

# WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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## JOINT POWERS BOARD REGULAR MEETING Thursday, April 21, 2016

### Minutes

#### **A. Opening of Meeting by Chairperson** – meeting was opened at 9:25am

##### 1. Roll Call

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

##### 2. Approval of Agenda for the April 21, 2016 meeting.

Moved: Sandra Thorstenson  
Seconded: Ron Carruth  
Vote: 6-0

##### 3. Approval of Minutes for the March 17, 2016 meeting.

Moved: Gail Baxter  
Seconded: Phil Perez  
Vote: 5-0, with one abstention from Ron Carruth.

#### **B. Citizen's Comments**

Members of the public may address the Joint Powers Board directly concerning items within its jurisdiction by completing the form provided and submitting the form to the Chairperson of the Joint Powers Board. Presentations will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker; fifteen (15) minutes per subject.

**C. Action Items**

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that WACSEP hire 1.0 FTE, on the WACSEP Program Manager pay scale, to support the WACSEP Legal Department for the 2016-2017 school year.

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

**D. Consent Calendar**

Moved: Gail Baxter  
 Seconded: Jonathan Vasquez  
 Vote: 6-0

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that attorney fees in the total amount of \$9,500.00 be paid to the Law Offices of Newman.Aaronson.Vanaman, in Final Settlement dated March 17, 2016.
2. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that attorney fees in the total amount of \$12,000.00 be paid to Learning Rights Law Center, in Final Settlement dated March 24, 2016.
3. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that attorney fees in the total amount of \$7,500.00 be paid to Surisa Rivers Law Office, in Final Settlement dated April 6, 2016.
4. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that attorney fees in the total amount of \$3,500.00 be paid to Special Education Law Firm, in Final Settlement dated April 7, 2016.
5. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the following services be approved:

<b>Provider</b>	<b>Assignment/Service</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Cost</b>
David Shade	Additional Duties Stipend	7/1/16 to 6/30/17	\$3,000
WACSEP	Additional hours of SLPA support for the Preschool Intake & Assessment Teams	8/15/16 to 6/7/17	Not to exceed \$35,000
EWCSO,LNSD, WACSEP, Contract	Preschool Teacher for summer PIAT assessments	100 hours each 6/3/16 to 08/12/16	Based on Salary Schedule
WACSEP	DHH AVT for summer assessments & services	100 hours 6/3/16 to 08/12/16	Based on Salary Schedule

WACSEP	Two SLPs for summer PIAT assessments & IEPs	200 hours each 06/03/16 to 08/11/16	Based on salary schedule
WACSEP	Psychologist for summer PIAT assessments & IEPs	50 hours 6/23/16 to 7/30/16	Based on Salary Schedule
Amy Hammerschlag	Psychologist for summer PIAT assessments & IEPs	10 days 6/6/16 to 08/11/16	\$400/day Not to exceed \$4,000
WACSEP	Three SLPAs to support summer PIAT assessments & IEPs	180 hours each 6/3/16 to 08/12/16	Based on salary schedule
WACSEP, WUHSD	one transcriber & one clerk to provide summer support for the VI Dept.	132 hours each 6/3/16 to 08/12/16	Based on salary schedule
WUHSD, Marcus Stenzel	VI/O&M, summer support	50 hours each 6/3/16 to 08/12/16	Based on Salary Schedule

**E. Discussion Items**

1. Regional Program Costs

It was discussed and agreed upon that any costs related to a Regional Program that are in relation to a particular student, and not for the benefit of the program as a whole, would be paid for by the district of residence, not as an Off the Top cost related to the regional program.

2. Billbacks- An Average Cost per Class

It was discussed and agreed upon that Coordination Council and SELPA Finance would work together to better understand the pros and cons of an average cost per class across districts vs. an actual cost per class for each district and then a recommendation will be brought to JPB in the future.

3. Off the Top Costs: schedule/process for approval

Off the Top actuals for 15-16 will be on the June JPB agenda as an action item along with the Off the Top projected budgets for 16-17.

During this discussion it was also agreed upon that the Los Nietos Pride Program will add an additional aide to their program for the 2016-2017 school year. This item will officially be approved at our June meeting when the Off the Top projected budgets for 16-17 are approved by JPB. The opening of an additional class in the Los Nietos Pride Program was also discussed as there is a need and Jonathan Vasquez agreed to look into this and report back to JPB in May.

**F. Adjournment** – meeting was adjourned at 10:30am