



# San Joaquin County SELPA

## COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 26, 2021  
MINUTES

### **COD**

#### Present

Brandie Brunni – SELPA  
NelLanie Kilgore – Banta  
Wendy Frink – COSP  
Monica Filoso- County Programs  
Angelica Thomas – Jefferson  
John Saylor – Lammersville  
Jamie Hughes – Linden  
Jody Burriss – Manteca  
Irene Segura – New Jerusalem  
Lisa Mazza- Ripon  
Sean Brown - Tracy  
Rita Farabaugh – Tracy  
Silvia De Alba – Venture

#### Absent

Nelarie Romo – Escalon

#### Support

Staci Johnson – SELPA  
Frank Souza – SELPA  
Justin Albano – SELPA  
Tracy Troche – SELPA

#### Absent

Susan Scott – SELPA

**Brandie called the meeting at 8:50 a.m.**

#### **Approval of minutes - Brandie**

NelLaine Kilgore made the motion to approve September minutes, second it. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**“In accordance with Government Code 54953(b)(2), all votes taken during a teleconference meeting shall be by roll call.”**

Public Input Session (10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)

There was no public input.



## BUSINESS FINANCE

### Finance Report - Brandie

Economic Conditions - California's unemployment rate increased by 0.9% to 9.0% in December 2020. The U.S. unemployment rate remained at 6.7% before falling to 6.3% in January 2021.

Highlights of 2020 - A look back: U.S. real GDP fell by 3.5% in 2020. The largest decrease in modern history after increasing 2.2.% in 2019. Spending on services decreased by 7.3%, offsetting the increase of 3.9% in goods spending. California employment decreased by a record 1.6M or 8.6% in 2020.

Unemployment increased from 785,000 in 2019 to 1.9M in 2020. California housing units authorized by building permits were down 8.8% in 2020, following a decline of 3.8% in 2019. California median home sales price ended the year at a record-high \$717,930 in December, the fifth time that a new record was set in 2020.

Preliminary General Fund for the first seven months of the fiscal year went \$10,539B above the 2021-22 Governor's Budget forecast of \$106,524B. Personal income tax cash receipts to the General Fund were \$9.803B above forecast. Sales and use tax cash receipts were \$167M above forecast. Corporation tax cash receipts were \$493M above forecast. Insurance tax cash receipts were \$86M above forecast. Person income tax cash receipts for January were \$7.389B above the forecast of \$15.507 billion.

### State News:

2020-21 First Principal Apportionment (P-1) is certified and posted online. With the 2020-21 P-1 apportionment, the base funding for special education is fully funded for the first time in seven years.

Growth ADA for LEAs was determined based on whether or not the LEA applied and was eligible for growth under SB 820. While there was a hold harmless for ADA, there was not a hold harmless for unduplicated pupil percentage (UPP).

Infant and Discretionary Funds – Part C Forms - Monica and Business Office are working on this small amount for material and supplies.

SB-86 COVID-19 relief and school reopening, reporting, and public health requirements. \$2B in-person instruction grants, incentive-based allocated based on LCFF model to LEAs unless they opt-out. Must reopen to in-person, physical instruction by April 13, 2021.

Learning Recovery Grants (Summer Sept. 22): Allocates \$4.6B for support of academic achievement by offering supplemental instruction and support to students. At least 10% of the grants must be used to hire full-time paraprofessionals to provide individual instruction, prioritized for EIs and SWDs. Our CSEA already inquired one-time dollars would not work with County to hire full-time.

### Fed News: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 -

\$3.01 billion is diverted into IDEA - \$2.58 billion for IDEA part B grants, \$200 million for IDEA Part B Section 619 preschool grants, and \$250 million for part C infants and children services. This is a one-time with no guidance around its use. CA typically receives about 10% of any federal funding increases so that will be another huge benefit for our students in 2021-2022.

## SELPA SUPPORT/STAFF DEVELOPMENT

### LI Update – Justin

- The current budget left to spend for this school year is \$45,382.84. We have already spent \$57,046.02 so far on specialized equipment and/or materials. The amount of money in the account

of approximately \$800,000 is still available to spend, but when looking at the current budget, the numbers reflected needed to be more of an accurate number to spend this year due to MOE's calculations.

- Current number of LI requests: 41. There are no pending requests.
- The last day to have requests submitted is April 15.

### **Legislative Day – Brandie**

Last year Legislative Day was canceled and this year they are having a virtual sharing day on May 5, 2021. Our SELPA tries to attend with Stockton and Lodi Unified and we have asked CAC to join. If you are interested, please let Brandie know.

