

WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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**JOINT POWERS BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, May 21, 2015
8:30 am
Whittier Union High School District**

Minutes

A. Opening of Meeting by Chairperson

1. Roll Call

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

2. Approval of Agenda of May 21, 2015

Moved: Ron Carruth
Seconded: Gail Baxter
Vote: 6-0

3. Approval of Minutes of April 16, 2015

Moved: Gail Baxter
Seconded: Phil Perez
Vote: 6-0

B. Citizen's Comments

There were no public comments.

C. Action Items

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that WACSEP hire an additional team to support our current Preschool Intake and Assessment Team, consisting of 1.0 FTE psychologist, 1.0 FTE speech and language pathologist, and 1.0 FTE speech and language pathologist assistant.

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

2. It is recommended that the updated employment contract for the Executive Director of WACSEP be approved, as provided under separate cover.

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

3. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the Annual Service Plan and Annual Budget Plan for the 2015-2016 school year be approved and certified as presented.

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

D. Consent Calendar

Moved: Ron Carruth
Seconded: Phil Perez
Vote: 6-0

1. It is recommended that attorney fees in the total amount of \$9,500.00 be paid to the Law Offices of Bruce Bothwell in Final Settlement dated April 15, 2015, OAH Case No: 2015030142
2. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that attorney fees in the total amount of \$4,800.00 be paid to the Heather S. Zakson, Esq. in Final Settlement dated March 25, 2015, OAH Case No: 2015020775
3. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that attorney fees in the total amount of \$7,000.00 be paid to the Law Offices of Grey & Grey in Final Settlement dated May 13, 2015, OAH Case No: 2015030142

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

Provider	Assignment	Dates	Cost
David Shade	Additional Duties Stipend	7/1/15 to 6/30/16	\$3,000
Lindsay Clowes	Additional Duties Stipend	7/1/15 to 6/30/16	\$3,000
WACSEP/private consultant	Program Specialist for NPS (maternity leave coverage)	6/10/15 to 10/09/15	Not to exceed \$35,000
Charissa Powers	AVT services while employee is on leave (140 hours)	5/11/15 to 7/30/16	Not to Exceed \$21,000

5. It is recommended that the following services be approved for the 2015-2016 school year:

Provider	Service	Dates	Cost
WACSEP	Additional hours of SLPA support for the Preschool Intake & Assessment Teams	8/10/15 to 6/2/16	Not to exceed \$32,000
Summit Speech Services	Additional SLP and SLPA for new ER PIAT	7/1/15 to 6/30/16	Additional \$180,804 (total contract will be \$542,100)
Jane Sugawara	Additional hours to cover maternity leave(s)	7/1/15 to 6/30/16	Additional \$49,800 (total contract will be \$109,800)
EWCSO/Other Vendors	Carpeting & Construction Upgrades to WACSEP offices	5/21/15 to 6/30/16	\$75,000
Kimberly Crouse	Reduction in hours to 60%	8/7/15 to 6/30/16	Based on salary scale

6. It is recommended that the following services be approved for the summer of 2014-2015:

Provider	Service	Hours	Cost
El Rancho School District	Preschool Teacher for PIAT assessments	100 Hours 6/15/15 to 7/30/15	Based on Salary Schedule
Los Nietos School District	Preschool Teacher for PIAT assessments	100 Hours 6/8/15 to 7/30/15	Based on Salary Schedule
WACSEP	Two SLPs for summer PIAT assessments & IEPs	406 hours 6/4/15 to 8/6/15	Based on salary schedule
Victoria Gluck	Psychologist for summer PIAT assessments & IEPs	10 days 6/15/15 to 7/30/15	Not to exceed \$4,000
Amy Hammerschlag	Psychologist for summer PIAT assessments & IEPs	10 days 6/15/15 to 7/30/15	Not to exceed \$4,000

WACSEP	Three SLPAs to support PIAT assessments/IEPs	180 hours each 6/4/15 to 8/7/15	Based on salary schedule
WACSEP/WUHSD	one transcriber/one clerk to provide support VI Dept. during summer	132 hours each 6/4/15 to 8/7/15	Based on salary schedule
Marcus Stenzel	VI/O&M, summer support	10 hrs 6/8/15 to 7/16/15	Not to exceed \$645
Toni Gardner	VI/O&M, summer support	10hrs 6/8/15 to 7/16/15	Not to exceed \$520

7. It is recommended that the following legal services be approved in regards to students requiring the need of a Resident Treatment Center (RTC):

Provider	SSID #	Dates	Cost
Devereux Georgia	8103014458	5/11/15 to 6/30/15	\$24,000
Devereux Georgia	8103014458	7/1/15 to 6/30/16	\$164,000

8. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the contract with Dr. Taras at the University of California San Diego, in relation to having a "Physician Based Standard" which allows districts in the SELPA to participate in the Medi-Cal Option Program, for 2015-2017, not to exceed \$3,000, be approved.
9. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that agreement with the Coalition for Adequate Funding for Special Education for the 15-16 school year, for the amount of \$1,400, be approved.
10. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that invoice from the Special Education Local Plan Area Administrators, for the 15-16 school year in the amount of \$600, made payable to SELPA Administrators of California, be approved.
11. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the contract with Jeanne Davis be extended through the 15-16 school year, for guidance and support related to the revision of our Local Plan and Procedural Handbooks, not to exceed \$15,000, be approved.
12. It is recommended that the following services be approved:

Provider	Service	Dates
Fagen, Friedman & Fulfrost LLP	Legal Services	7/1/15 to 6/30/16
Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud and Romo	Legal Services	7/1/15 to 6/30/16

E. Discussion Items

1. Concerns with PTC- A follow up discussion
PTC was discussed and it was agreed upon that Coordinating Council should take some time to outline their concerns and possibly prepare some suggestions or questions for SELPA Finance before discussing it again at a SELPA Finance meeting.
2. Our NPS Situation & Our Response
The placement of NPS students was discussed and it was suggested that Coordinating Council review WACSEP's current process which is in place to provide support to districts prior to sending a student to an NPS.
3. 15-16 JPB Meeting Dates
It was agreed upon that we would continue to meet on the third Thursday of the month for the 15-16 school year.

F. Adjournment

**NEXT JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING
To Be Determined**