

**WEST ORANGE COUNTY CONSORTIUM FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION**  
**MINUTES OF THE WOCCSE SUPERINTENDENTS' COUNCIL**

**May 18, 2016**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS  
PRESENT**

Dr. Carol Hansen/OVSD  
Dr. Mark Johnson/FVSD  
Gregg Haulk/HBC  
Dr. Greg Plutko

**COUNCIL MEMBERS  
ABSENT**

Dr. Marian Phelps/WSD

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
PERSONNEL ABSENT**

None

**PLACE AND DATE OF  
MEETING**

Huntington Beach Union High School District  
Board Room  
May 18, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER  
(I)**

The meeting was called to order by Gregg Haulk at 4:00 p.m.

**FLAG SALUTE  
(II)**

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Gregg Haulk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
(III)**

It was moved by Dr. Hansen, seconded by Dr. Johnson, that the minutes of the WOCCSE Superintendents' Council meeting on March 16, 2016 be approved as presented.

Motion unanimously carried.

**PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS –  
Oral Communication  
(IV-A)**

None

**WOCCSE Recognition  
(IV-B)**

Anne Delfosse, WOCCSE Executive Director, introduced two honorees for the "Above and Beyond" recognition award.

Anne shared the following on each honoree:

First, **Linda Stame** from the Huntington Beach City School District.

Linda serves as the Student Services Office Secretary. Linda's staff describes her as having a "heart of gold" with "compassion that has no limits."

She is an integral part of the team that serves our students, and takes it upon herself to learn about law, systems, and programs in order to go above and beyond to support staff and families.

**WOCCSE Recognition –**

Linda is often referred to as the "Queen of SEIS" (Special

**continued**

Education Information System), and has assisted other member district staff in learning to move testing accommodations from SEIS to the TOMS system.

She has taken an instrumental role in the planning and preparation of the Extended Year Program in HBC.

She serves as the secretary during SARB proceedings, and goes out of her way to provide assistance to county and district staff concerning homeless and foster youth programs.

Recently, Linda became a voting member of the WOCCSE Community Advisory Council. This is not surprising, as Linda is often the first person to have contact with parents. She listens well, is attentive to their concerns, and appropriately directs them to others for assistance if needed.

Linda is always positive with staff, parents, students, and community members. She juggles more than her share of work in a timely and efficient way, and always with a smile.

Next, WOCCSE recognized **Brad Gulla**.

Brad is a bus driver for the Fountain Valley School District. He has held this position for 22 years, 20 of which have been spent transporting students with disabilities.

Brad is described by the staff at William T. Newland Elementary School as....

B - is for Being the Best Bus Driver Ever,

R - is for the Respect he shows to students, their families, and our staff

A - is for the Admirable care he takes to build trusting connections

D - is for being Dependable in all ways, but particularly in regards to safety of our students.

The staff in the Fountain Valley School District feels privileged to work with Brad. He is a conscientious, caring service provider and member of the IEP team. He respects students' differences and their uniqueness. He takes extra time with students and families to be sure that they feel comfortable and secure. He works to build consistency for the students so that they start and end the day positively. This makes a positive difference for their students in the classroom and at home.

**WOCCSE Recognition –  
continued**

On behalf of the Superintendents' Council and WOCCSE, Linda and Brad were presented the "Above and Beyond"

recognition award.

**Items of Interest  
(IV-C)**

Mrs. Delfosse shared the following items of interest:

WOCCSE has hired a new Fiscal Manager, Rachel Rios, who comes to WOCCSE from the Huntington Beach Union High School District. She is currently providing assistance to WOCCSE, and will be officially joining the WOCCSE team full time on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

OVSD has hired a new Executive Director of Special Education, Melissa Hurd. Melissa comes to Ocean View from the Newport Mesa Unified School District. Melissa will be starting with Ocean View on June 1<sup>st</sup>. WOCCSE looks forward to having her join the Directors' Council.

Anne acknowledged a long time employee of WOCCSE, Nancy Lough, on the eve of her retirement, June 30th. Nancy has been a Program Specialist for WOCCSE, serving member districts, primarily in the area of transition from middle school to high school, since 2005. She will be greatly missed.

Anne congratulated Dr. Plutko on his new position as the Superintendent in Placentia-Yorba Linda School District.

**WOCCSE Superintendents'  
Council Annual Organizational  
Segment (2016-2017 School Year)  
(V-A, B, C)**

(A) The motion was made by Dr. Carol Hansen, seconded by Dr. Mark Johnson, that Dr. Marian Phelps be the WOCCSE Superintendents' Council Chairperson for the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion unanimously carried.

(B) The motion was made by Dr. Carol Hansen, seconded by Dr. Greg Plutko, that Dr. Mark Johnson be the Vice Chairperson for the WOCCSE Superintendents' Council for the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion unanimously carried.

