

SPECIAL EDUCATION COORDINATING AGENCY

NOVEMBER 18, 2021

10:00AM-12:00PM

LOCATION

Board Room
Santa Cruz County Office of
Education 400 Encinal Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

AGENDA

Approved Minutes

1.0 Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 10:03am

2.0 Roll Call

Bonny Doon X
DELTA Charter A
Live Oak Elementary School District X
Happy Valley Elementary School X
Mountain Elementary District X
Pacific Elementary School District X
Pacific Collegiate X
San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District X
Santa Cruz City School Districts X
Santa Cruz County Office of Education X
Scotts Valley Unified School District X
Soquel Union Elementary X

3.0 Approval of Agenda

M/S/C (Sabbah/Heffner)

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1-Absent

4.0 Public Comment for Closed Session Item Only

5.0 Closed Session

a. Personnel, SELPA Director Evaluation (Government Code 54957)

6.0 Report out on action taken in Closed Session

7.0 Public Comment for Open Session

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8.0 Approval of September 23, 2021 Minutes

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M/S/C (Tresham/Sabbah)

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1-Absent

9.0 Reports

a. Sr. SELPA Director

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Presenter: Jessica Little

Ms Little talked about rules regarding LEA visitation of out of state NPS/RTC. Each LEA currently needs to send their own representative for on site monitoring of the facility under AB1172. Questions about that rule to let one representative view the site on behalf of other districts. Ms. Little will contact CDE.

Ms Little also talked about increased LRE goals from CDE over the next four years.

Ms Little mentioned that the CDE funded WestEd report is not out yet. Privately funded WestEd report made recommendations: LEAs may be able to opt in or out. Weighted funding based on disability category. Equity problems could occur with assigning disabilities based on funding in the scenario. More talk of eliminating SELPAs is being discussed at the state level.

Mr Gross asked for clarification on exactly what LRE is trying to show.

Large discussion among many members about the push to do away with SELPAs. Many conflicts of interests pertaining to the WestEd Reports were talked about.

Ms Little briefly went over the impact and role of the CAC and its members. PPP Workshops were discussed as a great resource for parents.

Ms Little talked of possibly doing another De-Escalation workshop with Purchin Consulting if needed. General consensus was that the event was good and people liked the information it provided.

Ms Little reminded superintendents that Fall 1 CALPADS Reporting is in process.

b. SEC Directors

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Presenter: Michelle Stewart

Ms Stewart talked about the benefits of the every other week SEC Directors meeting.

c. Operations Council

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Presenter: Kris Munro

Ms Munro talked about the Operations Council. AB602 Language. Small schools have a pool for regional and NPS placements. Concerns: SAIL no longer qualifies as a regional program. Because of this SAIL is not funded

by AB602. \$50,000 is not enough to cover the per student cost of the program. Ending fund balance is currently around \$120,000. Discussion on adding SAIL to the pool language, so they could access the funding pool for a SAIL placement in addition to NPS and COE Regional Programs.

Proposal is to increase the pool from 50k to 100k. Replenish by all LEAs by ADA if it falls under 100k. Also, add SAIL.

10.0 Items scheduled for Action/Approval

a. Approve AB602 Allocation of Funds to Emergency Pool for the Small Non-Charter Districts for Nonpublic Schools (NPS) Placements and Regional SDC Placements

Presenter: Jessica Little

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Approve changes to allocation of funds to Emergency Pool for the Small Non-Charter Districts for Nonpublic Schools (NPS) Placements and Regional SDC Placements as presented by operations council.

Ms Little went over the redline edit of the AB602 Allocation proposal.

M/S/C (Tresham/Munro)

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1-Absent

b. Approve Joint Powers Agreement Update to Language

Presenter: Jessica Little

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Joint Powers Agreement language updated to reflect date change from December 1st to October census day. In accordance with current reporting requirements. The number of points assigned to each district and count will be adjusted each October when the new CBEDs figures are determined. Annual routine approval required.

M/S/C (Sabbah/Turnbull)

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1-Absent

c. Approve Joint Powers Agreement Update to CBEDS count

Presenter: Jessica Little

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Each member agency shall participate in a weighted voting system. Each LEA will receive one base point. An additional point will be granted to those LEAs with a CBEDs count over one hundred. LEAs whose CBEDs count is over one thousand will receive one additional point for each additional thousand students. The number of points assigned to each district and count will be adjusted each October when the new CBEDs figures are determined. Annual routine approval required.

M/S/C (Krause/Munro)

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1-Absent

d. Approve SELPA Wide 2020/2021 Unaudited Actuals MOE (SEMA) & 2021/22 Budget MOE (SEMB) pg. 55

Presenter: Liann Reyes

Ed Code requires that Local Education Agencies (LEAs) expend as much State and Local funds for the education of children with disabilities in the current year as spent in the prior year.

Rebecca Olker presented for Liann Reyes who was out of town. Rebecca went over the special education 2020-21 Actuals (SEMA). Discussed Failure to meet MOE and LEAs would owe money. Everyone in the county has passed at least one item. All you need to do is pass one item.

SEMB Compares budget from year to year. Everyone is currently passing. Natia was introduced as new FA for SELPA, replacing Hanwool Kim.

M/S/C (Turnbull/Heffner)

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1-Absent

11.0 Consent Agenda

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- a. Approval of 2021-22 Warrants: October 2021 – November 1, 2021

(Munro/Sabbah)

12.0 Future Agenda Item(s)

WestEd report updates

Contract for another LEA to certify on an NPS. (Maybe an MOU?) Jessica can share information at regularly scheduled Superintendent meetings.

13.0 Adjournment

Next SECA meeting December 16, 2021

M/S/C Morales/Munro

11-0

1-Absent

11:20am meeting end

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