

WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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Joint Powers Board Regular Meeting

May 18, 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 - Present
LL, William Crean - Present
LN, Jonathan Vasquez - Absent
SW, Gary Gonzales - Present
WC, Brad Mason - Present
WU, Martin Plourde - Present

F. Community Comments

Gloria Ruiz, a parent, thanked Mr. Martin Plourde for his years of service and showing up powerfully everyday which empowered families to show up powerfully and serve the community. Mrs. Ruiz shared the success of her two sons, on different paths, and how they each got what they needed from the district under Mr. Plourde's watch.

*Item moved up in the agenda

B. Public Hearing - 2022-2023 Whittier Area Cooperative Special Education Program Annual Budget and Service Plans - The meeting opened at 9:04 Am and closed at 9:05 AM.

The Public Hearing opened at 9:04 a.m. and closed at 9:05 a.m. There were no public comments during the Public Hearing.

C. Recognition of Martin J. Plourde for Years of Service

Ms. Janet Queneau presented Martin J. Plourde with a recognition award for his many years of service to the Whittier area students, families, and staff and his support to the SELPA. She thanked him for being a mentor and for his leadership.

D. Closed Session - By general consent of the Board, the Board moved into Closed Session at 9:08 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.

E. Reconvene Meeting - The public meeting reconvened at 10:27 a.m.

1. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

2. Approval of Agenda for May 18, 2022 meeting

Moved: Brad Mason
 Seconded: Martin Plourde
 Vote: 6-0

3. Approval of Minutes for April 20, 2022 meeting

Moved: Brad Mason
 Seconded: William Crean
 Vote: 6-0

G. Consent Calendar

Moved: Frances Esparza
 Seconded: Gary Gonzales
 Vote: 6-0

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the 2021-2022 Updated Off the Top Budget as shown below be approved:

District	2021-2022 Off the Top Budget January Update	2021-2022 Off the top April Update	Difference
EW	\$2,214,500.77	\$2,268,847.17	+\$54,346.40
ER	\$993,534.00	\$1,016,841.00	+\$23,307.00
LL	\$393,218.00	\$405,542.00	+\$12,324.00
LN	\$972,557.00	No Change	

SW	\$725,134.00	\$730,591.00	+\$5,457.00
WC	\$1,525,460.68	\$1,567,041.78	+\$41,581.10
WU	\$2,280,768.00	\$2,333,834.88	+\$53,066.88

2. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the 2022-2023 Estimated Off the Top Budget as shown below be approved:

District	2022-2023 Off the Top Budget
EW	\$2,401,041.00
ER	\$1,028,437.85
LL	\$467,150.00
LN	\$995,750.00
SW	\$746,661.00
WC	\$1,698,200.25
WU	\$2,609,204.00

3. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the WACSEP 2021-2022 Updated Budget as shown below be approved:

District	2021-2022 Off the Top Budget January Update	2021-2022 Off the top April Update	Difference
WACSEP	\$10,932,913.55	\$1,0430,446.46	-\$502,467.09

4. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the WACSEP 2022-2023 Estimated Budget as shown below be approved:

District	2022-2023 Off the Top Budget April Update
WACSEP	\$11,596,055.96

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

Provider	Description	Dates	Cost
Bellflower Unified School District [Exhibit G.5]	MOU with Bellflower Unified School District for DHH Regional Programs	07/01/2022 to 06/30/2023	+\$50,412.07 - 51,132.07 per student
La Habra City School District [Exhibit G.5]	MOU with La Habra City School District for DHH Regional Programs	07/01/2022 to 06/30/2023	+\$50,412.07 - 51,132.07 per student
Lowell Joint School District [Exhibit G.5]	MOU with Lowell Joint School District for DHH Regional Programs	07/01/2022 to 06/30/2023	+\$50,412.07 - 51,132.07 per student
South Pasadena Unified School District [Exhibit G.5]	MOU with South Pasadena Unified District for DHH Regional Programs	07/01/2022 to 06/30/2023	+\$50,412.07 - 51,132.07 per student
Hacienda La Puente School District [Exhibit G.5]	MOU with Hacienda La Puente School District for DHH Regional Programs	07/01/2022 to 06/30/2023	+\$50,412.07 - 51,132.07 per student
L.A County Department of Education (LACOE) [Exhibit G.5]	Contract for VI and O&M services provided during ESY 2022	49.25 Hours 06/06/2022 to 07/15/2022	Not to Exceed \$6,895.00 \$140 per hour

Loyola Marymount University [Exhibit G.5]	MOU with Loyola Marymount University for School Psychology Interns	07/01/2022 to 06/30/2023	No Cost
A2Z Educational Associates	Settlement Costs	05/19/2022 to 06/30/2022	Not to Exceed \$100,000 (Additional \$50,000)

6. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the following JPB Meeting Dates be approved:

2022-2023 JPB Meeting Dates 9:00 a.m.
07/27/2022
08/24/2022
09/14/2022
10/12/2022
11/09/2022
12/14/2022
01/11/2023
02/08/2023
03/08/2023
04/12/2023
05/10/2023
06/14/2023

F. Personnel Report

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the Personnel Report be approved. [Exhibit H.1].

