

fresno county superintendent of schools

Special Education Local Plan Area

Trina Frazier, Chief Student Services Officer

Executive Committee Meeting September 8, 2020 2:00 p.m. ~ 3:00 p.m. * via Zoom

Minutes

Members Present: Members Present: Region I: None. Region II: Wesley Sever, Tanya Fisher; Region III: Russell Freitas, Orin Hirschkorn; Region IV: Tangee Pinheiro Fresno County SELPA: Trina Frazier, Romy Chachere, Eddie Davidson, Leslie Cox, Laura Wascher

I. Call to Order

T. Frazier

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

II. Adoption of Agenda

R. Freitas / W. Sever MSC

T. Frazier

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III. *Approval of Minutes of April 13, 2020

R. Freitas / O. Hirschkorn MSC

IV. *Low Incidence Equipment Application Report

L. Cox

Leslie Cox, Principal, reviewed the Low Incidence Equipment Application Report for July and August 2020. Leslie explained the pool noodle purchase, explaining that these are being used to show students how far apart six feet is for current social distancing requirements. Equipment purchases have been difficult during this time. The Low Incidence programs have been working closely with families and their needs.

W. Sever / O. Hirschkorn MSC

V. *FCSS Operated Programs Class Size Capacity

T. Pinheiro

Tangee Pinheiro, Executive Director of Special Education, shared the handout titled "FCSS Operated Programs Class Size Capacity" as of September 4, 2020. There are currently 622 students enrolled in county-operated programs The majority of the 622 are distance learning. Some students are coming in for assessments if they are due for them. There are a few that are coming in for limited instruction.

VI. *Percentage of Students Served

T. Pinheiro

Tangee shared the handout titled "Percentage of Students Served" as of September 4, 2020. Tangee explained that the Fresno USD fee for service line has been removed as we no longer have any Fresno USD students that we are serving.

VII. *Funding Allocation for 2019-20 Year End Final, and Funding Allocation Update for 2020-21 Estimate 2 E. Davidson

Eddie Davidson, Fiscal Student Services Director, shared the handout titled "Funding Allocation for 2019-20 Year End Final, and Funding Allocation Update for 2020-21 Estimate 2" which shows how the SELPA ended 2019-20 and how it estimates funding for 2020-21. Allocations in 2019-20 include NPS/NPA and Legal Cost claims, which have yet to be reviewed by the Executive Committee. Eddie recommends that districts close their books with these estimates.

VIII. Claims for 2019-20 E. Davidson

Eddie shared that the NPA/NPS and Legal Cost Claims, along with all back-up documentation, are being reviewed. Some districts had some missing items and have been contacted. Claims will be brought forth to this committee in October for review and then again in November for approval.

IX. *Transportation Billback Update for 2019-20 Year End

E. Davidson

Eddie shared the handout titled "Transportation Billback Update for 2019-20 Year End" which is the final update for 2019-20. The actual First Student costs were \$2.1 million dollars. During COVID-19 it dropped to \$360,000 dollars. Members were informed that we have still not settled with First Student. Back-up documentation to show the costs of \$360,000 has been requested as well as any documentation indicating that they received federal relief funds. It has yet to be decided if we will be going out to bid or if we will settle and request another five year contract under different terms. Even though this is still in discussion, Eddie said that, in order to close the books by the deadline, we are going forward with accruing this amount.

X. *SELPA 3-Year ADA History Report

E. Davidson

Eddie shared the handout titled "SELPA 3-Year ADA History Report". This has been parsed out to include charters. The fluctuation in ADA numbers is sometimes due to charters as they are fluid; they can open, close, and move to other SELPAs. This report also includes supporting documentation from CDE.

XI. *SELPA Weighted Votes for 2020-21

E. Davidson

Eddie shared the handout titled "SELPA Weighted Votes for 2020-21". The allocation for members is one vote per 100 ADA. The SELPA currently has 794 votes and 16 members present are needed to make a quorum.

XII. *SELPA Charter School Review

E. Davidson

Eddie reviewed the handout titled "SELPA Charter School Review" allowing members to see where their charters are located in regards to SELPAs. This report shows members their overall ADA including charters that are schools under the District Member, and if the charters are locally funded or direct funded. The report also shows other charters that are authorized by Member LEAs under the Fresno County SELPA, but that are their own Member LEAs under another SELPA. Some of those are with El Dorado Charter SELPA, and some are with the Fresno County Charter SELPA.

XIII. Federal IDEA Expenditure Report 4 for 2019-20, Due 10/15/20

E. Davidson

Eddie informed members that Report 4 for 2019-20 is due October 15, 2020. District fiscal departments were contacted.

XIV. *Federal IDEA Expenditure Report 6 Update for 2018-19

E. Davidson

Eddie shared the handout titled "Federal IDEA Expenditure Report 6 Update for 2018-19." This page shows the balance of some districts. The majority of balances are in 3310. Eddie is reaching out to these members with a balance to let them know they have only Report 7 left to claim balances. Any amount unclaimed after Report will be forfeited by the district.

XV. Excess Cost Calculation for 2019-20, Due 9/15/20

E. Davidson

Eddied informed members that we have sent this information out and asked CBOs to complete one box of the form. Also, CDE is demanding a wet signature on this document.

XVI. Maintenance-of-Effort SEMA for 2019-20 & SEMB for 2020-21, Due 9/15/20

E. Davidson

Eddie shared that the Maintenance-of-Effort (MOE) information for 2020-21 has been sent to district fiscal departments. Due to COVID-19, and the difference in expenditures it has caused, there is some concern of meeting MOE. Eddie will work closely with districts in these efforts.

XVII. *Proposed Changes to the Funding Allocation Plan

E. Davidson

Eddie shared the handout titled "Proposed Changes to the Funding Allocation Plan" which will go to the Superintendents' Governance Council (SGC) to vote on. These are the changes that were presented to this committee in 2019-20. The summary page shows what changes are being made and why.

XVIII. Administrative Updates

T. Frazier

A. Low Incidence Funds

T. Frazier/E. Davidson

Trina Frazier, SELPA Director, and Eddie Davidson explained to members that the SELPA will be receiving additional Low Incidence (LI) dollars. About \$1.1 million dollars, more will be allocated. This addition was in the governor's budget proposal. The SELPA would like to use these to offset our Low Incidence programs, which will provide our districts with more AB 602 dollars. Members expressed that they agreed with the proposed plan.

XIX. Future Agenda Items

T. Frazier

None.

XX. Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- A. Operations Committee Meeting: September 10, 2020, 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m., Zoom
- B. SGC Meeting: September 24, 2020, 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m., Zoom

XXI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.