



San Joaquin County SELPA

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 20, 2024

Minutes

PRESENT: Steve Payne, Brandie Brunni, Jennifer Pool, Monica Vallerga, NelLaine Kilgore, Staci Johnson, Travis Manley, Deanie Coleman, Susan Scott, Frank Souza, Nelarie Romo, Jamie Hughes, Lisa Mazza, Wendy Frink, Alyssa Wooten, Justin Albano, Silvia de Alba, Roger Goatcher (proxy), Thomas Crocker

OTHERS PRESENT: Ann Siegal

ABSENT: Jody Burriss, Deanie Coleman

I. CALL TO ORDER: Brandie Brunni called the meeting to order at 8:53 a.m.

II. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

III. COMMENTS: There were no comments from the audience.

IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:

1. Finance Report - Brandie

Economic Update

- U.S. headline inflation decelerated to 3.1 percent year over-year in January 2024, down 0.3 percentage point from December 2023 and down 6 percentage points from its most recent peak of 9.1 percent year-over-year in June 2022.
- California headline inflation increased from 3.2 percent in October 2023 to 3.5 percent year-over-year in December 2023. California's core inflation also rose to 3.8 percent year-over-year in December 2023 from 3.6 percent in October.

The Budget Proposal does include the following important points to note:

- No special education information at this point (other than the COLA - see below); trailer bill language will provide more detail in early February.
- Cost of Living adjustment (COLA) is 0.76%.
- No mid-year cuts, no deferrals, and no program rollbacks (includes ELOP, UTK, Universal Meals, California Community School Partnership Program, Home to

School Transportation, AB602, Educator Workforce). Everything that comes through the apportionment process will remain status quo. Funding outside of the apportionment process will be impacted by proposed delays.

- \$5.7B in withdrawals from the Public School System Stabilization Account (PSSSA)
 - \$3.0B in 2023-24
 - \$2.7B in 24-25
 - The projected balance in 2023-24 triggers the local reserve cap requirement for non-basic aid districts with ADA greater than 2,500
 - This includes \$5.0B for the purposes of supporting LCFF (\$2.8B in 2023-24 and \$2.2B in 2024-25)
- \$3.4B in funding shifts from the General Fund to other funds

2. Legislative Sharing Day - Brandie

The team will include Community Advisory (CAC) parent representative, Justin Albano, Susan Scott, Monica Vallerga, and NelLaine Kilgore.

3. Special Education Personnel Data Report - Brandie

A reminder was shared to provide this information to the SELPA by April 10, 2024.

4. Annual Service Plan - Brandie/Jen

These have been sent out to all districts, need to be completed and submitted to the SELPA by Friday, April 5, 2024.

5. 2nd Interim Slide by Side AB602 Comparison - Austin

Austin reviewed spreadsheets from the slide, including graphs to assist with understanding, and details regarding utilization percentage and how it was calculated. We currently have September and January to average for the 2nd data points. Next year's projection based on what districts submitted was reviewed. The bottom chart shared was funding, showing how district utilization affects funding which is the revenue back to districts. Austin is open to ideas about how to show this in the future for better clarity.

6. P-1 AB602 - Austin

It is a state requirement to present these numbers to the members of the SELPA, information reviewed including an estimation of what funding is coming back to districts. Period 1 ADA numbers tend to trend higher than period 2 ADA numbers and this could contribute along with other factors to districts receiving less back than is projected here.

7. Mental Health Allocation - Austin

This information was emailed to everyone. This is the most up to date information we have as of 2nd interim. This was emailed to finance people and superintendents as well and Austin has spoken to some. Federal allocation is the biggest variable.

8. MOE Checks - Austin

Austin reminded districts to consider MOE, and to start now if they are not currently monitoring. It is very important that we pass so we don't give back Money. Austin is happy to take calls if you have questions. There is a statewide push to monitor.