The Personnel Report is presented to the Board in Closed Session. This is done in order to report all actions from the last Board meeting through the day of the posting of the Board Agenda. The Board shall review the Personnel Report before taking action in Open Session. The Personnel Report contains personnel employment assignments, resignations, and salaries for certificated and classified

employees. The law requires the Board to take formal action on the SELPA Director's recommendations. Resignations are received by the SELPA Director and reported to the Board.

Moved: Frances Esparza

Seconded: Martin Plourde

Vote: 6-0

G. New Business

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the Annual Service Plan and Annual Budget Plan for the 2022-2023 school year be approved and certified as presented. [Exhibit I.1]

Moved: William Crean

Seconded: Gary Gonzales

Vote: 6-0

H. SELPA Director Report

Ms. Janet Queneau reported that Special Education Legislative Sharing Day was on May 4th, 2022. Three of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) parents, one of the WACSEP program managers, and her were able to attend the event sponsored by the SELPA Administrators of California. In addition to the virtual event, they attended meetings with Senator Archuleta, Assemblymember Lisa Calderon, and Assemblymember Cristina Gacia's staffer to discuss the special education needs of students in the Whittier area and SB 1113 in support of inclusive practices. She thanked the CAC parents for their commitment and taking time off work to participate.

Ms. Janet Queneau shared that the CAC sponsored 2022 Disability Resource and Transition Fair took place last Thursday at Pioneer High School. Considering it was the first in person fair since 2020, it was well attended with over 70 attendees. There were three breakout sessions available on the topics of school transitions, certificate of completion versus diploma, and SSI. She thanked all the presenters, Dr. Anthony Truong, Dean Cochran, Packy Crowell, Glenn Edwards, Blythe Saylor Loe, Luis Mendoza, and Rose Dominguez for a job well done. Additionally she thanked the WACSEP staff, the Whittier Union Transition team and the El Rancho Unified Transition staff for their help at the fair. She looked forward to next year's fair.

Ms. Janet Queneau thanked Dr. Frances Esparza for her support to the SELPA and all her work in the El Rancho Unified School District in support of teachers and students. Ms. Queneau appreciated Dr. Esparza being educationally focused. Lastly, Ms. Queneau reported that she would be in attendance at the El Rancho Unified School District Adult Transition Program (ATP) graduation, as well as Whittier Union High School District's ATP graduation.

I. Board Member Reports

Dr. Brad Mason, Superintendent of Whittier City School District, recognized the wonderful community comments made regarding Mr. Martin Plourde's impact during his career in taking care of kids, meeting student needs and opportunities in students all across the spectrum. He leaves Whittier Union High School in good hands.

Dr. Frances Esparza, Superintendent of El Rancho Unified School District, reported that the district was preparing to celebrate the ATP graduates. She shared that she has chosen to honor ATP graduates with banners hung in Pico Rivera, to be included with the other student banners recognizing those students who had been accepted to colleges or had joined the armed forces this year. Additionally, she thanked Mr. Martin Plourde for his support during times of trials and tribulation, as he has been a go to person. She thanked the rest of the Joint Powers Board for their support and for being a great group.

Dr. William Crean, Superintendent of Little Lake City School District, shared that he and Mr. Martin Plourde had come into the Superintendent role at the same time and he appreciated being able to collaborate and share ideas with him through times of trials and tribulations. He thanked Mr. Plourde for maintaining a strong relationship with the other districts and wished him well. He also acknowledged Dr. Frances Esparza and wished her well in her future endeavours.

Dr. Gary Gonzales, Superintendent of South Whittier School District, wished Mr. Martin Plourde a very long, happy, and healthy retirement. He thanked Mr. Plourde for always being helpful. He shared a story of Mr. Martin Plourde's and Mr. Marc Patteson's support during a difficult student situation five years prior which he was appreciative of.

Marc Patterson, Superintendent of East Whittier City School District, complimented Dr. Frances Esparza's integrity, professionalism and appreciated her student focus. He shared that it had been a pleasure working with her and wished her well. Additionally, he shared that it had been a pleasure working with Mr. Martin Plourde. He spoke about Mr. Plourde's unique ability to be professional, give guidance, and support with levity, humor and care. Mr. Plourde helped put into perspective the difference that they are making even though it is not an easy job; all the while Mr. Plourde did it with grace.

Martin Plourde, Superintendent of Whittier Union High School District, wished Dr. Frances Esparza the best of luck and hoped their path would cross again. He hoped down the line to read about all the good work she would continue to do. He also thanked all members of the Joint Powers Board for their collaboration over the years; the job was not easy but was made easier by being in the Whittier area and the Whittier SELPA with this supportive group. He reported that he would be attending most Whittier Union High School District graduations and looked forward to seeing the Joint Power Board members there. He shared that it had been an honor to serve on the Joint Powers Board and see

the evolution of professionalism under Janet Queneau's leadership. Lastly, he reported that it was a pleasure to serve the Whittier Union High School District and was confident that the district would be in good hands with Dr. Monica Oviedo.

J. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Moved: Martin Plourde

Seconded: William Crean

Vote: 6-0

NEXT JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING

July 27, 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