YUBA COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA

JOINT MEETING OF THE SUPERINTENDENTS' COUNCIL and OPERATIONS COUNCIL

September 18, 2023

Chairperson: Lora Gonzalez

Members in Attendance:
Fal Asrani
Kimberley BentonWolfgram
Angela Gouker
Ajit Kang (virtual)
Chris Mahurin
Nicole Newman (virtual)
Joanna Pastor (virtual)
Toni Vernier
Brett Barley (virtual)
Patrick Brose (virtual)
Rob Gregor
Lauren Link
Louise Miller
Kristen Nottle-Powell
Aaron Thornsberry (virtual)

Others in Attendance:
Courtney Coburn (virtual), YCOE Principal
Jennifer McCook, CAC Parent
Margie Renicker, YCOE Board Member

Minutes

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m.

2.0 Roll Call of Members of Superintendents' Council and Operations Council

Voting representatives for Superintendents' Council:

Brett Barley - California Montessori Project
Patrick Brose - Camptonville Union Elementary School District
Chris Mahurin - CORE Charter School
Fal Asrani - Marysville Joint Unified School District
Toni Vernier for Jeff Roberts - Plumas Lake Elementary School District
Angela Gouker for Craig Guensler - Wheatland Elementary School District
Lauren Link for Nicole Newman - Wheatland Union High School District
Louise Miller - YES Charter Academy
Rob Gregor - Yuba County Office of Education

Voting representatives for Operations Council:

Joanna Pastor - California Montessori Project
Patrick Brose - Camptonville Union Elementary School District
Kimberly BentonWolfgram - CORE Charter School
Fal Asrani for Shevaun Mathews - Marysville Joint Unified School District
Toni Vernier - Plumas Lake Elementary School District
Angela Gouker - Wheatland Elementary School District
Lauren Link - Wheatland Union High School District
Louise Miller for Eve Domingo - YES Charter Academy
Kristen Nottle-Powell - Yuba County Office of Education

3.0 Recognition of Visitors

Courtney Coburn (virtual), YCOE Principal
Jennifer McCook, CAC Parent
Margie Renicker, YCOE Board Member

4.0 Public Comment (Non-Agenda and Agenda Items) to Come to the Attention of the SELPA Governance Council

No public comments were brought to the attention of the Council.

5.0 Welcome Superintendents Rob Gregor, Chris Mahurin and Louise Miller

Lora welcomed new superintendents to the SELPA Superintendents' Council.

6.0 Approve Minutes of the June 12, 2023, Joint Superintendents'/Operations Council Meeting

Angela Gouker moved, Brett Barley seconded to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2023, Joint Superintendents'/Operations Council Meeting. The motion carried with three districts abstaining due to attendance conflicts.

7.0 Low Incidence Budget and Requests

The Low Incidence Budget was attached to the agenda. The budget has a balance of $31,373.49. A list of LI equipment requests was also attached to the agenda. Equipment requests totaled $31,038.21. Lora reviewed the requests.

Courtney Coburn, Virginia School Principal, described the process she uses to find appropriate equipment before submitting LI requests including checking the storage shed at Virginia School. She also explained that if a student moves within California, the Low Incidence equipment for that student is transferred with the student. Parents have also donated no longer needed, high-cost equipment to Virginia School.

2023-24 allocated LI funds total $300,300 based on LI eligible student count. Lora shared that 15% is retained for equipment requests with 85% covering Visually Impaired services.

It was discussed and decided that laptops and iPads will no longer be provided by the Low Incidence Budget and will be the responsibility of the district of residence of the student to purchase when requested by appropriate service providers.

After omitting five laptops and one iPad, the following requests were identified by Operations Council for approval:

▪ Video magnifier for MJUSD/Cedar Lane student	$5,216.70
▪ Video magnifier for MJUSD/Covillaud student	5,216.70
▪ Tomato sitter for PLESD/Virginia School student	1,178.99
▪ Switches and switch toys for PLESD/Virginia School student	2,631.60
▪ Basekit activities and tools for PLESD/Virginia School student	703.63
▪ Positioning equipment for PLESD/Virginia School student	5,390.85
▪ Rifton chair for MJUSD/Virginia School student	4,274.99

Requests totaled $24,613.46. Angela Gouker moved, Fal Asrani seconded to approve the seven Low Incidence requests. The motion carried eight yeses and one no.

7.1 Equipment Roster and SELPA Low Incidence Guidelines

Due to Patrick Brose's concern regarding the LI inventory, Lora shared that representatives can come into the YCOE and view the inventory. The SELPA will work on an simplified inventory to be shared at the next meeting.

Yuba County SELPA Low Incidence Guidelines were attached to the agenda.

8.0 Fiscal Updates and Monitoring

8.1 Recommendation to Approve the SELPA Fiscal Allocation Plan

The new SELPA Fiscal Allocation Plan which was finalized last spring and approved by the SELPA Finance Committee earlier today, was linked to the agenda. Aaron asked for questions from Superintendents, none were brought forward.

Angela Gouker moved, Toni Vernier seconded to approve the Yuba County SELPA Fiscal Allocation Plan. The motion carried with eight yeses and one abstention.

8.2 Learning Recovery and Dispute Prevention/Resolution Final Reports

All Learning Recovery funds have been spent. The Expenditure Report will be submitted to CDE at the end of September.

