

WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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**JOINT POWERS BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, April 17, 2014
10:00 am
Whittier Union High School District**

Minutes

A. Opening of Meeting by Chairperson --- meeting opened at 11:05am

1. Roll Call

Martin Galindo, ER --- absent
Dorka Duron, EW --- absent
Mary Branca, EW --- absent
Phillip Perez, LL --- present
Jonathan Vasquez, LN, Chair --- present
Erich Kwek, SW --- present
Ron Carruth, WC --- present
Sandra Thorstenson, WU --- present

2. Approval of Agenda of April 17, 2014

Moved: Erich Kwek
Seconded: Ron Carruth
Vote: 5-0

3. Approval of Minutes of March 20, 2014

This item was tabled due to lack of enough members present who were in attendance at the March 20, 2014 meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes of February 20, 2014

Moved: Phil Perez
Seconded: Erich Kwek
Vote: 5-0

B. Citizen's Comments

There were no public comments.

C. Action Items

1. It is recommended that WACSEP attain Liability Insurance.

Moved: Ron Carruth
Seconded: Erich Kwek
Vote: 5-0

2. It is recommended that WACSEP hire a 1 FTE program specialist to begin the work of our regional ED elementary program which will allow us to provide a broader continuum of services/programs that will result in a reduced number of elementary students being placed in nonpublic schools.

Moved: Erich Kwek
Seconded: Sandy Thorstenson
Vote: 5-0

D. Consent Calendar

Moved: Ron Carruth
 Seconded: Erich Kwek
 Vote: 5-0

1. It is recommended that attorney fees in the total amount of \$4,750.00 be paid to Heather S. Zakson in Settlement Agreement dated 3/28/14.
2. It is recommended that attorney fees in the total amount of \$1,187.50 be paid to Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo for legal fees per Invoice #448392 dated February 28, 2014.
3. It is recommended that the claim made by Luis Ochoa Jr., Luis Ochoa Sr., and Ana Ochoa vs. Little lake City School District and Whittier Area Cooperative Special Education Local Plan Area be denied.
4. It is recommended that the following services be approved for the summer of 2013-2014:

Provider	Service	Hours	Cost
WACSEP	DHH Auditory Specialist support for ESY	40 Hours 6/5/14 to 7/2/2014	Based on Salary Sched.
WACSEP	One SLP for summer PIAT assessments & IEPs	168 hours 6/5/14 to 7/11/14	Based on salary sched.
Priv Psychologist	Psychologist for summer PIAT assessments & IEPs	10 days 6/5/14 to 7/2/14	Not to exceed \$4,000
WACSEP	Three SLPAs for support to PIAT assessments & IEPs	180 hours each 6/5/14 to 8/8/14	Based on salary sched.
WACSEP/WUHSD	2 transcribers to provide support to our VI program	198 hours each 6/5/14 to 8/8/14	Based on salary sched.

