

WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Joint Powers Board Regular Meeting
February 8, 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 9:01 a.m.

1. Roll Call

EW, Marc Patterson- Present
ER, Marco Villegas- Present
LL, William Crean, Vice Chair- Present
LN, Ramiro Rubalcaba- Present
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 meeting reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

1. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

No reportable action.

2. Approval of Agenda for February 8, 2023 meeting

Moved: Monica Oveido
Seconded: Gary Gonzales
Vote: 7-0

3. Approval of Minutes for December 14, 2022 meeting

Moved: William Crean
 Seconded: Monica Oviedo
 Vote: 7-0

D. Community Comments

There were no community comments.

E. Consent Calendar

Moved: William Crean
 Seconded: Marc Patterson
 Vote: 7-0

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

District	2022-2023 Off the Top Approved (JPB Approved Nov 2022)	2022-2023 Off the Top (Updated Jan 2023)	Difference
EW	\$2,362,592.52	\$2,381,661.00	+\$19,068.48
ER	\$1,077,663.28	No Change	
LL	\$467,150.00	\$550,425.92	+\$83,275.92
LN	\$877,250.00	\$774,000.00	-\$103,250.00
SW	\$746,661.00	\$470,281.98	-\$276,379.02
WC	\$1,698,200.25	No Change	
WU	\$2,613,440.00	\$2,780,048.00	+\$166,608.00

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

District	2022-2023 Off the Top Approved (JPB Approved Nov 2022)	2022-2023 Off the Top Updated Feb 2023	Difference
WACSEP	\$11,596,055.96	\$12,375,106.86	+\$779,050.90

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

Provider	Description	Dates	Cost
ALLEN ESQ, Brett S. Allen, Esq	Settlement Costs	02/08/2023- 06/30/2023	Not to Exceed \$50,000
Jane Sugawara	Contracted SLP for SELPA-wide Special Education Services/ Assessments	07/01/2022- 06/30/2023	Not to exceed \$112,612.50 (previously approved at \$75,000)
Gallagher Pediatric Services	OT & PT Assessments/Services	07/01/2022- 06/30/2023	Not to Exceed \$285,000 (Previously approved at \$210,000)
Purple Language Services	Interpreter(s) for Assessments & IEPs	07/01/2022- 06/30/2023	Not to Exceed \$4,000 (Previously approved at \$2,000)
SPG Therapy and Education	Contracted for Speech-Language Pathology Services	03/15/2023- 06/30/2023	Not to Exceed \$65,000
SpedEx Consulting	Contracted Psychologists for SELPA-wide Special Education Assessments	02/09/2023- 06/30/2023	Not to Exceed \$100,000

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

Conference/Workshop	Person(s) Authorized	Expense (Per Person)
Travel to Clearview Girls Academy (Residential Treatment Center) <u>Heron, MT</u> Date: TBD	Elizabeth Moreno, Mental Health LCSW (previously approved Lisa Torres, Program Specialist)	Registration: \$ 0.00 Related Expenses: \$ 2,777.00 Total: \$ 2,777.00

<p>CalABA 41st Annual Western Regional Conference on Behavior Analysis</p> <p><u>Long Beach, CA</u> March 10-11, 2023</p>	<p>Lourdes Lopez, Behavior Specialist</p>	<p>Registration: \$ 475.00</p> <p>Related Expenses: \$ 177.00</p> <p>Total: \$ 652.00</p>
<p>Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Certification Renewal Program</p> <p><u>Orange, CA</u> May 18, 2023</p>	<p>Vivian Rodriguez-Eads, Program Specialist (previously approved for February 9, 2023)</p>	<p>Registration: \$ 1,549.00</p> <p>Related Expenses: \$ 86.00</p> <p>Total: \$ 1,635.00</p>

5. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the Continuing Contracts Report summarizing continuing contracts and authorized renewal of routine contracts, agreements, leases, and insurance for 2023-2024 be approved. [Exhibit E.5].

F. Personnel Report

No personnel report items.

G. New Business

No new business items.

H. SELPA Director Report

1. Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Programs - An overview of the programs and supports provided by the SELPA during the 2021-2022 school year. [Exhibit H.1]
Presented by Executive Director, Janet Queneau

Ms. Janet Queneau provided a presentation addressing SELPA , regional, and other programs and supports provided by WACSEP to member districts during the 2021-2022 school year.

2. SELPA visit by Assemblymember Lisa Calderon

Ms. Janet Queneau relayed that Assemblymember Lisa Calderon will be visiting WACSEP in March per the request of the WACSEP Community Advisory Commission (CAC) Board. The Assemblymember will be meeting with available CAC Board Members and district leaders.

3. Disability Resource and Transition Fair [Exhibit H.3]

Ms. Janet Queneau shared that the WACSEP Disability Resource and Transition Fair will be held on March 7th from 4:00-6:30 p.m. at Pioneer High School. There will be many community vendors, as well as multiple breakout sessions for parents.

4. Other items as determined by the SELPA Executive Director

Ms. Janet Queneau congratulated Dr. Marc Patterson on receiving his doctorate. She also thanked Dr. Rubalcaba for his recent visit to WACSEP to meet staff and learn more about WACSEP supports and services. Lastly, she shared that WACSEP administrators are consulting on district LCAPs, either through attendance at the LCAP meetings, or consultations with district administration.

I. Future Meeting Date/Time

INFORMATION ITEM

Due to a scheduling conflict, the Joint Powers Board is requested to change the March Joint Powers Board meeting of March 8 , 2023, 9:00 a.m. to March 9, 2023, 11:00 a.m.

J. Board Member Reports

Dr. Ramiro Rubalcaba, Superintendent of Los Nietos School District, thanked Ms. Queneau for the tour she provided of WACSEP. He looked forward to working more closely with WACSEP in the future. Dr. Rubalcaba also congratulated Dr. Patterson on earning his doctorate degree.

Dr. Marco Villegas, Superintendent of El Rancho Unified School District, reported that the district recently hosted the Los Angeles County Academic Decathlon Competition Super Quiz; over 50 schools participated. El Rancho placed in the competition and will go on to represent the district at the county level. Additionally, the district recently received notification that one of their schools was recognized as a "School to Watch".

Dr. Gary Gonzales, Superintendent of South Whittier School District, offered congratulations to Dr. Patterson on earning his doctorate degree.

Dr. William Crean, Superintendent of Little Lake City School District, thanked Ms. Queneau for taking on and organizing the Disability Resource and Transition Fair. He stated that he believes the event is more unified across the districts and feels it has been successful in the past.

Dr. Monica Oviedo, Superintendent of Whittier Union Unified High School District, congratulated Dr. Patterson on earning his doctorate degree; she is looking forward to reading his dissertation in the future. Dr. Oviedo reported that the district recently renewed their contract with the California Department of Rehabilitation. Additionally, she congratulated Sofia Martinez, a student from El Rancho Unified School District, who won the WASA Oratory contest and will be representing the Whittier area at the next level.

Dr. Marc Patterson, Superintendent of East Whittier City School District, thanked Ms. Queneau regarding the support she is providing to the district as they reevaluate their special education mild-moderate middle school programs.

Dr. Brad Mason, Superintendent of Whittier City School District, thanked the Joint Powers Board and congratulated Dr. Patterson on receiving his doctorate degree.

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

Moved: Marc Patterson

Seconded: Ramiro Rubalcaba

Vote: 7-0

**NEXT JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING
March 9, 2023**

Any materials required by law to be made available to the public prior to a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the District can be inspected at the following address during normal business hours: 8036 Ocean View Avenue, Whittier, CA 90602