



Monterey County Special Education Local Plan Area

Regional Collaboration for Student Success

SELPA Governance Council Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2020, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

MCOE Board Room

Members	Local Education Agency	Zone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Koenig (Interim)	Alisal Union School District	Salinas
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jonathan Sison	Big Sur Unified School District	Valley
<input type="checkbox"/> Ian Trejo	Bradley Union School District	Valley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barbara Dill-Varga	Carmel Unified School District	Bay
<input type="checkbox"/> Roberto Rios	Chualar Union School District	Valley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yvette Irving (Interim)	Gonzales Unified School District	Valley
<input type="checkbox"/> Rosemarie Grounds	Graves School District	Salinas
<input type="checkbox"/> Zandra Jo Galvan	Greenfield Union School District	Valley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rory Livingston	King City Union School District	Valley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daniel Stonebloom	Lagunita School District	Salinas
<input type="checkbox"/> Jinane Annous	Mission Union School District	Valley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PK Diffenbaugh	Monterey Peninsula Unified School District	Bay
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kari Yeater	North Monterey County Unified School District	Bay
<input type="checkbox"/> Ralph Gomez Porras	Pacific Grove Unified School District	Bay
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Martha Martinez	Salinas City Elementary School District	Salinas
<input type="checkbox"/> Dan Burns (Chair)	Salinas Union High School District	Salinas
<input type="checkbox"/> Josh Van Norman	San Antonio Union School District	Valley
<input type="checkbox"/> Catherine Reimer (Vice-Chair)	San Ardo Union School District	Valley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica Riley	San Lucas Union School District	Valley
<input type="checkbox"/> Tim Ryan	Santa Rita Union School District	Salinas
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tim Vanoli	Soledad Unified School District	Valley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Walker	South Monterey County JUHSD	Valley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Tarallo	Spreckels Union School District	Salinas
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gina Uccelli	Washington Union School District	Salinas
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deneen Guss	Monterey County Office of Education	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kenyon Hopkins (Ex-Officio)	Monterey County SELPA	

1. Opening

a. Call to order

Deneen Guss called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

b. Roll call of members

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

c. Approval of agenda

The agenda was reviewed and there were no changes. Gina Uccelli moved to approve the meeting agenda, Jim Koenig seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- d. Approval of prior meeting minutes
The meeting minutes from May 23, 2019 were reviewed with no changes. Barbara Dill-Varga moved to approve the prior meeting minutes, Tim Vanoli seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Public Input on Non-Agenda Items

There was no public comment.

3. Discussion/Action Items

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding the Monterey County SELPA Income Distribution Agreement Revision

The SELPA Strategic Planning Committee was formed to review the current SELPA Income Distribution Agreement, and Kenyon Hopkins gave an overview of the following recommendations. Rory Livingston moved to table major financial changes for consideration as a first reading and suggested the committee votes on the entire document. There was no action taken. Kenyon Hopkins continued to review the following sections of the SELPA Income Distribution Agreement that had no changes and addressed questions:

- SELPA-Wide Growth: There was a general consensus to continue as written
- SELPA-Wide Decline: There was a general consensus to continue as written
- Deferrals: There was a general consensus to continue as written
- Funds to Support Students with Low Incidence Disabilities: There was a general consensus to continue as written
- Mental Health Service Grants - Federal IDEA Allocation (MCBH): There was a general consensus to continue as written
- Mental Health Service Grants - State Allocation (MCBH): There was a general consensus to continue as written
- Infant Entitlement: There was a general consensus to continue as written
- Part C Early Start: There was a general consensus to continue as written
- Infant Discretionary: There was a general consensus to continue as written
- Inter-District Placements: There was a general consensus to continue as written
- Maintenance of Effort Policy: There was a general consensus to continue as written
- Consequences for Failure to Maintain Effort: There was a general consensus to continue as written

Kenyon Hopkins reviewed the following sections of the SELPA Income Distribution Agreement that had significant changes:

- Term of Agreement: The agreement is for a three-year period from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023. The new term will be in alignment with the MCOE Billback cycle. There was a general consensus to continue as written.
- Special Education Property Taxes:
Special education property taxes are currently distributed in full to the Monterey County Office of Education to offset the billback, and also a portion goes to the alternative education department for operation special education. The new proposal as calculated by CDE revenue exhibits, Monterey County Special Education Local

