

WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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JANET QUENEAU
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Joint Powers Board Regular Meeting
March 16, 2022
9:00 AM
9401 S. Painter Ave., Board Room
Whittier, CA 90605**

MINUTES

A. Opening of Meeting by Chairperson- The meeting opened at 9:01 a.m.

1. Roll Call

EW, Marc Patterson, Chair - Present

ER, Frances Esparza, Vice Chair - Present (*Arrived at 9:04 a.m.)

LL, William Crean - Present

LN, Jonathan Vasquez - Present

SW, Gary Gonzales - Absent

WC, Brad Mason - Present

WU, Martin Plourde - Present

B. Closed Session- By general consent of the Board, the Board moved into Closed Session at 9:02 a.m.

*Frances Esparza arrived at 9:04 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 9:32 a.m.

1. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

No action taken.

2. Approval of Agenda for March 16, 2022 meeting

Move: Brad Mason

Seconded: Frances Esparza

Vote: 6-0

3. Approval of Minutes for February 16, 2022 meeting

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

D. Community Comments

There were no community comments.

E. Consent Calendar

Moved: Frances Esparza
 Seconded: Jonathan Vasquez
 Vote: 6-0

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

Provider	Description	Dates	Cost
Yarjianian & Associates, PC	Settlement Costs	3/17/2022 to 6/30/2022	Not to Exceed \$100,000 (Additional \$50,000)
El Unico Hamburger (Alfredo Serna)	Outside Catering Services	5/02/2022 to 5/31/2022 Exact Date to be Determined	Not to Exceed \$1,000
Heluna Health/East Los Angeles Family Resource Center [Exhibit E.1]	To provide necessary supports to the parents and families of students with disabilities within WACSEP.	3/17/2022 to 06/30/2022	No Cost
Heluna Health/East Los Angeles Family Resource Center [Exhibit E.1]	To provide necessary supports to the parents and families of students with disabilities within WACSEP.	07/01/2022 to 06/30/23	No Cost

- 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 E5470	7WCRJC2	58365
2	Dell Latitude E5570	5CSHTF2 & B0QHTF2	58958 & 58959

F. Personnel Report

- It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the Personnel Report be approved. [Exhibit F.1].

The Personnel Report is presented to the Board in Closed Session. This is done in order to report all actions from the last Board meeting through the day of the posting of the Board Agenda. The Board shall review the Personnel Report before taking action in Open Session. The Personnel Report contains personnel employment assignments, resignations, and salaries for certificated and classified employees. The law requires the Board to take formal action on the SELPA Director's recommendations. Resignations are received by the SELPA Director and reported to the Board.

Moved: Martin Plourde
 Seconded: Frances Esparza
 Vote: 6-0

G. New Business

- It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the following contracts be approved for the 2022-2023 school year:

Provider	Description	Dates	Cost
Beverly Becerra	Mental Health School Psychologist Intern	7/01/2022 to 6/30/2023	\$25/hr. Not to Exceed \$18,000
Stephanie Corrales	Mental Health School Psychologist Intern	7/01/2022 to 6/30/2023	\$25/hr. Not to Exceed \$18,000
Sebastian Correa	Mental Health School Psychologist Intern	7/01/2022 to 6/30/2023	\$25/hr. Not to Exceed \$18,000
Alexa Gonzalez	Mental Health School Psychologist Intern	7/01/2022 to 6/30/2023	\$25/hr. Not to Exceed \$18,000

Kevin Huang	Mental Health School Psychologist Intern	7/01/2022 to 6/30/2023	\$25/hr. Not to Exceed \$18,000
Alyna Zuniga	Mental Health School Psychologist Intern	7/01/2022 to 6/30/2023	\$25/hr. Not to Exceed \$18,000

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

2. In order to clarify previously agreed upon expenses, it is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the Off the Top expenses for each regional PRIDE program located in Los Nietos and Whittier Union High School Districts include up to 1.0 FTE for the school psychologist assigned to each of the programs.

Moved: Frances Esparza
Seconded: Brad Mason
Vote: 6-0

H. SELPA Director Report

Ms. Janet Queneau shared that the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) would like to continue with the Disability & Transition Resource Fair in person. The fair will take place on May 12, 2022 from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Pioneer High School.

Ms. Janet Queneau shared an update with the Board regarding new changes in education specialist credentials and credentialing requirements that will go into effect July 1, 2022.

Ms. Janet Queneau reported that Karla Rahiman and Kristine Ramos, WACSEP Program Managers, along with herself, have been supporting all of the member districts in attending their Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) meetings. Ms. Janet Queneau thanked all of the superintendents for their continued support to students with disabilities. Lastly, she welcomed Dr. Monica Oviedo in her new position and looked forward to working with her.

I. Board Member Reports

Dr. Brad Mason, Superintendent of Whittier City school District, welcomed Dr. Monica Oviedo and looked forward to working with her.

Dr. Frances Esparza, Superintendent of El Rancho Unified School District, welcomed Dr. Monica Oviedo and shared that she had heard amazing things about her. Additionally, she reported that it was LCAP season and invited Ms. Janet Queneau to the meetings to

provide input. Lastly, she announced that the district would be opening its first Family Resource Center today. The Secretary of Education had been invited to visit the Center, as well as other superintendents.

Jonathan Vazquez, Superintendent of Los Nietos School District, welcomed and congratulated Dr. Monica Oviedo and looked forward to working with her in the next school year.

Dr. William Crean, Superintendent of Little Lake City School District, welcomed Dr. Monica Oviedo. He shared that there was an LCAP meeting scheduled in the afternoon. He wished everyone a great spring break.

Martin Plourde, Superintendent of Whittier Union High School District, reported that it was time to prepare for graduations. The Transition graduation for students of ages 18-22 would take place on May 26th at 6 p.m. He reported that Whittier Union High School principals would like for the elementary partner districts to join the graduations again this year and shared the graduation schedule. Additionally, Mr. Plourde introduced Whittier Union High School District's next superintendent, Dr. Monica Oviedo, who has served the district for over 25 years. Dr. Oviedo's official start date as superintendent is June 1, 2022.

Marc Patterson, Superintendent of East Whittier City School District, welcomed Dr. Monica Oviedo. Additionally, he shared that on April 8th the Special Education Department would be hosting a dance for the students with disabilities.

J. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 9:53

Moved: Jonathan Vasquez

Seconded: Brad Mason

Vote: 6-0

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