(C) The motion was made by Dr. Greg Plutko, seconded by Dr. Mark Johnson, that the dates/times for the WOCCSE Superintendents' Council meetings for the 2016-2017 school year be approved as follows:

September 21, 2016

December 14, 2016

March 8, 2017

May 17, 2017

Motion unanimously carried.

**REPORTS  
Legislation/Advocacy  
VI (A)**

Anne presented a summary of the State SELPA Association Legislative Priorities – following are several bills that have been introduced that support some of these priorities:

1. California Teacher Shortage (there are a number of bills to address the recruiting, training, and retention of special education teachers)
2. Reforming Education to Serve all Students
3. Alternative Assessment
4. Expanded Funding for Mental Health
5. Alternative Dispute Resolution as a means to prevent conflict and preserve parent/school relationships
6. People first Language...Assembly Concurrent Rule (ACR) 60 (a resolution to affirm that CA use people first language in state policies and procedures whenever possible) was chaptered by the Secretary of state last July

Anne stated that relative to the priority of educational reform and service to all students, one of the bills for which the Coalition has been strongly advocating is **Senate Bill 1071**, which is a bill to ensure the availability and funding of high quality preschool programs for students with disabilities.

Anne included a copy of a letter submitted to Senator Liu, on behalf of our SELPA member districts in support of SB 1071.

Through tenacious advocacy and great coordination by the Coalition for Adequate Funding for Special Education, the Senate Education Committee unanimously passed the bill on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 by a vote of 9-0.

SB 1071 has served as a vehicle to educate members of the legislature and others about the lack of preschool funding for children with disabilities. SB 1071 has caught Governor Jerry Brown's attention, and he commissioned the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC), an established and respected nonprofit, nonpartisan think tank to review special education finance.

The Coalition does not expect Governor Brown to sign the bill until the study is completed in the fall of 2016, therefore, there will be no other hearings held on the bill.

Members of the Coalition have met with the PPIC to discuss the scope of the State SELPA finance committee to delve deeper into the Task Force recommendations regarding special education financing.

**REPORTS**  
**WOCCE Strategic Planning**  
**Update**  
**(VI-B)**

Mrs. Delfosse stated that it is the time of year when we look back to plan forward.

Anne shared some of the activities that are in process as

WOCCSE begins to build on the strategic plan for 2016-2017.

- Reviewing the 15-16 strategic plan with internal groups in order to evaluate progress and identify areas for continued focus/goals.
- Working with District Directors on gathering data on programmatic placement, CDE performance indicators, and OAH Compliance Reports in order to analyze procedural and programmatic needs.
- Developing a survey to be disseminated to WOCCSE and district staff regarding needs in the areas of professional development, program support, conflict resolution support, and general operation support.
- Analyzing the needs of the districts relative to WOCCSE personnel in order to make decisions about staff assignments, vacancy replacements, and possible additions, or deletions of positions.
- Working with the CAC to gather input from parents relative to parent training needs and organizational support.
- Identifying procedures that need to be updated prior to the start of the next school year.

**GENERAL FUNCTIONS  
WOCCSE Executive Director's  
State SELPA and Coalition  
Participation  
(VII-A)**

Approval was requested for the budget for the Executive Director's participation in State SELPA meetings and the Coalition for Adequate Funding for the school year 2016-2017.

The motion was made by Dr. Greg Plutko and seconded by Dr. Carol Hansen that the WOCCSE Executive Director's State SELPA and Coalition meetings participation be approved as presented.

Motion unanimously carried.

**GENERAL FUNCTIONS  
Proposed WOCCSE Budget  
2016-2017  
(VII-B)**

The WOCCSE Proposed Budget for 2016-2017 was pulled from the agenda due to more time needed to go over the paperwork. Another meeting will be scheduled to approve the budget.

**NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION  
WOCCSE 2016/2017 Annual  
Service and Budget Plans  
(pursuant to Local Plan  
requirements)**

Mrs. Delfosse presented the Annual Service and Budget Plans for 2016-2017 and stated that as in all prior years, WOCCSE has adopted a full continuum of services.

It was moved by Dr. Carol Hansen and seconded by Dr. Greg

**(VIII-A)**

Plutko, that the West Orange County Consortium for Special Education 2016-2017 Annual Service and Budget Plans be approved as presented.

Motion unanimously carried.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION  
(IX)**

None

**CLOSED SESSION  
(X)**

Gregg Haulk adjourned the WOCCSE Superintendents' Council meeting in order to move into closed session.

The Council adjourned into the Viking Room to discuss performance of the WOCCSE Executive Director.

No action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT  
(XI)**

Gregg Haulk adjourned the public meeting at 4:31 p.m.