YUBA COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA

JOINT MEETING OF THE SUPERINTENDENTS' COUNCIL and OPERATIONS COUNCIL

March 27, 2024

Chairperson:	Lora Gonzalez	
Members in Attendance:	Kimberley BentonWolfgram	Rob Gregor
	Craig Guensler	Lauren Link
	Shevaun Mathews	Jennifer Minton
	Nicole Newman	Louise Miller (virtual)
	Kristen Nottle-Powell	Jeff Roberts
	Aaron Thornsberry	Toni Vernier

Minutes

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m.

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance of led by Lora Gonzalez.

2.0 Opening Procedures

2.1 Roll Call

Voting representatives for Superintendents' Council:

No representative in attendance - California Montessori Project
No representative in attendance - Camptonville Union Elementary School District
Kimberly BentonWolfgram for Chris Mahurin - CORE Charter School
Shevaun Mathews for Fal Asrani - Marysville Joint Unified School District
Jeff Roberts - Plumas Lake Elementary School District
Craig Guensler - Wheatland Elementary School District
Nicole Newman - Wheatland Union High School District
Louise Miller - YES Charter Academy
Rob Gregor - Yuba County Office of Education

Voting representatives for Operations Council:

No representative in attendance - California Montessori Project
No representative in attendance - Camptonville Union Elementary School District
Kimberly BentonWolfgram - CORE Charter School
Shevaun Mathews - Marysville Joint Unified School District
Toni Vernier - Plumas Lake Elementary School District
Craig Guensler for 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

2.2 Recognition of Visitors
There were no visitors in attendance.

3.0 Consent Agenda

3.1 Approval of March 27, 2024 Meeting Agenda
Nicole Newman moved, Craig Guensler seconded to approve the March 27, 2024 Meeting Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

3.2 Approval of January 29, 2024 Meeting Minutes
Rob Gregor moved, Toni Vernier seconded to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2024, Joint Superintendents'/Operations Council Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

3.3 Approval of February 26, 2024 Meeting Minutes
Shevaun Mathews moved, Toni Vernier seconded to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2024, Operations Council Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

4.0 Public Comment
There were no public comments.

5.0 SELPA Finance - Revenue

5.1 February 29, 2024 SELPA Notification Email regarding P-1 Funding Exhibits
On February 29, 2024, Aaron Thornsberry sent an email to district CBOs and Superintendents regarding information on P-1 and prior year adjustments. The email and all P-1 funding exhibits were attached to the agenda.

5.2 P-1 Projected Revenue
2023-2024 Special Education Revenue Projection was attached to the agenda. Aaron described 2023-24 Special Education revenue in detail.

5.3 Out of Home Care Revenue
Out of Home Care funds have been allocated to districts. Funds were allocated based on Fall 1/Census Day Foster Youth count (CALPADS 5.7 report). The Out of Home Care funding payment schedule was attached to the agenda.

5.4 PY Corrections 2023 P-1 and Annual Recertification P-1
CDE Adjustments and Prior Year Recomputations were attached to the agenda and shared by Aaron.

Craig Guensler asked how owed property tax dollars would be returned to districts. Aaron explained that the property tax will be adjusted on the final billback as a credit.

5.5 Revenue Payment Schedule
The updated 2023-24 AB602 Special Education P-1 Payment Schedule was attached to the agenda. This document will be readjusted again on P-2.

6.0 SELPA Finance - Excess Costs

6.1 2023-24 Projected Excess Costs

The updated 2023-24 excess cost calculation was attached to the agenda. Aaron explained costs that go into the billback. Estimated excess costs total $13,161,926. Costs include speech services, VI program, special day classes, contracted services, and central office administrative services. YCOE provides services to 217 Special Day Class students and 37 unduplicated Visually Impaired students.

6.2 Cost Change in Special Education

Aaron explained estimated cost changes in special education from 2022-23 to 2023-24. The largest increase in costs was $2,210,777 for contracted staff due to unfilled positions. Other increases include salary/benefit/step and column increases for YCOE employees and PERS costs increases. Decreases came from the transfer of the preschool program to MJUSD. The net increase is estimated at $1,131,751. Rob Gregor stated that he will address this issue further at his Superintendent's meeting that follows this meeting.

6.3 V.I. Excess Costs and Recommended Adjustment

The Vision Impaired Budget Change document was attached to the agenda and shared. There is an increase cost in VI services due to an increase in students, teacher salary/benefits, a filled classified position, and increased contract cost with Butte County for Orientation and Mobility services. Superintendents questioned paying a 20% administrative salary.

The current Low Incidence funding is allocated to VI staff costs (85%) and equipment costs for LI eligible students (15%). At the February 26, 2024, Operations Council Meeting, representatives recommended that LI funding be adjusted to 80% VI staffing and 20% student equipment due to equipment funds being spent early in the school year leaving districts responsible for equipment costs. Superintendents chose to table the decision to adjust the LI allocation.

