

WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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**JOINT POWERS BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
February 21, 2019
9401 S. Painter Avenue, Board Room
Whittier, California 90605
8:30 a.m.**

MINUTES

A. Opening of Meeting by Chairperson - The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

1. Roll Call

EW, Marc Patterson - Present
ER, Karling Aguilera-Fort - Present
LL, William Crean, Vice Chair - Present
LN, Jonathan Vasquez - Present
SW, Gary Gonzales - Absent
WC, Maria Martinez-Poulin - Present
WU, Martin Plourde, Chair – Present

Martin Plourde asked for a motion to reorder the agenda by moving closed session to the end of the meeting and approve the agenda with the change.

C. Reconvene Meeting

2. Approval of Agenda for the February 21, 2019 meeting

Moved: Jonathan Vasquez
Seconded: Marc Patterson
Vote: 6-0

3. Approval of Minutes for the January 17, 2019 meeting

Moved: William Crean
Seconded: Maria Martinez-Poulin
Vote: 6-0

D. Community Comments

There were no community comments.

E. Personnel Report

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director the following staffing needs for the 2018-2019 school year be approved:

Position	Reason	Cost
Mental Health LCSW	Stephanie Joyce Meza, Start date to be announced	Based on Salary Schedule
WACSEP Psychologist	Resignation of Noell Scott, effective March 1, 2019	Based on Salary Schedule

Moved: Jonathan Vasquez
Seconded: Maria Martinez-Poulin
Vote: 6-0

F. New Business

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that effective July 1, 2018, a 2.5% salary increase be applied to all WACSEP staff, pending final Whittier Union High School District Board approval.

Moved: Jonathan Vasquez
Seconded: William Crean
Vote: 6-0

G. SELPA Director Report

Janet Queneau announced that CAC has partnered with the Whittier Union High School District Transition Program for the third annual Disability Resource Fair which is taking place on the evening of March 6, 2019. She asked that all member districts publicize the event as much as possible.

H. Board Member Reports

Karling Aguilera-Fort, Superintendent of El Rancho Unified School District, shared that he attended a parent meeting for parents with students in Special Education programs which was facilitated by the President of the district's Board. He received a lot of useful information for

the strategic plan specifically connected with parent experiences in special education programs and is looking forward to learning how to support these families.

Jonathan Vasquez, Superintendent of Los Nietos School District, had no report.

Marc Patterson, Superintendent of East Whittier School District, reported that East Whittier School District held a Valentine's Day dance for students in special education programs and it was a great event and well attended.

Maria Martinez-Poulin, Superintendent of Whittier City School District, thanked Janet Queneau for providing data and information that has been instrumental with planning special education program.

William Crean, Superintendent of Little Lake City School District, reported they will be providing more training to special education teachers on the needs of English learners, based on the district's current Federal Program Monitoring.

Martin Plourde, Superintendent of Whittier Union High School District, reported that the Board approved a map for the trustee areas and that it will be moving to the next process.

I. Future Meeting Dates

INFORMATION ITEM

Due to a scheduling conflict, the Joint Powers Board is requested to formally change the Joint Powers Board meeting date of April 18, 2019 to April 10, 2019.

*Maria Martinez-Poulin and Jonathan Vasquez left the meeting at 8:41 a.m.

B. Closed Session - By general consent of the Board, the Board moved into Closed Session at 8:41 a.m.

1. Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraphs (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: Two
No reportable action.
2. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment/Employment
No reportable action.
3. Evaluation of Executive Director of the Whittier Area Cooperative Special Education Program (WACSEP) (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957)
No reportable action.

*Marc Patterson left the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

C. Reconvene Meeting - The public meeting reconvened at 9:20 a.m.

1. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

The Joint Powers Board Chair reported there was no action taken in Closed Session.

J. Adjournment-The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

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