5. It is recommended that the following contracts & services be approved for the 2014-2015 school year:

WACSEP 2014-2015 Continuing Contracts, Agreements, Leases and Insurance List				
Service or Coverage and Agency	Expiration Date	Renew/ Extend to	Annual Est. (Cost) or Income 2013-2014	Annual Est. (Cost) or Income 2014-2015
<u>Administrative Services Co-Op</u>				
Taxi Vouchers service for transportation to/from medical appointments for students in the infant program	6/30/2014	6/30/2015	(\$1,000.00)	(\$1,000.00)
<u>Dunbar, Suzan</u>				
to provide training and support to WACSEP staff in regards to annually collected state and federal reports.	6/30/2014	6/30/2015	(\$5,000.00)	(\$5,000.00)
<u>East Whittier City School District</u>				
Phone and Internet services at Mar Vista school for WACSEP offices	6/30/2014	6/30/2015	(\$6,000.00)	(\$6,000.00)
Rental facilities at Mar Vista School for the WACSEP offices	6/30/2014	6/30/2015	(\$85,000.00)	(\$85,000.00)
<u>Elzarie, Ahmed</u>				
Interpreter services utilizing various languages at assessments/IEPs	6/30/2014	6/30/2015	(\$3,000.00)	(\$3,000.00)
<u>FBM First Business Machines, Inc</u>				
Yearly Basic Charge for Rental of 3 copy machines for PIAT	8/31/2014	8/31/2015	(\$3,924.00)	(\$3,924.00)
Yearly Basic Charge for Rental of 2 copy machines for WACSEP	6/17/2014	6/17/2015	(\$5,232.00)	(\$5,232.00)
<u>Jansen, Karen</u>				
providing support to staff regarding eligibility ans services to solely low incidence infant Orthopedically Handicapped students.	6/30/2014	6/30/2015	(\$1,000.00)	(\$1,000.00)
<u>Gallagher Pediatric Services</u>				
240 OT & PT initial evaluation (120 PS and 120 School Age)	6/30/2014	6/30/2015	(\$60,000.00)	(\$60,000.00)
weekly consultations in PS SDC classrooms			(\$42,000.00)	\$0.00
PT/OT services for low-incidence infant			(\$2,375.00)	(\$5,000.00)
<u>Mini U Storage</u>				
Rent for storage of for low incidence equipment			CANCELED	CANCELED
<u>Purple Language Services</u>				
American Sign Language Interpreter(s) for assessments & IEPs	6/30/2014	6/30/2015	(\$1,200.00)	(\$1,200.00)
<u>Schoolwires</u>				
Annual Website subscription & web hosting service	6/30/2014	6/30/2015	(\$1,060.80)	(\$1,060.80)
<u>Simply Communicating</u>				
Contracted SLP for SELPA-wide special education DHH students services and assessments	6/30/2014	6/30/2015	(\$109,800.00)	(\$109,800.00)
Summer School	6/30/2014	6/30/2015	(\$12,000.00)	(\$12,000.00)
<u>SJCOE</u>				
Annual SEIS user fee	6/30/2014	6/30/2015	(\$26,840.00)	(\$26,840.00)
<u>State Farm General Insurance</u>				
Annual Insurance Premium – CCS	7/19/2014	7/19/2015	(\$596.00)	(\$596.00)
Annual Insurance Premium – WACSEP	6/14/2014	6/14/2015	(\$1,251.00)	(\$1,251.00)
<u>Summit Speech Pathology Services, Inc.</u>				
Contracted Sp/L Services/Assessments for SELPA-wide special education PS students	6/30/2014	6/30/2015	(\$456,768.00)	(\$456,768.00)
Summer School	6/30/2014	6/30/2015	(\$24,960.00)	(\$24,960.00)
<u>UCSD School of Medicine – Dr. Taras</u>				
Provide medical consultation of hospitalized students who attend school	6/30/2014	6/30/2015	(\$5,000.00)	(\$5,000.00)
Physician Based Speech Standards	6/30/2014	6/30/2015	(\$2,000.00)	(\$2,000.00)
<u>Whittier City School District</u>				
Rental of facilities at Washington Elementary School for the CCS Medical Therapy Unit	6/30/2014	6/30/2015	(\$45,000.00)	(\$45,000.00)

E. Discussion Items

1. Billbacks

It is the SELPA Director's recommendation that billbacks be based on an average cost and be the same for each district.

It was discussed and agreed upon that this item will be brought back as an action item for the May 15, 2014 meeting.

3. Los Nietos' ED program

It was discussed and agreed upon that further discussion would take place in regards to the cost of the Los Nietos ED program and whether or not it should be funded as a regional program (off the top). Further discussion will take place during the May 15, 2014 where Los Nietos will share its projected costs for the program.

4. Mediated Agreements between WACSEP districts

This item was tabled.

F. Information Items

G. Adjournment --- the meeting closed at 12:07pm