

**WEST SONOMA COUNTY  
SPECIAL EDUCATION AND STUDENT SERVICES CONSORTIUM**

Office: 6950 Analy Ave.  
Sebastopol, CA 95472

**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**

February 10, 2021

**I. CALL TO ORDER** at 8:35am by Superintendent Bickford

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Barbara Bickford**, Twin Hills Union SD (Chair)

**Renee Semik**, Forestville Union SD

**Dana Pedersen**, Guerneville SD

**Amber Stringfellow**, Oak Grove Union SD

**Jennifer Dudley**, Fort Ross SD

**Toni Beal**, WSCUHSD

**Laurie Mason**, Montgomery SD-*absent*

**Linda Irving**, Sebastopol Union SD (Vice-Chair)

**Nate Myers**, Monte Rio Union SD

**Matthew Morgan**, Harmony Union SD

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Approval of Agenda for February 10, 2021

**ACTION ITEM**

*Approved*

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of [Minutes for January 14, 2021](#)

**ACTION ITEM**

*Approved*

**Board Motion: Motion: Amber Stringfellow Second: Nate Myers  
Action: All Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0**

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD RE CLOSED SESSION ITEMS** - *No public comment*

**VI. CLOSED SESSION**

With respect to the below item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957.6, the Council adjourned to closed session to consider or take action on the following item:

1. **Personnel**

**VII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION** - *No action taken*

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS** - *No public comment*

**IX. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:**

**A. TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL**

Guest: Laura Schmitt, WSCUHSD Special Education Director

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

*The high school has shifted their focus to General Education and Inclusion. Laura spoke about the current program at the high school district including academic support class for all students, and MTSS programs. The high school does have an ED program at Analy staffed by one teacher, 2 behavioral aides and ½ MFT. She also made a plea to continue the completion of the Beizy survey to support those 8th graders coming in as 9th graders with general education supports like academic support and counseling. She would like to be invited to 8th grade and 7th grade IEP meetings to discuss transition, programs and behavioral aides. Laura has also asked that to get information regarding NPS placed students in anticipation of the transition to high school.*

## **B. UPDATE ON SMALL COHORTS**

## **DISCUSSION ITEM**

*Director Rose Velasquez reported Analy SDC will open a small group cohort on February 22, 2021. Two Parent Education times will be offered to families to educate them on protocols for opening. There are discussions with the WSCUHSD Superintendent and CTA on the status of opening other SDC small group cohorts.*

## **X. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Consortium Director Report: updated the Council on items of interest from the Consortium Programs and the SELPA Steering Committee:
  1. 21-22 State Budget- To include new dollars for early childhood special education going directly to LEA based on pupil count. The bill requires LEAs to provide services and supports in inclusive settings. [Omnibus Trailer Bill Language Document](#) - *These funds are allocated to support early interventions and staffing support. More to come on this state budget change.*
  2. Staffing update- *Flying a SLP position as this time and will anticipate looking for a part time nurse due to a couple of retirements. There was no request for changes to services to districts over SLPs, Nursing, or psych time.*
  3. California Alternative Assessment - *The CAA will be administered in the Analy SDC class. Testing is done in person only and cannot be administered to other grade levels at this time due to school closures. More information will be needed on the testing protocol during school closures.*
- 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.
- Consortium Director General Announcements and Updates *Get your vaccine.*
- Announcements: Consortium Council Members - *Superintendent Pedersen reported on vaccine efforts for Tier 1 educators.*

## **XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Next meeting: Wednesday, March 10, 2021**

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT at 9:43am by Superintendent Bickford**

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