

## **WEST ORANGE COUNTY CONSORTIUM FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION**

### **MINUTES OF THE WOCCE SUPERINTENDENTS' COUNCIL**

**May 17, 2017**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:**

Dr. Mark Johnson / FVSD  
Dr. Clint Harwick / HBUHSD  
Dr. Carol Hansen/OVSD  
Sheri Loewenstein, Interim Superintendent / WSD

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Gregg Haulk / HBC

**ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL  
ABSENT:**

None

**PLACE AND DATE OF MEETING:**

Huntington Beach Union High School District  
Board Room  
May 17, 2017

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Johnson 4:00 pm.

**II. FLAG SALUTE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Dr. Johnson.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** Dr. Harwick moved to approve the minutes from  
March 8, 2017

**Second:** Dr. Hansen

**Vote:** 3 approved (Dr. Hansen, Dr. Phelps and Mr. Haulk)  
1 abstained (Dr. Loewenstein)  
1 absent (Mr. Haulk)

**IV. ITEMS OF INTEREST**

Ms. Delfosse introduced Sheri Loewenstein, Interim Superintendent  
of WSD and Stacy Wheat, Director, Student Services at HBC.

**V-A. PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS  
Public Comments**

None

**V-B. PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS  
WOCCE Recognition**

Ms. Delfosse recognized Lisa Durie from Sowers Middle School as  
the recipient of the WOCCE Above and Beyond Award. She  
commended Ms. Durie for her great work with the students. Ms.  
Wheat also commended Ms. Durie for her excellent work on behalf  
of kids.

**VI-A, B, & C.  
WOCCE SUPERINTENDENTS'  
COUNCIL ANNUAL  
ORGANIZATIONAL SEGMENT  
(2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR)**

***Voted on them as one item***

A. Election of Chairperson

**Motion:** Dr. Harwick made a motion that Dr. Johnson be the Chairperson  
**Second:** Dr. Loewenstein  
**Vote:** 4-0  
1 absent (Mr. Haulk)

B. Election of Vice-Chairperson

**Motion:** Dr. Harwick made a motion that Dr. Hansen be the Vice-Chairperson  
**Second:** Dr. Loewenstein  
**Vote:** 4-0  
1 absent (Mr. Haulk)

A. Date, Time and location of 2017-18 Meeting

**Motion:** Dr. Harwick moved to approve the dates and times of the 2017-18 meetings  
**Second:** Dr. Loewenstein  
**Vote:** 4-0  
1 absent (Mr. Haulk)

**VII. A, B, & C  
REPORTS**

**A. Legislation Advocacy**

Ms. Delfosse presented on several bills:

AB312 (O'Donnell). This bill is aptly summarized (included in your packet) on pg. VII-A; 1-12; by Assembly Education Committee Staff Member, Tanya Lieberman.

In brief summary, this bill proposes 2 things: equalize the state funding per ADA allocation to the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile (after the LCFF funding targets have been met); and provide a per ADA funded allocation for preschool.

The bill passed in the Assembly Education Committee on April 26<sup>th</sup> on a bipartisan vote of 7-0. It then moved to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

She sent a letter of support, on WOCCE's behalf to the Appropriations Committee members. A copy of this letter is on pg. VII-A 16-17.

She stated that, in light of the position of the Governor's office and the likelihood that the bill would die in the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file, the author will keep the bill from

being heard in Appropriations at this time, which will allow the bill to be heard in 2018 and give stakeholders time to work with the Governor's office this fall.

She reminded the group that the governor's position in the May revision, stated "given the scope of the feedback and the complexity of this (special education) program area, the administration will spend additional time in the coming months examining these issues to chart a path forward that will maximize resources to serve students with increasing transparency and accountability."

Finally, and involving this issue, on pg. VII-A (13) she provided a copy of a letter that was sent on behalf of several Superintendents in Orange County, including WOCCE, that addressed the issue of special education funding as it related to the report from the Public Policy Institute of California.

