

WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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**JOINT POWERS BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, April 16, 2015
8:30 am
Whittier Union High School District**

Minutes

A. Opening of Meeting by Chairperson

1. Roll Call

Present -- Martin Galindo, ER, Chair
Present -- Mary Branca, EW
Present -- Phillip Perez, LL
Present -- Jonathan Vasquez, LN
Present -- Gail Baxter, SW
Absent -- Ron Carruth, WC
Present -- Sandra Thorstenson, WU

2. Approval of Agenda of April 16, 2015

Moved: Sandy Thorstenson
Seconded: Phil Perez
Vote: 6-0

3. Approval of Minutes of March 19, 2015

Moved: Gail Baxter
Seconded: Phil Perez
Vote: 6-0

B. Citizen's Comments

There were not public comments.

C. Action Items

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that WACSEP hire a 1.0 FTE LCSW to work in the WACSEP Mental Health department.

Moved: Sandy Thorstenson
Seconded: Gail Baxter
Vote: 6-0

2. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the Memorandum of Understanding pertaining to our DHH regional programs that will be used to contract with districts outside of our SELPA be approved.

Moved: Sandy Thorstenson
Seconded: Phil Perez
Vote: 6-0

D. Consent Calendar

Moved: Mary Branca
Seconded: Jonathan Vasquez
Vote: 6-0

1. It is recommended that attorney attorney fees in the total amount of \$10,000.00 be paid to the Learning Rights Law Center in Final Settlement dated March 24, 2015, OAH Case No: 2015030142
2. ~~It is recommended that attorney fees in the total amount of \$4,800.00 be paid to the Heather S. Zakson, Esq. in Final Settlement dated March 25, 2015, OAH Case No: 2015020775~~
3. It is recommended that attorney fees in the total amount of \$12,302.70 be paid to the Learning Rights Law Center in Final Settlement dated April 15, 2015, OAH Case No: 2015020218.
4. It is recommended that the following services and agreements be approved for the 2014-2015 school year:

Provider	Service	Dates	Cost
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	To provide Woodcock-Johnson IV training to staff SELPA-wide	May 01, 2015 to June 30, 2016	\$3,000

E. Discussion Items

1. El Rancho Program Specialist
It was discussed and agreed upon that El Rancho would be allowed to hire their own Program Specialist as the WACSEP staff member serving in that position will be moving back to WACSEP.
2. Potential Preschool Intake and Assessment Team (PIAT) needs
With the number of preschool assessments continuing to grow each year, the PIAT team is need of additional support in regards to additional psychologist and SLP. A discussion regarding the PIAT program and whether or not to keep this program at WACSEP or to look at returning it to the districts took place. A recommendation from Coordinating Council will be brought to the May JPB meeting.
3. Concerns with PTC- A follow up discussion
A discussion took place in regards to the service and billing provided by PTC.
4. Mental Health Spending
A handout regarding guidance on how to spend the one-time mental health money was provided and discussed.
5. Our NPS Situation & Our Response
This item was tabled.
6. Off the Top directions for 15-16
This item was tabled.

F. Adjournment --- the meeting was adjourned at 10:40am.

**NEXT JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING
May 21, 2015**