

# TRI-VALLEY SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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## January 23, 2017 Meeting Minutes

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Board Members Chuck Rogge (Livermore); Valerie Arkin (Pleasanton); Yvonne Cerrato, (ACOE); Marianne Griffith (Mt. House); Amy Miller (Dublin); Victoria Cloutier (Sunol)

Staff/CAC – Sara Woolverton (SELPA); Ed Thompson (SELPA); Sharon Kuhfal (SELPA); Maryann Frates (Livermore); Marla Silversmith (Pleasanton); Molleen Barnes (Sunol); Robert Stout (ACOE)

**GUESTS:** Odie Douglas, Assist. Supt. (Pleasanton); Lisa Gonzales, Assist. Supt. (Dublin)

**I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 6:00 pm**

Amy Miller called the meeting to order at 6:05pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Yvonne Cerrato and seconded by Valerie Arkin. Those present unanimously approved the motion. Introductions were made for Lisa Gonzales, a new Assistant Superintendent from Dublin.

**III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: October 31, 2016**

A motion to approve the minutes of the special board meeting on 10/31/16 was made by Valerie Arkin; Yvonne Cerrato seconded the motion. Amy Miller abstained from the vote since she was ill and unable to attend the meeting. The other trustees approved the motion.

**IV. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

No public requests were made.

**V. ITEMS FOR REPORT, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

Amy Miller asked Sara Woolverton to take over as temporary chair while they elect officers for 2017.

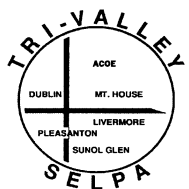
**A. Election of Officers (a)**

Yvonne Cerrato nominated Valerie Arkin as Chair. Valerie accepted. Amy Miller seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Chuck Rogge nominated Victoria Cloutier as Vice-Chair. Victoria accepted. Valerie Arkin seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

**B. SELPA AU Staffing Changes (a)**

Directors have been discussing ways of reducing the cost of running the SELPA in an effort to pass more money on to the districts. Previously, SELPA paid for 0.25 FTE Director, 1.0 FTE Executive Secretary, and 0.75 FTE Account Specialist. The proposal before you today is to pay 0.25 FTE of someone already sitting in the PUSD business office effective 7/1/17. Depending on seniority of 0.25 FTE staff the costs savings should be approximately \$42,635. Sara and the directors support this plan going forward. Sara will have to work with Pleasanton on how it will work for SELPA to 'buy' 0.25 FTE of a PUSD employee. Although it could be a challenge, PUSD does support the reduction. The logistics will be handled after the change is approved; if it is approved.

Chuck suggested that we table this discussion until the details are figured out (until the next meeting in March). Sara pointed out that she would prefer to give more time than less. Chuck agrees with this but would like it to be a tentative approval pending Pleasanton as AU will find someone to complete this work. Sara says the AU (PUSD) is required to provide these services, whether or not they accept payment for these services. The Fiscal team agreed to reduce the Account Specialist position from .75 to .25 FTE.



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Amy made the motion, "I move that we reduce the account specialist to .25 FTE and the AU will absorb that workload into their Business Services department." Yvonne seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### C. PPIC Report (i)

Sara presented the PPIC Report power point to the group. The board members were shocked. There was a robust discussion of the possible implications of dissolving the SELPA and sending all special ed funding to districts. Some members may want to participate in Legislation Day. The Community Advisory Committee will see this presentation at their upcoming meeting. Board members would like talking points and a resolution to oppose the PPIC recommendations. The Coalition for Adequate Funding of Special Education (CAFSE) is drafting some resolution language that will be available within the next few weeks. Sara can send it to districts and we can use it as a starting place. Trustees want districts and parents to be informed. The governor has asked for a task force to gather information and bring it to him in time for the May revise. We don't know yet who will be on the task force.

### D. Mid-Year Survey (i)

Sara will create a mid-year survey. She is asking for input from this group. She will send it out next week when she sends the Board Summary. Survey will go to board members, fiscal team, collaborative team, CAC members, SELPA staff.

## VI. STANDING REPORTS

### A. Tri-Valley Directors' Council

PUSD: Marla said PUSD Board approved an inclusive preschool program to begin on 2/27/17. They are planning for ten students this year and then a 50/50 split of students in General Ed and Special Ed beginning in the 2017/18 school year. PUSD adopted Wilson, an Orton Gillingham based curriculum. They are working on staffing for next year. ESY will be at Donlon for elementary and Foothill for middle and high school students. (This should be helpful as many of our special education students attend the Kaleidoscope regional program in Dublin, so Foothill is much closer than Amador.)

LVJUSD: MaryAnn said this is the busiest time of the year. They are working on projections for next year. For ESY they are trying to finalize sites. They are working on hiring administrators, then certificated staff, then classified staff for ESY. There is also tons of training this time of year. She is excited to learn more about the new PUSD Preschool program.

DUSD: Marla (for Blaine) reminded everyone that Special Olympics Basketball is coming up soon. It is wonderful to see the kids come together from general education and special education. Special Olympics Basketball is going to be at Granada High School in Livermore. 2/7/17 is for students from preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. 2/23/17 is for students in middle school, high school, and transition programs. Please come out; you will not regret it. Lisa shared that Read 180 Pilot is wrapping up in Dublin. They have a district wide staff development this Friday about social skills and safety. The theme is 'capturing kids hearts'.

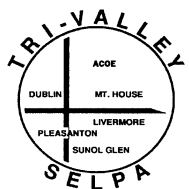
SGUSD: Molleen was really touched and grateful at how districts came together recently when a former student in Sunol and Pleasanton passed away. There was a dedication to celebrate his life in Sunol and four or five Pleasanton Unified employees attended. She feels this is what SELPA's are all about!

### B. Community Advisory Committee

Not present, so no report.

### C. Assistant Director for Clinical Services

This time of year is usually busy with referrals, which means more assessments. He has been using more than one existing staff member to keep up and work quickly. The elementary programs are pretty much full. The middle school



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and high school programs are not quite full, but with referrals may get there by the end of the year. For the outpatient program Ed works with the clinicians to monitor who might be ready to 'step down' and who may have increased needs. Ed works closely with Directors to make the best recommendation possible.

More students are self-identifying as trans-gender in our programs. Ed has reached out to an organization out of Berkeley on how to move forward in this area.

CBT training is coming up next week and we have about 40 people signed up so far. We are charging a fee to non-SELPA staff to help offset the cost of the training. There is also a Social Thinking training scheduled in March and we already have about 40 enrolled in this one too. He is also looking for training over the summer.

### **D. SELPA Senior Director**

Governor's Budget only reflects 1.48% COLA, with no other increases to special ed funds. It also includes a deferral of the 12<sup>th</sup> payment for 2016-17. This would obviously pose a significant cash flow problem for districts.

Federal Grant Letters are not out yet for 2016-17, which means the money will be even further delayed.

New SELPA website was put on hold while Toni was out. Sara is now working with PUSD HR to waive fingerprinting and TB test requirement for potential vendors. Complaints are being filed against districts for not being ADA compliant on their websites. One woman has filed over 600 complaints. Our new website will be ADA compliant.

Make a Difference is Wednesday, May 10, 2017 in Dublin. It will be discussed and planned Friday at Directors' Council and then at the next CAC meeting when it is scheduled.

## **VII. BOARD DISCUSSION / REQUESTS**

### **A. Board Discussion**

None

### **B. Possible future agenda items**

Update from Ad-Hoc Committee

Resolution

PPIC Follow-up

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.