



WEST SONOMA COUNTY
SPECIAL EDUCATION AND STUDENT SERVICES

Office: 6950 Analy Ave.
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Meeting Location: 7611 Huntley Avenue Sebastopol, CA 95472

As authorized by the Governor’s Emergency Executive Order issued on March 12, 2020, the West Sonoma County Special Education Consortium will conduct Board of Education meetings by video conference until further notice.

MEETING VIA ZOOM PLATFORM

Minutes

November 4, 2020
8:32-9:06 AM

I. **CALL TO ORDER** @8:32 by Ms Bickford

II. **ROLL CALL**

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| Barbara Bickford , Twin Hills Union SD (Chair) | Toni Beal , WSCUHSD |
| Renee Semik , Forestville Union SD | Laurie Mason , Montgomery SD |
| Dana Pedersen , Guerneville SD | Linda Irving , Sebastopol Union SD (Vice-Chair) |
| Amber Stringfellow , Oak Grove Union SD- <i>Absent</i> | Nate Myers , Monte Rio Union SD |
| Jennifer Dudley , Fort Ross SD | Matthew Morgan , Harmony Union SD |

III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Approval of Agenda for November 4, 2020 *Attachment*
Board Motion: Motion: Renee Semik Second: Nate Myers
Action: All Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0

IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No Public Comments

V. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of Minutes for October 14, 2020 **ACTION ITEM**
Attachment
Board Motion: Motion: Nate Myers Second: Laurie Mason
Action: All Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0

VI. **DISCUSSION/PRESENTATIONS AND ACTION ITEMS:**

A. **BUDGET**

ACTION

MOU amendment to Finances 5 c iii to reflect where the 3% reserve is carried
Group discussed contract language regarding the MOU. No action taken, work to continue to discuss several more points. Subcommittee did not meet however Anne Barron gave language for the MOU to hold in reserve within the Consortium budget under the LEA by adding 1% yearly. A question posed was if a District decides to leave the Consortium what happens to the funds? Superintendent

Irving suggested that the funds the Districts puts in they can take out. Superintendent Pedersen would like a timeline. Does the district retrieve this money immediately or is there a delay to support the remaining districts making up that 3%. Superintendent Bickford will go back to Anne Barron and Jeff Ogston for verbiage regarding these scenarios.

B. SMALL STABLE COHORTS

DISCUSSION

_____ Progress on the Small Stable Cohorts Plan

Consortium directors shared the progress made by the planning team. She asked for feedback. Superintendent Bickford feels comfortable opening a small perhaps a K-2. Superintendent Myers feels comfortable with small and indicated that Boys & Girls is doing a great job but wants to make sure all protocols are in place and employees are comfortable and feel safe.. Superintendent Morgan indicated that there are some areas that are difficult to create protocols for such as toileting. He sees PPE and training being very important and is concerned with the higher risk some students pose. Wants to make sure that custodial services are strong and staff's health is not compromised. Superintendent Semik indicated that using the SELPA rubric would be helpful to weigh the risks on an individual basis. Superintendent Irving reiterated that the groups should be very small, perhaps only part of the day and perhaps not during lunch hour. She indicated that Castle and Art Center are offering programs for families that are being partially supported with COVID funds from their district. Superintendent Morgan would like to discern in student choice being high benefit but lower risk. He was concerned that this would pose serious concern for parents if all students were not invited back. Superintendent Bickford added that students who pose a higher risk to health safety protocol would not be good candidates. She indicated that if there should be a lawsuit the district is responsible for paying and not the Consortium.

VII. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Consortium Director Report: Rose Velasquez will update the Council on items of interest from the Consortium Programs and the SELPA Steering Committee:
 1. New West Sonoma County Consortium Website
 2. Parent Annual Notice
 3. SELPA News: ADR Grant, CDE letters of 20% reduction of overdue assessments, clarification with NPS sites on Distance Learning
 4. Assessments- psychologists and nurses doing in person assessments
 5. Distance Learning and the green screens
- LEA/SELPA Superintendent Council Report: Toni Beal and Nate Myers will update the Council on items of interest from the high school district and the SELPA Superintendent's committee.

Superintendent Myers reported that some districts were pulling back students from SCOE classes to serve in their districts. This was discussed as it could impact the remaining districts who are using SCOE classrooms.

- Consortium Director General Announcements and Updates
- Announcements: Consortium Council Members

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Next meeting: December 9, 2020

IX. ADJOURNMENT AT 9:06

Date Posted: Thursday, October 29, 2020

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