For the first time State SELPA is cosponsoring an assembly bill 967 - Introduced by Frazier - to provide dollars on a reimbursement basis to support services related to learning loss related to COVID-19. Utilizing ADR strategies to provide timely response to parental concerns. The first-time state SELPA has ever sponsored a bill has great support from advocacy centers. The bill would require a local educational agency to submit an application for funding to their special education local plan to be eligible for these funds. The bill would require the special education local plan area to verify that specified conditions have been met, including an individualized analysis to determine pupil needs, as provided, before submitting the application to the department on behalf of the local educational agency. Similar to SEP, LEA turns it into SELPA and we look over. The handout was shared with directors.

### **Covid ADR Grant – Staci**

We applied and received it, we received double the amount. Staci is working on a few projects across our SELPA.

## **COMPLIANCE/STATE REPORTS/DATA REPORTS**

### **Annual Service Plan – Brandie/Tracy**

John Burch now oversees the local plans which is great, easy to work with to make things easier and smoother. Padlet was just released. Tracy will be running the reports over the next couple of weeks and getting that out to you.

### **Annual Budget Plan – Brandie/Tracy**

Our business office will be working with your business office and we will get that info.

### **EDDS Disproproject – Susan**

Item was tabled.

## **PROGRAM AND INSTRUCTION**

### **ERMHS Update – Susan/Frank**

We do have 14 students, SELPA wide, receiving services from Victor. Only a couple of referrals out. We are currently accepting referrals so if you have any students that need services from Victor, we are taking referrals. It is not clinical counseling to a student; families need to know this. Irene to contact Susan regarding services. There was a discussion on the procedures and practices of ERMHS.

### **Learning Loss – Brandie**

Are your districts looking at learning loss? How can SELPA support coaching strategies, trainings? We want to keep the students in their least restrictive environments. What can we do to help support our students? Some districts shared concepts of how they were considering addressing learning loss.

### **IEE Costs – Jody Burriss**

MSUD getting hit with a ton of IEE. There is a lot of cost in our guide, requests that are 3 times that. What is allowable, a) looking up to upping the cost – IEE are competitive costs – Brandie - we will take a look at this and bring it back to COD next month and do a vote. Thomas would also agree. We will update IEE Brochure.

## **REGIONALIZED/COUNTY PROGRAMS/STUDENT SERVICES**

### **County Programs Update – Monica**

245 referrals short of what we were last year. We have seen about 100 more 347 now, down a hundred from last year. Preschool autism and getting a ton of ED - students are coming back into session.

### **ESY**

We are not planning on offering DL next year, but we must keep an eye on the medical fragile. Several families may push due to medical needs/significant behaviors that done really well at home, so we will see on that. Many conversations with the districts in the future.

Angelica had a question on home hospital: what the IEP recommendation is, what FAPE is versus falling on the district. If the IEP recommends the Home hospital it would be the district responsibility.

Monica - Return to School – April 12<sup>th</sup>, 5 days a week, four hours a day. Collecting surveys from families and about 400 want to return to school. Many have not responded but Monica will keep directors posted. We are very excited. We will continue to have DL for those families.

John - Districts looking at coming back to 4 to 5 days in the spring. 4-8 on the 4/9 and then HS.

Linden - Has been in four days a week over a month now.

Jefferson - 4 hours a day

Ripon - 4 hours day

John - Tentative plans in April

## **COMMITTEES/COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **CAC – Justin**

- Next CAC meeting (via Zoom) will be on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 from 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Agenda (both English and Spanish) will be available soon on the SJCOE website under the CAC subtab within the SELPA Department webpage. Spanish interpretation will be available for this meeting.
- The last meeting that occurred, a parent training was conducted where an overview of all pages within the IEP were discussed. There was also a discussion of parent training and support materials/resources that could be placed on the SJCOE website or SJC SELPA CAC Facebook

page. The idea of having recorded trainings and resources placed on the websites or a Padlet were discussed.

## UPCOMING DEADLINES

### **Brandie:**

April 2<sup>nd</sup> for those that had overdue initial IEP - due student corrective action.

SEP plans that needed correction - please give to us no later than March 31. Brandie will submit to CDE with corrections.

Staci to send out C3 report – abridged version to send out - how to save your own CALPADs reports.

Good idea to save your reports and this is a great hyperlink and very easy to follow.

Training coming out for SIS and CALPADS-

Next COD in April like to hold in person? Are you okay to do this? April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Thank you to all the districts who offered their nursing to help with the vaccination clinics. Thank you to all the districts for your support and your volunteers.

**WorkAbility** - Frank students back in the class, started some farming in Tracy, Manteca, and Stockton. That program will continue into the summer for the YA programs, and they can continue with the project until the end of the June.

Meeting adjourned: 10:19 a.m.