Plan Area receives 0.277128 of the secured and unsecured property taxes allocated to the Monterey County Office of Education. This property tax revenue will be allocated as indicated below:

1. 50% Allocation to each LEA by Proportionate Share distribution - Each LEA will receive its share of 50% of the special education property tax income based upon its percentage of the prior year's countywide P2 ADA
2. 25% Allocation to MCOE Regional Programs - 25% of special education property tax income allocated to MCOE to offset the "severe needs" programs below:
 - a. Multiple Disabilities Programs at ABI, Ruth Andresen, and Gabilan Schools
 - b. MCOE Deaf/Hard of Hearing Program Classes and Educational Interpreters
3. 25% Allocation to Shared Costs and Special Purpose Funding Pools as indicated below:
 - a. Contract for IEP Documentation (SIRAS) - \$107,300
 - b. SELPA-wide Personnel Development - previous year funding, plus COLA
 - c. Small School District Reserve - \$200,000
 - d. NPS Pool - 50% of remaining funds after deduction of Shared Costs and Small School District Reserve above (approximately 10% of total Special Education Property Tax allocation)
 - e. Extraordinary Cost Pool - 50% of remaining funds after deduction of Shared Costs and Small School District Reserve above (approximately 10% of total Special Education Property Tax allocation)

Kenyon reviewed supporting documents and addressed questions. There was a concern that the Strategic Planning Committee did not bring information forward prior to this meeting. The process was made clear that the Strategic Planning Committee was formed because a majority of the Governance Council agreed that there was a need to make a change to special education property taxes. The Strategic Planning Committee will continue to meet and discuss how to work together in regional areas, build and share resources around programs needed, and address the unique differences between districts. It was also clarified that voting shall be the quorum of the members.

Kenyon continued to review the following sections that had significant changes which would provide relief:

- **Small School District Reserve:**
Funds placed into the small school district reserve will be available for use by small school districts with an ADA of less than 350 to assist in paying for excess costs that pose an unusually severe hardship upon the district. This reserve will be funded at a minimum level of \$200,000 each year.
- **Extraordinary Cost Pool:**
It is the intent of the SELPA to self-insure member LEAs in order to assist in covering extraordinary costs that are incurred as a result of factors deemed outside the control of an LEA. To this end, an extraordinary cost pool will be funded at approximately 10% of the special education property tax allocation each year (see Special Education Property Taxes section for funding calculation methodology).

Funds not expended from the pool at the end of each year will be carried over to the next year.

Reimbursement will be provided to LEAs, upon their request, for qualifying circumstances. Examples of qualifying criteria include, reimbursement of up to 25% for MCOE regional program placements, reimbursement in addition to the other funds reimbursed for nonpublic school placements, extraordinary budget circumstances, and funding for new program development. Districts with approved requests will be reimbursed for up to 50% of the total cost of the qualifying circumstance providing funds are available (up to 25% reimbursement for MCOE regional program placements).

District applications will receive consideration by Priority Levels listed below:

- Priority 1 - Regional Program hardship due to changes in the Income Distribution Agreement (Payment of up to 25% of excess cost for enrollment in MCOE special education programs, as required by an IEP)
 - Priority 2 – Extraordinary budget circumstances (unexpected and/or extreme program cost)
 - Priority 3 – Funding for new program development
- Non-Public School Pool:
Reimbursement to LEAs for 50% of the fee for enrollment in a NPS, as required by an IEP, for any Monterey County student. If requests exceed available funding, reimbursements will be prorated to equalize funding across applicants.
 - Federal Preschool Grant:
The federal Preschool Grant provides funding for special education and services to children with disabilities ages three through five. Preschool grant funds (Resource Code 3315) shall be allocated based on each LEAs proportionate share of eligible and enrolled children using the previous year’s final certified CALPADS special education student count for students ages three through five.

Deneen Guss suggested that members should review and analyze the information presented so the final decision can be made at the next meeting. She also would like to hear from members of the SELPA Strategic Planning Committee which represented all regions. A special meeting date of the Governance Council will be set before the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 21.

4. Discussion/Information Items

- a. Information and Discussion regarding the Monterey County Special Education Local Plan Revision

Information item was tabled until next special meeting date to be determined.

5. Closing

- a. Next Meeting Dates and Times for 2019-2020
Special Meeting date to be determined
May 21, 2020, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- b. Announcements

There were no announcements.

c. Adjourn

Deneen Guss called for adjournment at 1:34 p.m.