Jeff Roberts questioned the reason behind the 25% increase in the Butte County contract for Orientation and Mobility services. Aaron explained that students requiring O&M services rose from 8 to 11 in 2023-24, and increased contract costs which includes mileage resulted in the increase. The cost of services for each O&M eligible student is $6,500.

6.4 Low Incidence Budget

The Low Incidence Budget was attached to the agenda. The budget has a balance of $13,542.37 which includes newly increased revenue of $13,573.11 from the state.

7.0 Regional Program Transfers

7.1 MJUSD Facilities Update

Shevaun Mathews stated that MJUSD has the facilities to house the 6th grade through age 22 students affected by the program transfer that begins next school year. MJUSD is working on an MOU with Yuba College for classrooms. MJUSD representatives have met with YCOE/MHS and YCOE/Yuba College staff. MJUSD is working with WUHSD on appropriate courses to complete the Alternative Pathway to a Diploma.

7.2 YCOE Written Intent for Special Education Program Transfer

The YCOE Written Intent for Special Education Program Transfer was attached to the agenda. The program transfer will return kindergarten - 5th grade SDC students not attending Virginia School back to their district of residence, MJUSD. The transfer will take place in the 2025-26 school year.

8.0 SELPA Regional Program Staffing and Class Projections Updates

8.1 Marysville Joint Unified School District

MJUSD currently has ED classrooms at Cedar Lane, McKenney and Lindhurst High School. They also have five preschool classrooms which are located at Kynoch, Linda, Ella and Olivehurst elementary campuses. MJUSD is also receiving late infant to preschool referrals from Alta.

8.2 Plumas Lake Elementary School District

Toni Vernier stated that PLESD SDC preschool classrooms will be starting with 7-8 students each in the fall. PLESD is looking at settings for new kindergarteners not quite ready for general education kindergarten.

8.3 Wheatland School District

Craig Guensler reported that WSD has 31 SDC students (19 WSD and 12 PLESD) and 14 staff special education staff. WSD may add another classroom to split up the 5th - 8th graders.

8.4 Wheatland Union High School District

Lauren Link shared that WUHSD currently has three special education classrooms but may start the 2024-25 school year with two.

8.5 Yuba County Office of Education

Kristen Nottle-Powell distributed 2023-24 Class Loading by DOR and 2024-25 Class Loading Projections and 2024-25 Class Loading Proposed documents. Due to the high number of students anticipated to start in 2024-25, Kristen would like to open three new classrooms: one elementary class at YCOE/Olivehurst Elementary, one elementary class at YCOE/McKenney and move a group of Lifeskills students from Virginia School to Spring Valley School. Approval of the new classrooms will be taken to the next Superintendents' Council Meeting for approval.

9.0 SELPA Meeting Calendar

9.1 2023-2024 SELPA Revised Meeting Calendar

Per request from district superintendents, the SELPA Joint Superintendents'/Operations Council Meeting have been adjusted to align with Rob Gregor's Superintendents' Meetings.

Craig Guensler moved, Nicole Newman seconded to approve the Revised 2023-24 SELPA Meeting Calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

9.2 2024-2025 SELPA Meeting Calendar Discussion

The SELPA Joint Superintendents'/Operations Council Meeting will be adjusted to align with Rob Gregor's Superintendents' Meetings for the 2024-25 school year.

10.0 2024-25 SELPA Local Plan Development/Review Update

Lora Gonzalez shared that the Local Plan updates will be completed for the final read in April. The timeline has shifted and the Public Hearing and approval of the Local Plan will take place on May 22, 2024.

11.0 CDE Monitoring Update

11.1 Targeted Monitoring Cohorts 2022 and 2023 - Slides and April Policy/Procedures Review

The CDE Compliance and Improvement Monitoring for LEAs in Cohorts training presentation was linked to the agenda.

11.2 Targeted Monitoring for Newly Identified LEAs - Slides
The CDE Compliance and Improvement Monitoring for newly identified LEAs in Targeted Monitoring training presentation was attached to the agenda.

11.3 Small LEA Monitoring - Look for August Notification
Identified small LEAs (100 or less IEPs) will receive notification in August to participate in monitoring activities.

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

Below is a list of noteworthy upcoming professional development opportunities:

12.1 Universal Screening for Reading Difficulties and Dyslexia - April 15, 2024

12.2 Legal Trends for 2024 - April 16, 2024

12.3 CalECSE: Early Childhood Autism Assessments - April 18, 2024

12.4 CalECSE: Interagency Agreements - April 29, 2024

12.5 The Data Advantage - April 20, 2024

13.0 SELPA Legislative Sharing Day - May 1, 2024
The SELPA Administrators of California Legislative Sharing Day will be held on May 1, 2024. Lora encouraged Superintendents to participate. The flyer for this event was linked to the agenda.

14.0 Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Operations Council
April 15, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. - Yuba County One Stop - Beckwourth Room

Joint Superintendents'/Operations Council Meeting
April 24, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. - Yuba County One Stop - Beckwourth Room

Respectfully submitted,
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