The letter summarized concerns relative to special education funding and the advantages of the SELPA structure. It also encouraged CDE to work within the current SELPA structure to develop a plan for increased transparency across all SELPAs, (that better explains SELPA governance, budgets, services and documentation of local decisions.)

## **B. Commission Teacher Credentialing Update**

Ms. Delfosse stated that she was appointed to a CTC work group early this year that targeted improvement of preparation of ed specialist candidates; as well as restructuring the credential model. She thanked the Council for their approval of that appointment.

The effort to revise the ed specialist credential came out of recommendations by the Special Education Task Force Report: ***One System for All***

Pointed out the following;

VII-B 1-20 – the latest recommendations from the workgroup that were provided to the Commission on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

VIIB 14-17- (Appendix B) - the recommended/revised **Program Standards** for the Ed Specialist Credential.

The workgroup incorporated parameters around the premise that

- Every training program would include field experience
- For **all** teachers, competencies would be assessed through the state *Teacher Performance Assessment*.

- Candidate competency relative to the Ed Specialist specifically would be assessed by the preparation program.
- VII-B 18-21, Appendix C - The recommended/draft **Teacher Performance Expectations** for the Ed Specialist Credential

The workgroup spent a lot of time identifying duplicate general education TPEs; and built on them to describe differentiated knowledge, skills, and abilities that an Ed Specialist Candidate would need. (such as case management, knowledge of special education law, working with paraprofessionals, developing an IEP....)

The **Draft Program Standards** and **Ed Specialist TPEs**, as presented to the commission, have gone out to the field for input via a survey that was released from the **CTC Professional Services Division eNews** on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Other recommendations of the workgroup included:

- Expanding the authorization of the ECSE Credential to be from birth to kindergarten
- Developing 3 specialty areas to include ECSE, DHH, and VI
- Reconvening the current Workgroup to come to consensus on a proposed credential structure to recommend as a model for California.

### **C. Community Advisory Committee Report**

Treva Gaffney, President of the CAC presented its annual report. She provided some highlights from the year including:

- The establishment of a system for planning and organizing their meetings
- They've combined their business meetings with their parent meetings which as increased their attendance
- Their marketing committee developed a logo that was incorporated into all of their correspondence
- Created a Facebook page
- Parent liaisons for every district were appointed to help facilitate communication with administration and PTA. She said that getting the word out to the parents continues to be their priority

They will have a new election in the fall and are hoping that they'll have new members to bring forward for approval to the December Superintendents' Council Meeting. She thanked the council for their continued support.

**VIII. A, B, & C  
GENERAL FUNCTIONS**

**VIII-A. WOCCESE Executive Directors' State SELPA and Coalition  
Participation**

Ms. Delfosse recommended the approval of the schedule and budget for participation in both Coalition and State SELPA Director meetings.

**Motion:** Dr. Hansen  
**Second:** Dr. Harwick  
**Vote:** 4-0  
1 absent (Mr. Haulk)

**VIII-B. Proposed WOCCESE Budget 2017-2018**

Ms. Rios presented the WOCCESE budget for approval

**Motion:** Dr. Harwick  
**Second:** Dr. Hansen  
**Vote:** 4-0  
1 absent (Mr. Haulk)

**VIII-C. WOCCESE 2017-2018 Annual Service and Budget Plans  
(pursuant to Local Plan requirements)**

Ms. Delfosse recommended that the Council approve the WOCCESE Annual Budget and Service Plan for 2017-18.

**Motion:** Dr. Hansen  
**Second:** Dr. Harwick  
**Vote:** 4-0  
1 absent (Mr. Haulk)

**IX. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

None

**X. CLOSED SESSION**

The Council went into Closed Session at 4:30 to discuss the evaluation of performance of an employee: WOCCESE Executive Director [Government Code Section 54957]

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Johnson adjourned the public meeting at 5:20 pm.