

WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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**Joint Powers Board
Regular Meeting
February 20, 2020
9401 S. Painter Avenue, Board Room
Whittier, CA 90605**

MINUTES

A. Opening of Meeting by Chairperson- The meeting was called to order at 8:36 a.m.

1. Roll Call

EW, Marc Patterson - Present

ER, Frances Esparza - Absent

LL, William Crean, Chair - Present

LN, Jonathan Vasquez – Present (left at 10:07 a.m.)

SW, Gary Gonzales, Vice Chair - Present

WC, Maria Martinez-Poulin – Present (arrived at 8:41 a.m.)

WU, Martin Plourde - Present

B. Closed Session – By general consent of the Board, the Board moved into Closed Session at 8:36 a.m.

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

No reportable action.

*Dr. Maria Martinez-Poulin arrived.

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

No reportable action.

* Jonathan Vasquez left.

C. Reconvene Meeting– The public meeting reconvened at 10:44 a.m.

1. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

No reportable action.

2. Approval of Agenda for February 20, 2020 meeting

Moved: Martin Plourde
Seconded: Gary Gonzales
Vote: 5-0

3. Approval of Minutes for January 23, 2020 meeting

Moved: Marc Patterson
Seconded: Gary Gonzales
Vote: 5-0

D. Community Comments

There were no public comments.

E. Consent Calendar

Moved: Martin Plourde
Seconded: Marc Patterson
Vote: 5-0

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

Provider	Description	Dates	Cost
Wade J. Chernick; and Law Office of Wade J. Chernick	Settlement Costs	01/30/2020 to 06/30/2020	Not to Exceed \$50,000
Lanchi Kim, Au.D.	Audiologist for Maternity Leave Coverage	11/11/2019 to 06/30/2020	Increase of \$13,500 Not to Exceed \$38,500

2. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the Continuing Contract Report summarizing continuing contracts and authorized renewal of routine contracts, agreements, leases, and insurance for 2020-2021 be approved.

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

Conference/Workshop	Person(s) Authorized	Expense (Per Person)
Legislative Information Sharing Day Sacramento, CA April 28-29, 2020	Hilda Lopez, Parent Gloria Ruiz, Parent	Registration: \$ 100.00 Related Expenses: \$ 1,100.00 Total: \$ 1,200.00
Legislative Information Sharing Day Sacramento, CA April 28-29, 2020	Janet Queneau, Executive Director	Registration: \$ 100.00 Related Expenses: \$ 650.00 Total: \$ 750.00

F. Personnel Report

No personnel report to report.

G. New Business

No new business to report.

H. SELPA Director Report

Ms. Queneau reported that she, Kristine Ramos, and Karla Rahiman have been attending the districts' LCAP and Differentiated Assistance meetings. The meetings have been a great experience; they have been impressed by the great things that are happening at the districts.

Ms. Queneau shared that the Governor's proposed budget was favorable for special education; it increases the funding base rate, while looking at a different funding model. Additionally, WACSEP is continuing to develop the Local Plan.

Ms. Queneau shared that the Disability Resource and Transition Fair will be held on March 10, 2020 at Pioneer High School. The fair will offer two break-out sessions; she will present the High School Diploma versus Certificate of Completion session and an outside vendor will present the Conservatorship session. The Whittier Union High

School transition team and El Rancho Unified School District transition representatives collaborated with WACSEP in procuring vendors for the event. Ms. Queneau invited everyone to attend the event.

I. Board Member Reports

Martin Plourde, Superintendent of Whittier Union High School District, shared that Loring Davis, Deputy Superintendent, will be retiring at the end of the school year.

Dr. Gary Gonzales, Superintendent of South Whittier School District, attended the launch of Differentiated Assistance support at LACOE along with Mr. Jonathan Vasquez. He thought there was good data shared and was glad to attend. Additionally, he reported that the district has a new acting Director of Special Education, Ms. Diana Huizar.

Dr. Maria Martinez-Poulin, Superintendent of Whittier City School District, wished everyone a healthy rest of the year, especially during this flu season.

Marc Patterson, Superintendent of East Whittier City School District, thanked WACSEP for continuing to have the resource fair. He shared that the district has a parent group, Collaborative Action and Unity in Special Education (CAUSE) which proactively get parents of students in special education together. Additionally, he shared that the district will host the Students Triumphant over Adversity with Resilience (STAR) awards banquet on April 7, 2020 in which each school will invite two student representatives to share their story of how they overcame adversity in their lives.

Dr. William Crean, Superintendent of Little Lake City School District, thanked WACSEP for the upcoming resource fair. He reported that he met with an American Association of School Administrators (AASA) cohort of superintendents from across the country, and participated in a discussion on the topic of dealing with aggressive behaviors of young school aged students in the classroom. The cohort discussed the importance of Social Emotional Learning (SEL). Additionally, he shared that he and several of his staff would be attending an upcoming seminar on oppositional defiance. Little Lake is actively in search of a trainer to conduct a teacher training on SEL and supporting students who have aggressive behaviors in the classroom.

J. Adjournment– The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

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