9. 24-25 Budget Model Update with New Contribution - Austin

We had the Supt. meeting in March, where there were a lot of opinions and thoughts on switching to this model. This is a SELPA process, and the districts are the SELPA and control the SELPA, we just guide and help along the way. County programs are district support. This process was different in the past. and this was put directly to the districts to provide information so we could see the needs and plan county programs accordingly. This process is what determined all of our numbers. We are all a part of the same SELPA working together, and we went back to look at some ways we can better support our smaller districts in the transition. Also remember these are just projections, and will change as we move through the process. We may have more or less students as we go, which is why there is an average across three data points. To assist our smaller districts there will be a one time 1 million dollar contribution out of the out of home care. Over \$800,000 is also coming from COSP and one charter to help pay the districts as the county office works to support and contribute. These dollars each come to you differently. The county contributions are distributed based upon your LEA percentage within the SELPA. The 1 million dollars is supporting over utilizers of country programs more heavily, as it will be distributed based upon your usage of county programs. The State is who decides if it is funded on prior year, prior prior year or current. At some point there will need to be a cut off and a lock in for revising numbers into the next fiscal year. We will learn a lot this year based on projections vs what students actually come in and get better at projections.

10. County Programs Update - Monica

Monica reviewed the current class size chart, with current enrollment at 1024 as of yesterday. There have been 260 referrals for the 23-24 school year at this time. Data regarding the growth classes for the 24-25 school year was shared, including the search for classroom space where students will be best served, which looks like the south county/Tracy area at this time based on referral trends and projected student enrollment. Updates on staffing and the ESY program were shared. Reviewed ESY. April 4th Kimball High School is hosting the special education prom, and the Young Adult Graduation is the 22nd of May. Invitations for graduation will be sent out.

11. ADR Update - Susan

Susan shared ADR data including all formal requests that came through the online form. The number of ADR cases by district were shared as previously requested by the COD. A rough draft of an ADR survey that will be sent out to districts was shared for review. Our district overall has great ADR support, other local districts do not have the same processes and supports in place within their SELPAs.

12. LI Update – Justin

- Total available budget to spend for 2023-2024 School Year: \$1,470,771.13
- Current number of LI requests approved for 2023-2024 school year: 50
- Pending Requests: 2
- 52 total requests
- April 15, 2023 will be the last day to submit LI requests that will be processed for the 2023-2024 school year.
- LI Procedural Update Review

13. CAC Update - Justin

- The next meeting will be held May 9, 2024
 - Fresno Diagnostic Center is presenting: What is Dyslexia?

14. CARES - Susan

- 14 active cases
- 7 referrals

15. CALPADs Update – Susan/Staci

Brandie reviewed annual determination letters. Staci shared information on IEP DATA implementation data collection. CIM Progress reports were also reviewed.

16. NPS/RTC - Susan

Current NPS and Residential Treatment Center Placements were shared with a breakdown by district. Over half the current students placed are under 14 years old.

17. WorkAbility/Vocational Skills Lab Update – Frank

- 123 Students working in the community through Workability and in the Vocational Skills Lab (VSL)
- An informational video was shared about the VSL

18. SEIS Update – Susan/Staci

- Update Eligibility Status page has added prompt to ensure the student’s Plan Effective Start Date and/or Enrollment date is correct on the Student Record and SWDS file. If the selection is made for “reinstating the student’s current IEP and/or Eligibility,” a popup will display allowing the user to enter or update the student’s Plan Effective Start Date and/or Enrollment date.
- Amendment Affirm – Transaction update If the IEP is affirmed with Signature when the Amendment is affirmed with Continuation selected as the Amendment Purpose, an Amendment transaction will not be created.
- Searches-Alternate Pathway to Diploma field on the Transition Plan page 2 form has added a Filter/Criteria and Column Option.
- Assessment Plan with PWN-The Referral fields will be updated to mimic the CALPADS ‘Referred By’ drop down. School Nurse and Special Ed Teacher will be removed. Other School/District Personnel and SST/Intervention Team will be added.

19. SELPA Workshops and Trainings - Program Specialists

Information was shared about upcoming workshops and training opportunities, as well as a link to the digital notebook.

I. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

20. The Council of Directors is requested to approve the new LI Procedural guidelines as presented.

Motion by Roger Goatcher Second by Thomas Crocker.

AYES: All

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

21. Minutes: The Council of Directors is requested to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2024 meeting as presented.

Motion by Nelarie Romo Second by Travis Manley.

AYES: All

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

22. Minutes: The Council of Directors is requested to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2024 meeting as presented.

This vote will be postponed until the next meeting.

V. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS:

The next COD meeting will be held on April 17, 2024, 8:45 a.m. WEC Building, Greenwood 3.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.