

WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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**JOINT POWERS BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, May 15, 2014
8:30 am
Whittier Union High School District**

Minutes

A. Opening of Meeting by Chairperson --- meeting opened at 10:33am

1. Roll Call

Martin Galindo, ER --- present
Dorka Duron, EW --- present
Mary Branca, EW --- present
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 May 15, 2014

Moved: Martin Galindo
Seconded: Sandy Thorstenson
Vote: 7-0

3. Approval of Minutes of April 17, 2014

Moved: Eric Kwek
Seconded: Jonathan Vasquez
Vote: 5-0, with an abstention from Mary Branca, Dorka Duron, and Martin Galindo

4. Approval of Minutes of March 20, 2014

Moved: Eric Kwek
Seconded: Martin Galindo
Vote: 5-0, with an abstention from Phil Perez & Jonathan Vasquez.

B. Citizen's Comments

There were no public comments.

C. Action Items

1. This item was amended to read:

It is recommended that Los Nietos host a regional ED program for the SELPA, provided that WACSEP is able to provide a one-time sum of \$350,000 to \$500,000 from its "rainy day fund" to help support the cost of the program for the first year.

Moved: Ron Carruth
Seconded: Phil Perez
Vote: 7-0

2. It is recommended that the East Whittier STEP Program MOU be approved for the 2014-2015 school year.

Moved: Phil Perez
Seconded: Ron Carruth
Vote: 7-0

3. It is recommended that the Annual Service Plan and Annual Budget Plan for the 2014-2015 school year be approved and certified as presented.

Moved: Erich Kwek
Seconded: Ron Carruth
Vote: 7-0

D. Consent Calendar

Moved: Ron Carruth
 Seconded: Erich Kwek
 Vote: 7-0

1. It is recommended that attorney fees in the total amount of \$5,000.00 be paid to Devon M. Rios, Esq. in Settlement Agreement dated 4/29/14 and OAH Case No. 2014010790.
2. It is recommended that attorney fees in the total amount of \$190.00 be paid to Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo for legal fees per Invoice #449810 dated March 31, 2014.
3. It is recommended that attorney fees in the total amount of \$1,500.00 be paid to Law Offices of Patricia Cromer in Settlement Agreement dated 4/30/14.
4. It is recommended that the following services be approved:

Provider	Service	Dates
Fagen, Friedman & Fulfrost LLP	Legal Services	7-1-14 to 6-30-15
Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud and Romo	Legal Services	7-1-13 to 6-30-14
Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud and Romo	Legal Services	7-1-14 to 6-30-15

5. It is recommended that the following services be approved:

Employee	Assignment	Dates	Cost
David Shade	Additional Duties Stipend	7-1-14 to 6-30-15	\$3,000
Lindsay Clowes	Additional Duties Stipend	7-1-14 to 6-30-15	\$3,000

6. It is recommended that the following services be approved for the summer of 2013-2014:

Provider	Service	Hours	Cost
East Whittier School District	Preschool Teacher for PIAT assessments	100 Hours 6/5/14 to 7/30/2014	Based on Salary Schedule

E. Discussion Items

1. Mental Health money not to be used for NPS costs even when in conjunction with an RTC.

A discussion took place in which the SELPA Director reminded the board that Mental Health money is not to be used to pay for the educational services/non-public school costs of an (RTC) residential treatment center placement. It was agreed upon that the non-public school costs related to RTC placements would continue to be shared by the member districts and continue to be considered an off the top cost for the SELPA.

2. Mediated Agreements between WACSEP districts

This item was tabled.

F. Information Items

G. Adjournment --- meeting was adjourned at 11:55am

NEXT JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING

June 19, 2014