

WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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JANET QUENEAU
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Joint Powers Board Regular Meeting
December 15, 2021
9:00 AM
9401 S. Painter Ave., Board Room
Whittier, CA 90605**

MINUTES

A. Opening of Meeting by Chairperson- The meeting opened at 9:00 a.m.

1. Roll Call

EW, Marc Patterson, Chair - Present
ER, Frances Esparza, Vice Chair - Absent
LL, William Crean - Present
LN, Jonathan Vasquez - Present
SW, Gary Gonzales - Present
WC, Brad Mason - Present
WU, Martin Plourde - Present

B. Closed Session - By general consent of the Board, the Board moved into Closed Session at 9:00 a.m.

1. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment/Employment

No action taken.

2. Evaluation of Executive Director of the Whittier Area Cooperative Special Education Program (WACSEP) (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957)

No action taken.

C. Reconvene Meeting - The meeting reconvened at 9:31 a.m.

1. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

No action taken.

2. Approval of Agenda for December 15, 2021 meeting

Moved: William Crean
Seconded: Martin Plourde
Vote: 6-0

3. Approval of Minutes for November 17, 2021 meeting

Moved: Jonathan Vasquez
 Seconded: Martin Plourde
 Vote: 6-0

D. Community Comments

There were no community comments.

E. Consent Calendar

Moved: Gary Gonzales
 Seconded: Jonathan Vasquez
 Vote: 6-0

1. 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 #
1	Dell Latitude D520	B423TB1	035613
1	Dell Latitude E5410	1W4X5N1	41100
1	Dell Latitude E5470	8LRTJC2	58368
1	Dell Latitude E5520	8HYZ9T1	44214
1	Brother HL-2360DW Printer	U63883H5N120837	N/A

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

Conference/Workshop	Person(s) Authorized	Expense (Per Person)
Special Education Local Plan (SELPA) Administrators of California Meetings Sacramento, CA March 1, 2021	Janet Queneau, Executive Director	Registration: \$ 0.00 Related Expenses: \$ 660.00 Total: \$ 660.00

Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Every Child Counts Symposium 2022 Palm Desert, CA January 12-14, 2022	Isabel Bracamontes-Ruelas, Program Specialist (Replacement for previously approved Kristin Smoot-Guerrero, SELPA Liaison)	Registration:	\$ 550.00
		Related Expenses:	\$ 950.00
		Total:	\$1,500.00

F. Personnel Report

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

Position	Reason	Cost
Program Specialist/ Behavior Specialist	Elvira Caro-Michel, Effective December 16, 2021, Reclassification	Based on Salary Schedule

Moved: Martin Plourde
 Seconded: Brad Mason
 Vote: 6-0

2. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that effective July 1, 2021, a 6% salary increase be applied to all WACSEP staff.

Moved: Jonathan Vasquez
 Seconded: Brad Mason
 Vote: 6-0

G. New Business

There were no new business items.

H. SELPA Director Report

Ms. Janet Queneau welcomed Dr. Brad Mason to the Whittier City School District and to the Joint Powers Board. She shared that the WACSEP offices will be closed to the public December 20, 2021 through January 7, 2022; however, some staff will be working during that time to accommodate the different winter break schedules of the member districts and support students while schools are in session. She wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season and thanked the Joint Powers Board for their support.

I. Future Meeting Dates

INFORMATION ITEM

1. Due to a scheduling conflict, the Joint Powers Board is requested to formally change the Joint Powers Board meeting date of January 19, 2022 to January 21, 2022.

J. Board Member Reports

Martin Plourde, Superintendent of Whittier Union High School District, welcomed Dr. Brad Mason to the team. He reported that he had shared at last night's Whittier Union High School District's Board Meeting that he would be retiring, effective at the end of this school year. He shared that in his reflection of decisions in his career that have made a difference, one of them had been hiring Ms. Janet Queneau as the SELPA Director as she has brought stability and accountability to the SELPA. He wished everyone a merry Christmas.

Dr. Gary Gonzales, Superintendent of South Whittier School District, welcomed Dr. Brad Mason to the Joint Powers Board. He reported that the district has been doing a really good job with providing opportunities for vaccinations for 5-11 year olds; he did not yet have information from the partnering pharmacy on the number of students who received vaccinations. He shared that the vaccination clinic will continue to offer all three vaccines at the Parent Center, Thursday afternoons from 3 to 6 p.m. upon returning from the winter break. He wished everyone a merry Christmas and happy new year.

Jonathan Vasquez, Superintendent of Los Nietos School District, wished everyone a merry Christmas and welcomed Dr. Brad Mason to the Joint Powers Board. He looked forward to continuing to work collaboratively. He wished Mr. Martin Plourde a happy retirement. Additionally, he thanked Mr. Martin Plourde for his generosity to the elementary school districts in supporting students transitioning to high school and for doing what was needed to achieve student success and bring stability to staff.

Dr. William Crean, Superintendent of Little Lake City School District, welcomed Dr. Brad Mason and congratulated Mr. Martin Plourde on his upcoming retirement. He echoed Mr. Jonathan Vasquez and commended Mr. Martin Plourde's leadership during this unique time. He shared that he was proud to talk about the good working relationship between Little Lake and the high school district. He wished everyone happy holidays and a relaxing break.

Dr. Brad Mason, Superintendent of Whittier City School District, thanked the Joint Powers Board members for the warm greeting. He shared that his contract began on December 1st and was Board approved the night before; he is happy to be part of the Whittier City School District. He looked forward to working with the Joint Powers Board members, WACSEP, and with Whittier Union High School District in transitioning students smoothly. Additionally, he congratulated Mr. Martin Plourde on his retirement.

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Marc Patterson, Superintendent of East Whittier City School District, looked forward to working with Dr. Brad Mason. He congratulated Mr. Martin Plourde on his retirement and complemented how he handled turmoil with grace and composure, and for his steadfastness and vision with common issues; he will be missed. Additionally, he shared that the district participated in the Uptown Association Christmas Parade and praised all district bands for a great job at the parade. He wished everyone a happy holiday.

K. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Moved: Gary Gonzales

Seconded: William Crean

Vote: 6-0

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