

WEST ORANGE COUNTY CONSORTIUM FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

MINUTES OF THE WOCCSE SUPERINTENDENTS' COUNCIL

March 8, 2017

**COUNCIL MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Dr. Mark Johnson / FVSD
Gregg Haulk / HBC
Dr. Clint Harwick / HBUHSD
Dr. Carol Hansen/OVSD
Dr. Marian Phelps / WSD

**COUNCIL MEMBERS
ABSENT:**

None

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PERSONNEL ABSENT:**

None

**PLACE AND DATE OF
MEETING:**

Huntington Beach Union High School District
Board Room
March 8, 2017

CALL TO ORDER (I)

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Phelps 4:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE (II)

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Dr. Harwick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (III)

Motion: Dr. Hansen moved to approve the minutes from
September 21, 2016

Second: Mr. Haulk

Vote: 3 approved (Dr. Hansen, Dr. Phelps and Mr. Haulk)
2 abstained (Dr. Johnson and Dr. Harwick)

Motion: Dr. Hansen moved to approved the minutes from
December 14, 2016

Second: Dr. Johnson

Vote: 2 approved (Dr. Hansen and Dr. Johnson)
3 abstained (Dr. Phelps, Mr. Haulk and Dr. Harwick)

WOCCSE Recognition (V-A)

Anne Delfosse, WOCCSE Executive Director, welcomed Dr. Clint Harwick, Superintendent of the Huntington Beach High School District

to the Superintendent's Council and then extended thanks and congratulations to Dr. Phelps for her work and dedication to the

Council. She also congratulated Cathy Cornwall, Director of Student Services for Huntington Beach City School District on her retirement, and welcomed Ms. Stacy Wheat who has stepped into that role for the District. She also welcomed Heidi Goble as the new Executive Secretary for WOCCSE.

Ms. Delfosse went on to introduce Reagan Lopez, Executive Director of Student Services for the Westminster School District, as the honoree for the "Above and Beyond" recognition award from WOCCSE. Ms. Lopez was nominated by her leadership team.

Ms. Delfosse commended Ms. Lopez on her hard work, her collaborative spirit and her dedication to the students and parents she serves.

Dr. Phelps also spoke about Ms. Lopez praising her for her ability to work very well under a great deal of pressure. She stated that she was amazed at Ms. Lopez' collaborative style and said that she was very grateful to her for all of her hard work on behalf of students with disabilities. She closed by saying that working with Ms. Lopez has been an honor and a privilege.

PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS
Public Comments (V-B)

None

REPORTS
WOCCSE Budget (VI-A)

Rachel Rios, Fiscal Director for WOCCSE, presented on the Interim Budget. She began by going over the P1 2016/2017 Income Apportionments and then provided details regarding the P1 Apportionment for 2015/2016 Annual Certification and the 2014/2015 Annual R2 Recertification. She also discussed the Special Education AB602 Funding Summary Apportionment Comparison Analysis for the 2016/2017 fiscal year as well as for 2015/2016 and 2014/2015.

She stated that from the advance to the P1, there was a decrease in revenue of \$74,000. This was due to the base proration factor decreasing from the advance resulting in a decrease of approximately \$80,000 in State Aid. Ms. Rios stated that there was a slight increase in the ADA from 2015/2016 which resulted in an increase of about \$14,000 for declining ADA adjustment revenue. Further, the low incidence rate for P1 is at approximately \$430.79, however, the pupil count decreased by 20 from the advance. At the time of the advance, we were at 280 low incidence students and at the P1 we were down to 260 which resulted in a decreased funding of approximately \$8,400. The 2015/2016 Annual Certification result in an increase in revenue of \$331,000. This was due to the base proration factor increasing, resulting

in an increase of \$274,000 in prior year state aid. Additionally, Extraordinary Cost Pool claims of \$57,400 were received at a 45.3% deficit. Lastly, the 2014/2015 Annual R2 Recertification resulted in a small decrease in revenue of \$613 due to a slight decrease to the base proration factor.

She then went on to present the 2016/2017 Second Interim Report, noting that the percentage change in Excess Cost per UDC between the first interim report and the second was an increase of 1.9%. Excess cost increased by approximately \$17,900 to offset against increased personnel costs of \$29,800 from step/column adjustments, H&W rate adjustments and PY retro payments and additional net State Aid received of \$11,900.00.

Ms. Rios presented summaries of NPS/NPA contract costs for each district that were submitted for approval through March Board meetings, that were incorporated into the second interim budget. In total, there were approximately \$3.8 million in contract costs with \$1.8 million in Mental Health funding.

Looking forward, Ms. Rios stated that she will present the 2017/2018 proposed budget at the May Superintendents' Council meeting. This report will include 2016/2017 actuals.

Lastly, Ms. Rios announced that WOCCSE was starting to receive Award notifications for 2016/2017 IDEA grants. The grant awards and district allocations will also be provided at the May meeting.

WOCCSE Legislative Update (VI-B)

Ms. Delfosse presented the Council with a Legislative Update. She began by mentioning several bills that the Coalition and State SELPA will be tracking. Those bills are AB 312, AB 340, AB 1449, SB 191 and SB 304.

She went on to summarize the special education portion of the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) report that was released to the Legislature in February, stating that it takes into account the Special Education Task Force report and the PPIC report.

She highlighted several key considerations within the report, such as the benefits which collaborative SELPAs provide to LEAs - including:

- Economies of Scale
- Redirecting funds due to the year to year fluctuations in special education costs
- Reduction in administrative costs by providing centralized data management and legal/compliance services to member districts

She noted that, because any Special Education Restructuring in California is likely to involve several complex components, the LAO is suggesting that the Legislature take time to consider all options and examine potential consequences before taking any action.

Ms. Delfosse also shared an SCC recap of the State Advisory Council on Special Education (ACSE) discussion. The Commission, after listening to input; is recommending that special education funding not be rolled into the LCFF, noting as well that the SELPA structure should remain, and additional measures should be discussed to increase accountability.

She closed her discussion with a summation from the Department of Finance Input Session. This input echoed the information from ACSE and LAO.

WOCCSE Strategic Plan (VI-C)

Lindy Leech-Painter presented an update regarding key aspects of the 2016-2017 Strategic Plan.

Ms. Leech-Painter discussed the various professional development opportunities that WOCCSE has provided the five member districts, highlighting the most recent offerings:

- Procedural Review Schedule
- Gail Nugent – for administrators – topic was How to Deal with Difficult People
- Two different workshops presented by The Diagnostic Center
- New Teacher Academy that takes place every month

She also discussed WOCCSE's program support, specifically in the area of the districts' autism programs. She commended Michelle Anderson, WOCCSE Autism Specialist, for her outstanding work with these programs.

She closed by discussing the redevelopment of the WOCCSE website which will ensure that we are ADA compliant. It will also match the look and feel of the HBUHSD website. Launch will take place before the end of the month.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION
(VII)**

None

ADJOURNMENT (VIII)

Dr. Phelps adjourned the public meeting at 4:40 p.m.