

San Joaquin County
Special Education Local Plan Area
Brandie Brunni, Assistant Superintendent
Council of Directors Meeting
February 6, 2019 Transworld Drive, Stockton CA

Meeting Minutes

Present

COD

Elizabeth Shepherd – Escalon
Angelica Thomas – Jefferson
Jamie Hughes – Linden
Silvia De Alba – Venture
Steve Payne – New Jerusalem
John Saylor – Lammersville
Suzan Turner – Manteca
Christopher Crone – Tracy
Thomas Crocker – Lincoln
Monica Filoso – County

Absent

Lisa Mazza – Ripon
NelLaine Kilgore – Banta

Brandie called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

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

There was no public input.

2. Business Finance

2019-2020 Prelim Budget AB602

● **Growth Proposals**

Nicole reviewed the San Joaquin *SELPA 2019-20 AB602 SELPA Funding Documents Prelim Budget AB602*.

Assumptions on page 1 were reviewed. Charters left a couple of years ago, had prior year protection that made the charter decline adjustment reserve for when charters left. Humphrey's and Insight J are wanting to leave so we built on the anticipation that they are leaving. Just like when three years ago CAVA left. The recommendation forward it To have it just reserved for future years since we will not know for sure if they are leaving until late May or June. Three years ago SELPA's OOH budget contributed 1.2 million to spread it across three years it ends in 18-19. An additional 2.4 million from that budget will be brought - over to AB602. That would be \$800,000, for the next three years to help with cost. Page 2 through 7 are the growth proposals from January. Funding Factor Differences- Page 8 is a high level page requested by the superintendents to show what their part of the Growth Proposals would be. This page shows prelim without growth (peach) and prelim with growth (green). Column F and G shows the percentage of growth proposals and percentage of funded SELPA ADA for each district. Column H shows usage in County Programs. Page 9 column C shows the prelim budget and compares it to 2018-19 in column D and gives the difference. Column F has growth and Column G shows the difference. Line 2 shows the change of base entitlement and line 3 shows .97 base proration factor. Line 6 shows anticipated 3.46 COLA for 2019-20. With a decline in charters leaving, decline adjustment due to decrease in ADA for 2 years.

Line 11 and 12 are County Programs revenues and expenditures (year-to-year changes) Line 20 shows the reserve increase due to ABLE and Insight SJ leaving in 19-20. Line 21 used to offset decline adjustment above. Line 22 out-of-Home Care shows the first year of the 1/3 use of the additional reserve. Line 24 is a 1% reserve. Lines 29-39 are district specific with column C showing what revenue is without the growth proposals. Column D shows current year AB 602 funding. If the proposals are approved, column F shows what costs would be and column G shows the difference. Page 11 details the budget augmentation with line 1 showing increase to revenue. Line 2 shows increase in salaries place holder salary settlement of 3% (still in negotiations) and increase for steps in column), and temp salaries. Line 3 shows benefits that correlate to salaries. Decrease for H & W for IA's and other misc. changes. Line 4 Decrease for one-time expenses for mid-year classes. Line 5 Sub-agreements. Line 9 shows the increase for utilities and line 10 the increase for copy costs. Line 11 has an Increase for Spanish interpreters and technology staff. Line 12 decrease for one time PY costs. Line 14 Indirect Rate and expenditure change. Line 15 Increase from contracting with Xerox.

On Page 16 is what Nicole went over on the summary page. When going back to your superintendent's focus on page 8 and page 9 (more detailed) and page 11.

The Finance Committee meeting on February 26th it's a good opportunity for superintendents to see in person the charts and graphs and hear an explanation.

Brandie noted that she was pleased to see the expenditure is less than 1 million dollars in contribution and COLA washes out the big expenses.

3. Growth Proposals- Monica

Growth proposals to be considered include:

- Proposal #1 - Preschool ASD class with required supports
- Proposal #2 - Preschool ASD class with required supports
- Proposal #3 - Primary ASD class with required supports
- Proposal #4 - Primary ASD class with required supports
- Proposal #5 - Intermediate SH class with required supports
- Proposal #6 - Intermediate SH class with required support

There are 100 students moving from preschool into primary autism classes with potentially 39 students going back to district. The average class size across 19 classes at the start of the 19-20 school will be 8. During the spring, there tends to be an increase in preschool referrals. As a result, we anticipate an average of 14 students to start across the 19 classes.

There are 78 students moving up from preschool with only 48 moving up to intermediate. This is an impact of 30 additional students in primary. Without growth, the class average would be 12. SJCOE is asking for two additional classes to reduce the class average to 11 and maintain current instructional standards.

There are 48 students moving up to intermediate for the 2019/2020 school year, with only 19 students moving into high school. This is an impact of 29 additional students. Without growth, the class average will be 14. With growth requested for two classes, the average class size will be 12. This does not include any transfers or referrals.

With each growth, we add LSH once it reaches 8.0, includes ESY school year and additional related services. The County rate is a bit overhead than the districts because we add in all the components. Early transition in the spring to transition them to be prepared for the incoming spring referrals. Multiple ways to try to keep the proposals down for preschool autism. The County Admin do an analysis of all the areas of the Special Ed classes. We look at the class size and if one class drops we may convert an SH to an autism class. This is the first thing they do before we ask for facilities.

Nicole will send out the meeting notice for February 26, 2019.

There was discussion about the Believe! Program and its capacity. County will look at the Believe program and how it is not meeting some of the district needs. The County Administrator for the Believe! Program possibly will attend a COD meeting in the future to discuss some of the questions, the districts have.

Discussion was held on class size restrictions.

Brandie asked after looking at the proposals, what is the will of COD?

Thomas Crocker made a motion to approve the six growth proposals, Steve Payne second it. All were in favor and the motion was approved unanimously.

It was asked that the B! Program was an agenda item for March.

Brandie reminded the directors to go back to meet with their superintendents and go over the charts and graphs.

Meeting adjourned 10:08 a.m.