transition Program, as an exemplary student. Lastly, the Board accepted the retirement of Bonnie Bolton, the founder of the Transition Program; she will be retiring mid year. The Program Specialist position will be flown soon.

Dr. Brad Mason, Superintendent of Whittier City School District, reported that there are still residual behavior effects present from COVID and virtual learning, and teachers are working hard to support all students. He thanked WACSEP for their support with behavior management and he thanked the Joint Powers Board for their collaboration.

J. Adjournment- The meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Moved: Marco Villegas

Seconded: Gary Gonzales

Vote: 5-0

NEXT JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING

December 14, 2022

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