

WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Joint Powers Board Regular Meeting
August 9, 2023
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 9:05 a.m.

1. Roll Call

EW, Marc Patterson - Present (*Arrived at 9:27 a.m.)
ER, Marco Villegas - Absent
LL, Jonathan Vasquez - Present
LN, Ramiro Rubalcaba - Present
SW, Gary Gonzales, Chair - Present
WC, Brad Mason - Present - Present
WU, Monica Oviedo, Vice Chair - Present

B. Community Comments on Closed Session Items

There were no community comments.

C. Closed Session - By general consent of the Board, the Board moved into Closed Session at 9:06 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.

D. Reconvene Meeting - The public meeting reconvened at 9:24 a.m.

1. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

No reportable action.

2. Approval of Agenda for August 9, 2023 meeting

Moved: Ramiro Rubalcaba
 Seconded: Monica Oviedo
 Vote: 5-0

3. Approval of Minutes for July 19, 2023 meeting

Moved: Brad Mason
 Seconded: Ramiro Rubalcaba
 Vote: 5-0

E. Community Comments

There were no community comments.

F. Consent Calendar

*Dr. Marc Patterson arrived.

Moved: Ramiro Rubalcaba
 Seconded: Monica Oviedo
 Vote: 6-0

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the Memorandum of Understanding regarding Funding Model for Educationally Related Mental Health Services be approved. [Exhibit F.1]
2. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the following obsolete and unusable equipment be approved to surplus:

Count	Description/Brand Mfg.	Serial No.	Asset Tag #
4	Dell Latitude 3590	GY9MXR2,5XKLXR2, 7KPQ9S2, JKPQ9S2	62419, 62420, 62435, 62438
1	Dell Latitude E5430	FMDKNX1	45625
1	Dell Latitude	11LW4S1	42922
5	Dell OptiPlex 3060	C608DW2, 4D505Z2, 4D5V4Z2, 4D4Y4Z2, 4D4X4Z2	62762, 63840, 63842, 63844, 63845
4	IPAD Model A1458	DMPLG1QYF183, DMPLG1QUF183, DMRK16PJF183, DMQJVEG4F183	N/A, 45838, 44788, 44790

4	IPAD Model A1474	DMPMNRDFK11, DMPMNS25FK11, DMPMNRZEFK11, DMPMNSOWFK11	46521, 46523, 46522, 46520
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3. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the following travel requests be approved:

Conference/Workshop	Person(s) Authorized	Expense (Per Person)
Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Instructor Certification Program <u>Long Beach, CA</u> September 8 , 2023	Adelina Gomez (WUHSD Employee)	Registration: \$ 1,549.00 Related Expenses: \$ 0.00 Total: \$ 1,549.00
CSC Live - Inspiring Innovation in Education <u>San Diego, CA</u> October 4-6, 2023	Karla Rahiman, Program Manager Kristine Ramos, Program Manager	Registration: \$ 700.00 Related Expenses: \$ 1,127.00 Total: \$ 1,827.00
CAPTAIN Annual Summit <u>Sacramento, CA</u> October 9-11, 2023	Elvira Caro-Michel, Behavior Specialist/ Program Specialist Inger Johnson- Quezada, School Psychologist Lisa Torres, Program Specialist	Registration: \$ 350.00 Related Expenses: \$ 1,285.00 Total: \$ 1,635.00
Association for Play Therapy International Conference <u>Palm Springs, CA</u> October 10-11, 2023	Yvonne Quesada-Barron, LCSW	Registration: \$ 305.00 Related Expenses: \$ 118.00 Total: \$ 423.00

Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) 2024 Every Child Counts Symposium <u>Palm Desert, CA</u> January 9-12, 2024	Janet Queneau, Executive Director Karla Rahiman, Program Manager Kristine Ramos, Program Manager	Registration: \$ 649.00 Related Expenses: \$ 1,280.00 Total: \$ 1,929.00
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G. Personnel Report

There was no personnel report.

H. New Business

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the “Policy, Procedures and Criteria for Obtaining Independent Educational Evaluations”, updated June 2023, be approved - Final Reading. [Exhibit H.1]

Moved: Ramiro Rubalcaba
 Seconded: Monica Oviedo
 Vote: 6-0

I. SELPA Director Report

Ms. Janet Queneau reported that WACSEP’s Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing (DHH) Department was hosting a student social today. This is the second social hosted; the first one since we have returned from COVID closures. The social was open to any DHH student in any member district and their families. Additionally, she shared that the multi-purpose room audio visual equipment was installed and is working. The audiologists were able to hook up devices through the speaker system to help those students with FM systems.

Ms. Janet Queneau reported that last week's Administrators Academy was attended by approximately 100 administrators and special education leaders from six of our member districts. She thanked the WACSEP staff for their presentations. She also thanked the South Whittier School District superintendent for hosting the training at the South Whittier School District Office, and the Director of Special Education for her tremendous support and help. Lastly, she shared that she looked forward to welcoming all WACSEP staff back on Monday and welcomed Mr. Jonathan Vasquez back to the Joint Powers Board.

J. Board Member Reports

Dr. Brad Mason, Superintendent of Whittier City School District, shared that the district was ready to start the new school year next Wednesday and was looking forward to welcoming teachers on Friday.

Dr. Marc Patterson, Superintendent of East Whittier City School District, shared that the Administrators Academy was well received. He welcomed Mr. Jonathan Vasquez back to the Joint Powers Board.

Dr. Monica Oviedo, Superintendent of Whittier Union High School District, had no report.

Dr. Ramiro Rubalcaba, Superintendent of Los Nieto School District, reported that schools would open on August 16th and teachers were returning on August 14th. Additionally, he shared that the focus for the year is least restrictive environment (LRE). He wished everyone well and welcomed Mr. Jonathan Vasquez back.

Jonathan Vasquez, Superintendent of Little Lake City School District, thanked Ms. Janet Queneau for meeting with him and filling him in regarding Little Lake City School Districts special education programs. He also received good feedback regarding the content of the Administrators Academy; the training was well received.

Dr. Gary Gonzales, Superintendent of South Whittier School District, had no report.

K. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Moved: Ramiro Rubalcaba

Seconded: Brad Mason

Vote: 6-0

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