COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WENTWORTH EDUCATION CENTER | GREENWOOD 3
2707 TRANSWORLD DRIVE, STOCKTON, CA 95206
October 14, 2026 | 10:00 A.M.
MINUTES

PRESENT: Marty Remmers, Rowena Fairbanks, Travis Manley, Jason Davis, Bridget Deneau, NelLaine Kilgore, Jody Burriss, Robert Bornmann, Rusty Clark, Rachel Knoepfle

OTHERS PRESENT: Lexi Chalender (note taker), Eric Peters, Zachary Franceschetti, Gary Philips, Deanie Coleman, Staci Johnson, Wendy Frink, Austin Nogueira

ABSENT: Jamie Hughes, Thomas Crocker, Danyelle Gonzalez

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Marty Remmers called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. **COMMENTS:**

   Public Comments: There were no comments from the audience.

3. **ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:**

   3.1 State SELPA Update- Marty Remmers

   Marty presented the School Services Round- Up beginning with an overview of the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in special education. He reviewed the suggested uses for AI in school districts, pointing out on how AI can be utilized to support the Individual Education Program (IEP) process and discussed the associated benefits and potential challenges. He noted that while districts should remain aware of potential risk with AI, its use does not need to be prohibited when implemented responsibly. Marty also provided updates on economic trends in California.

   Marty shared the California Department of Education (CDE) Classified Staffing Ratio Report and reviewed staffing ratios for each employee classification. He pointed out special education ratios & highlighted several newly established class categories included in the report.

   Marty presented a legislative update highlighting several bills affecting special education. He reviewed five bills supported by State Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA), noting that four were signed into law and one was vetoed. AB2526 was vetoed, while AB 2241, AB 2490, AB 2468, and SB 685 were signed. Additional bills that passed were also reviewed. Marty concluded the update by sharing information about Legislative Day and noted each SELPA may send up to five participants.

Marty provided the finance report and reminded Directors that end-of-year forms need to be turned in. He shares the Resource Tab with directors, which includes several “How-To” guides. Marty also provided a brief economic update, and highlighted additional resources available to Directors.

He shared an overview of the Statewide System of Support and encouraged Directors to review material later. He highlighted updates from the Resource Leads, introduced new IEP forms & templates, and shared information about the Special Education Leadership Academy, including a flyer and additional supporting resources.

Marty reviewed the OSERS Corrective Action and Updated Data Submission Requirements presentation. He highlighted OSEP compliance concerns and explained CDE will provide guidance on Child Find, proportionate share, meaningful consultation and stat complaint procedures. He also reviewed the action timeline and data submission requirements for parentally placed private school students. Marty presented the Pathways to Partnership presentation and highlighted several resources for Directors to review.

3.2 San Joaquin County SELPA Update - Marty Remmers

Marty shared Information regarding a new Independent Educational Evaluator (IEE) provider, including the provider’s rate sheet and available services. He also presented the State of the Art College Fair flyer and encouraged Directors to share. Marty reminded Directors of the upcoming Class Size and Ratio meeting, requesting Directors to complete the linked data spreadsheet. He also reported that he will still be continuing to schedule walk-throughs with districts and meeting with district superintendents, noting he has met with six superintendents thus far. Marty shared that the Governing Council agreed to not holding a Finance Committee meeting and instead inviting Chief Business Officers (CBO) to attend both February Council of Directors meetings.

Eric Peters provided an update on Low Incident (LI) Policy, explaining that projected changes will be fewer due to the failure of the related bill to pass. He noted that policy updates will be made and presented to Directors later.

Marty shared the Public Policy Institute of California Fact Sheet, highlighting data charts available on the website and additional resources for Directors to review later. He also shared information regarding Assembly Bill 560 surveys, including a link, and reviewed the four survey categories for surveys.

3.3 Independent Educational Evaluators (IEE) Policy- Marty Remmers

Marty shared all revised edits to the IEE Policy. The Directors discussed the revised sections and any possible changes.

3.4 Program Transfer Policy- Marty Remmers

Marty presented the Program Transfer Policy and reviewed previous questions and discussion about policy existing in ED Code. The Director’s discuss if the Policy is needed due to the already existing ED Code and requested more time to review the policy.

