

WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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JANET QUENEAU
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Joint Powers Board Regular Meeting
April 20, 2022
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 9:00 a.m.

1. Roll Call

EW, Marc Patterson, Chair - Present
ER, Frances Esparza, Vice Chair - Absent
LL, William Crean - Present
LN, Jonathan Vasquez - Absent
SW, Gary Gonzales - Present
WC, Brad Mason - Present
WU, Martin Plourde - Present

B. Closed Session - By general consent of the Board, the Board moved into Closed Session at 9:01 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 public meeting reconvened at 9:45 a.m.

1. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

No reportable action.

2. Approval of Agenda for April 20, 2022 meeting

Moved: Martin Plourde
Seconded: Brad Mason
Vote: 5-0

3. Approval of Minutes for March 16, 2022 meeting

Moved: Gary Gonzales
 Seconded: Brad Mason
 Vote: 5-0

D. Community Comments

There were no community comments.

E. Consent Calendar

Moved: William Crean
 Seconded: Martin Plourde
 Vote: 5-0

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

Provider	Description	Dates	Cost
Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center [Exhibit E.1]	Agreement for Early Start Part C Services	07/01/2022 to 06/30/2023	N/A
Harbor Regional Center [Exhibit E.1]	Agreement for Early Start Part C Services	07/01/2022 to 06/30/2023	N/A
San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center [Exhibit E.1]	Agreement for Early Start Part C Services	07/01/2022 to 06/30/2023	N/A
Plaza de la Raza Child Development Services, Inc. [Exhibit E.1]	MOU with Plaza de la Raza Child Development Services, Inc. Preschool Programs	07/01/2022 to 06/30/2023	N/A
Garcia-Favela Enterprises (Formerly Laura's Cafe & Bakery by Trez)	Outside Catering Services	04/21/2022 to 06/30/2022	Not to Exceed \$1,500
Garcia-Favela Enterprises (Formerly Laura's Cafe & Bakery by Trez)	Outside Catering Services	07/01/2022 to 06/30/2023	Not to Exceed \$3,500

Spectrum Business	Internet for Medical Treatment Unit	04/21/2022 to 06/30/2022	Not to Exceed \$575
Spectrum Business	Internet for Medical Treatment Unit	07/01/2022 to 06/30/2023	Not to Exceed \$2,500
Barajas & Rivera, APC	Settlement Costs	04/21/2022 to 06/30/2022	Not to Exceed \$50,000
Barajas & Rivera, APC	Settlement Costs	07/01/2022 to 06/30/2023	Not to Exceed \$50,000
SJM Law Group	Settlement Costs	04/21/2022 to 06/30/2022	Not to Exceed \$50,000
SJM Law Group	Settlement Costs	07/01/2022 to 06/30/2023	Not to Exceed \$50,000

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

Conference/Workshop	Person(s) Authorized	Expense (Per Person)
Association for Behavior Analysis International Annual Convention 2022 Boston, MA May 25-30, 2022	Elvira Caro-Michel, Program Specialist/ Behavior Specialist Inger Johnson-Quezada, Behavior Support Liaison	Registration: \$ 420.00 Related Expenses: \$ 0.00 Total: \$ 420.00
Special Education Local Plan (SELPA) Administrators of California Meetings <u>Sacramento, CA</u> July 5-8, 2022 October 4-7, 2022 November 29 - December 2, 2022	Janet Queneau, Executive Director	Registration: \$ 0.00 Related Expenses: \$ 1,950.00 Total: \$ 1,950.00

February 28 - March 3, 2023 May 2-5, 2023 <u>San Diego, CA</u> September 6-9, 2022 November 1-4, 2022 January 31 - February 3, 2023 April 4-7, 2023 May 30 - June 2, 2023		
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F. Personnel Report

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director the following staffing needs be approved:

Provider	Description	Dates	Cost
Marcy Fox	SLP for summer PIAT assessments & IEPs	Not to Exceed 200 hours 06/03/2022 to 08/11/2022 (previously approved 06/03/2022 to 08/05/2022)	Based on Salary Schedule
Carmen Jaramillo	SLPAs to support summer PIAT assessments & IEPs	Not to Exceed 180 hours each 06/06/2022 to 08/12/2022 (previously approved 06/06/2022 to 08/05/2022)	Based on Salary Schedule
Kolia Ponce	Program Specialist Support to Los Nietos School District and South Whittier School District	Not to Exceed 80 hours 06/06/2022 to 06/30/2022	\$64.48 to 91.47/hr Based on Education and Experience
Kristin Lee Ramirez	Psychologist for summer PIAT assessments & IEPs	Not to Exceed 285 hours 06/01/2022 to 07/22/2022	\$53/hr. Not to Exceed \$15,105

Moved: Brad Mason
Seconded: Bill Crean
Vote: 5-0

G. New Business

There were no new business items.

H. SELPA Director Report

Ms. Janet Queneau shared that Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is sponsoring the 2022 Disability Resource and Transition Fair, in person, on May 12th at Pioneer High School from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The fair will have vendors in the community, and will also offer breakout sessions on the topics of transitioning through school levels, Certificate of Completion versus diploma, and Social Security. She thanked the the Special Education Directors from El Rancho Unified School District and Whittier Union High School District, Whittier Union High School District transition team and program specialists from East Whittier City School District, El Rancho Unified School District, Little Lake City School District, and Whittier Union High School District for serving as presenters in the breakout sessions. Additionally, she thanked Pioneer High School for providing the space for the event.

Ms. Janet Queneau reported that WACSEP is working on the Annual Budget and Annual Service Plan which is due on June 30, 2022. There will be a public hearing regarding the Annual Budget and Annual Service Plan on May 18th. She thanked the districts' fiscal departments and Ms. America Saisho for their work in completing the reports.

Ms. Janet Queneau reported that Legislative Sharing Day would be taking place on May 4th. She will be attending with three CAC parent representatives and the program managers. In the past this event was in person in Sacramento but remains a virtual event due to construction at the capitol. The group will be meeting with legislators to discuss special education issues and to share their support for SB 1113 and AB 2121.

I. Board Member Reports

Dr. Brad Mason, Superintendent of Whittier City School District, had no report.

Dr. William Crean, Superintendent of Little Lake City School District, shared that the schools were opening their doors to parents for Open House, for the first time since being back in person. The school open houses have been well attended.

Dr. Gary Gonzales, Superintendent of South Whittier School District, reported they were preparing for state testing and looking forward to closing the end of the school year smoothly.

Martin Plourde, Superintendent of Whittier Union High School District, shared that on May 4th the Los Angeles County Superintendent Association would hold a training at Whittier Union High School District for Superintendents.

Marc Patterson, Superintendent of East Whittier City School District, reported that a special education dance was held at the district.

J. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Moved: William Crean

Seconded: Brad Mason

Vote: 5-0

NEXT JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING

May 18, 2022

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