The Dispute Prevention/Resolution Expenditure Report is also due to CDE at the end of September. MJUSD has unspent funds totaling $24,301.25. WSD overspent by $180 and YCOE overspent by $2500. These overages will be covered by the unused funds. To ensure no funds are returned to CDE, Aaron Thornsberry encouraged districts check for expenditures that can be covered by Dispute Prevention/ Resolution funds. Please send to Aaron by Friday, September 22, 2023.

Brett Barley moved, Fal Asrani seconded to approve $24,301.25 be used by any district that can code the funds appropriately. The motion passed unanimously.

8.3 2023-24 Projected Revenue

The 2023-24 Projected Special Education Funding Calculation was attached to the agenda. Aaron reviewed estimated SELPA revenue sources based on last year's estimate.

8.4 SELPA Finance Report - September 2023

The September 2023 SELPA Administrators of California Finance Committee Report was attached to the agenda.

8.5 School Services Fiscal Collaborative and Website

Lora has used SELPA funds to support all member LEA CBOs in joining the School Services of California Special Education Fiscal Collaborative. This will help LEAs navigate the changing fiscal landscape of special education finance. An informational flyer and a website flyer were attached to the agenda.

9.0 Federal Advocacy for Special Education Funding

9.1 IDEA Part B Grant Funding Gap (in billions)

An IDEA Part B Grant Funding Gap (in billions) document was linked to the agenda. Federal funds only cover 8% of special education costs at this time. Legislation is being proposed for $27 billion federal dollars per year to fund IDEA. If passed, special education will be fully funded in ten years.

9.2 2023 California Special Education Priorities
A CASBO, CSBA, Coalition for Adequate Funding for Special Education and SELPA Administrators of California's 2023 California Special Education Priorities document was linked to the agenda.

9.3 Comparison of Actual FY 2022 IDEA Part B Grants - California
A Calculation of Federal Local Assistance document was attached to the agenda. This document illustrated additional funding that could come to each SELPA.

9.4 Comparison of Actual FY 2022 IDEA Part B Grants - Nation
A Comparison of Actual FY 2022 IDEA Part B Grants document was attached to the agenda. This document illustrates additional funding that could come to each state.

10.0 Federal and State Legislation Updates

10.1 Federal: HR 4519 and S 2217 - IDEA Full Funding Act
HR 4519 and S 2217 bills were attached to the agenda.

10.2 State: SB 354 - Special Education: Inclusive Education: Universal Design for Learning: Inclusive Practices
SB 354 was attached to the agenda.

10.3 State: AB 248 - Individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities: The Dignity for All Act
AB 248 was attached to the agenda.

10.4 State: AB 483 - LEA Medi-Cal Program
AB 483 was attached to the agenda.

10.5 State: AB 1517 - SELPA Local Plans
AB 1517 was attached to the agenda.

11.0 2024-25 SELPA Local Plan Development/Review Timelines
Timelines for development/update of the Local Plan Section B, Annual Budget Plan and Annual Service Plan were attached to the agenda.

11.1 Local Plan Section B - Request for Committee Formation
Lora would like to form a committee to update the Local Plan. She would like a Superintendent, Special Ed Director, Special Ed Teacher and a General Ed Teacher to participate on the committee. Fal Asrani volunteered Jay Trujillo (Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services) and Kristen Nottle-Powell said she would participate as the Special Education Director.

12.0 PENT and CAPTAIN Updates
PENT and CAPTAIN updates were attached to the agenda. A YCOE BCBA is representing Yuba County in both networks.

13.0 Alternate Pathway to Diploma

13.1 CDE Letter
The CDE letter regarding A New Pathway to a High School Diploma for Students with Disabilities was attached to the agenda.

13.2 Professional Development Opportunity - September 15th and 19th, 2023
Lora attended the September 15th Understanding Alternate Pathway to Diploma training. The flyer was linked to the agenda. The next training is scheduled for September 19th.

Lora would like to form a workgroup to draft policy and share ideas for this new pathway to a diploma.

14.0 CDE Monitoring Update

14.1 Small LEA Monitoring - Cohort B Cycle to Begin in the 2024-25 Year
Small LEAs (100 or less IEPs) will begin a two-year monitoring cycle beginning with the 2024-25 school year.

14.2 LEAs in Targeted Level I Status - Stepwell and Student File Review - Due June 30
A Stepwell and Student Record Review May 2023 PowerPoint was attached to the agenda.

14.3 LEAs in Targeted Level II Status - Padlet Resources, Root Cause Analysis - Due Sept. 29
Padlet resources were attached to the agenda.

14.4 LEAs in Targeted Level III Status - Padlet Resources, Root Cause Analysis - Due Sept. 29
Padlet resources were attached to the agenda.

14.5 LEAs in Targeted Level III CIM Plan Development Step 2 Support Needs - Due Sept. 29
CDE support staff will assist LEAs where necessary.

14.6 IEP Implementation - Reminder to Track Services Delivered
Lora reminded all that special education services must be tracked. CDE can ask for verification of tracking.

15.0 SELPA Professional Development Opportunities
A 2023-24 SELPA Training/Engagement Opportunity padlet was attached to the agenda.

16.0 Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Joint Superintendents'/Operations Council Meeting
November 13, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. - Wheatland School District Tech Room

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Lockwood (for Lora Gonzalez)
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