3.5 Licensed Children's Institution (LCI) Policy - Marty Remmers

Marty presented the Licensed Children's Institution (LCI) Policy. He highlighted all verbiage changes from the previously presented policy.

3.6 CALPADS/SEIS/CIM - Staci Johnson & Susan Scott

Marty shared the new IEP forms, including links, a Padlet, and a presentation from High Quality IEP. Staci provided an overview of the new forms, highlighting some of the changes and emphasizing the ongoing support and training currently available through High Quality IEP. Staci shared the training series dates and noted that SELPA will be attending and receiving training on the new forms to support districts through local training opportunities.

Staci provided a SEIS update regarding a new AI generated goals feature. She also shared a link to a presentation done by Codestack on the new update for Director's to review. She provided screenshots on how to access and use the AI tools within SEIS. Staci shared district and age specific searches on SEIS for students with extensive support needs (ESN), along with example graphs of searches.

3.7 Level of Support on SEIS- Robert Bormann

The agenda item was not presented as the Director was no longer present.

3.8 Escalon Extensive Support Needs Classroom- Robert Bornmann

In the Director's absence, the update was provided by Marty Remmers. He shared that Escalon Unified School District will be opening three to four Extensive Support Needs (ESN) classrooms next year

3.9 Office of Administrative Hearing (OAH) Cases - Susan Scott

In Susan Scott's absence, the update was provided by Zachary Franceschetti. He shared that there were seven unique cases with no seen trends. He noted that none of the cases presented were in the San Joaquin County SELPA.

3.10 Workability Update - Zachary Franceschetti

Marty on behalf of Zachary shared a Workability update, announcing the upcoming Work Expo. He reported that approximately 350 students are currently registered to attend. He also shared several flyers promoting several Special Olympics through the County and a Homecoming event at West High School.

3.11 Business Update - Austin Nogueira

Austin presented a chart illustrating districts usage of County Programs. He reviewed the data, explaining how the chart relates to the districts and noting that the figures are projected to be updated by the end of the week, which is expected to change overall totals. He noted that changes to the data will be presented at the Finance Advisory Meeting to the CBOS.

3.12 County Programs Update- Rowena Fairbanks

Rowena distributed reports identifying district students currently enrolled in County Programs, along with copies of the SJCOE class size tracking sheet. She discussed ongoing staffing shortages, specifically for Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH), and reviewed potential strategies to better support areas experiencing the shortages. She also reviewed current vacant positions.

Rowena and Directors discussed medication administration procedures across the county. Several Directors noted that they have students take medication up in the office.

She concluded by reviewing the class size tracking data for County Programs and noted that ESN Highschool and young adult programs will be being monitored.

4. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

4.1 Minutes: The Council of Directors is requested to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2026, meeting as presented.

Robert Bornmann left at 12:02 p.m.

Bridget Deneau left 12:26 p.m.

Rachel Knoepfle left at 12:26 p.m.

Motion by Travis and seconded by Jason to approve the Minutes as presented.

Yes: All
No: None
Abstain: None

4.2 The Council of Directors is requested to consider adoption of the San Joaquin County SELPA Policy for Independent Educational Evaluators as presented.

Motion by Jason and seconded by Travis to approve the San Joaquin County SELPA Policy for Independent Educational Evaluators as presented.

Yes: five
No: zero
Abstain: one

4.3 The Council of Directors is requested to consider adoption of the San Joaquin County SELPA Policy for Program Transfers as presented.

No motion was made to approve the San Joaquin County SELPA Policy for Program Transfers as presented.

4.4 The Council of Directors is requested to consider adoption of the San Joaquin County SELPA Policy for Licensed Children's Institution as presented.

Motion by Travis and seconded by Jason to approve the San Joaquin County SELPA Policy for Licensed Children's Institution as presented.

Yes: all
No: None
Abstain: None

5. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS:

5.1 The Council of Directors may address relevant issues and concerns. Comments will be noted.

There were no comments made to be noted.

6. DATES:

6.1 Next regular Council of Directors meeting, November 18, 2026, 10:00 a.m., Wentworth Education Center, Greenwood 3. 2707 Transworld Dr., Stockton, CA 95206.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

7.1 Marty Remmers adjourned the meeting at 12:33 p.m.

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