



San Joaquin County SELPA

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 15, 2023

Minutes

PRESENT: Frank Souza, Steve Payne, Deanie Coleman, Wendy Frink, Brandie Brunni, Jennifer Pool, Jody Burriss, John Saylor, Alyssa Wooten (by phone), Monica Vallerga, Nelarie Romo, Susan Scott, Lisa Mazza, Sean Brown, NelLaine Kilgore, Thomas Crocker, Austin Noguera, Justin Albano, Staci Johnson, Jamie Hughes

ABSENT: Sylvia De Alba

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Brandie Brunni called the meeting to order at 8:55 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

Brandie reviewed the governor's budget and trailer bill language. Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for Special Education (SPED) is proposed at 8.13% with an estimated base rate increase to \$886.67. For the 2023-24 fiscal year, each Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) shall, at minimum, allocate a total sum of funding to all of their member local educational agencies equal to the total sum allocated to all of their member local educational agencies in fiscal year 2022-23 multiplied by the sum of one plus the inflation factor, as defined in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 56836.142 for the 2023-24 fiscal year. Allocation does not mean distribution, local allocation plans still apply.

U.S. headline inflation slowed for the fifth consecutive month to 7.1% year-over-year in November 2022, down from 7.7% in October and from the peak of 9.1% June 2022. Core inflation (which excludes food and energy) decelerated to 6.0% down 0.3% from October.

The U.S. unemployment rate remained unchanged from 3.7% in October and November, while the California unemployment rate increased 0.1% to 4.1% in November.

Statewide median price of existing homes decreased to \$777,500 in November, down 3% from October and 0.6% from November 2021. Sales of existing single-family homes decreased to 237,740 units in November 2022 down 13.2% from October and down 47.7% from November 2021.

General Fund agency cash receipts for the first five months of the 2022-2023 fiscal year were \$1.088B above the 2022 Budget Act when including the net positive impact of Pass-Through-Equity Elective Tax credit. Excluding the impact of the PTE Elective Tax the 2022-2023 cash receipts would be an estimated \$4.6B below forecast. November cash receipts were \$1.192B below the forecast of \$12.669B due to lower Personal income tax revenue. Personal income tax for the first five months of the fiscal year were \$35M below the forecast of \$38.733B. November withholding receipts were below projections for the sixth consecutive month falling \$1.299B below forecast. Sales and use tax cash receipts for November were \$1.2B above the forecast and \$210M above the 14.04B forecast for the first five months of the fiscal year. Corporation tax receipts for the first five months of the fiscal year were \$566M above the forecast of \$4.228B. Corporation tax receipts for November were \$264M above the forecast of \$232M, largely due to unanticipated PTE payments. November is not a significant month for the corporation tax.

2. CY January AB602 - Austin

- Assumptions
- SJCOE SELPA Comparison of Funding Models
- SJCOE Special Education County Program Revenues/Expenditures
- SELPA Funding Factor
- State Aid Entitlements by District
- SELPA Reconciliation to the Special Education Funding Exhibit Calculations
- SELPA ADA Information - Multi-Years
- SJCOE Special Education County Program Budget
- Special Ed County Program Reserves - Multi-Year

3. Prelim Budget AB602 - Austin

- Assumptions
- SELPA Funding Factor Differences
- SJCOE SELPA Comparison of Funding Models
- SELPA Funding Factor
- Budget Augmentations
- State Aid Entitlements by District
- SELPA ADA Information - Multi-Years
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- SJCOE Special Education County Program Revenues/Expenditures
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COLA can drastically change due to an increase in the cost of living. There is no growth proposal for the SJCOE County programs.

4. CY January Review Excess Cost Transportation - Austin

- A 60% decrease in transportation costs is expected due to new funding. Monica is working on a transportation plan that will go to the SJCOE Board in March.
- Estimated Increase/Decrease in contracted rides for current County Program students based on PY invoices to date, also includes 3.5% contract increase

5. PY Actuals Excess Cost Transportation - Austin

Reviewed last year's final transportation cost amounts including the amount owed back to districts due to lower ridership. Compared with this year's costs.

6. SELPA Governing Council Update - Brandie

- The COD was updated in regards to the Mental Health History and Mental Health Services funding structure that was presented to the SELPA Governing Council for review and action moving forward.
- Action items were brought forward regarding the utilization model of the SELPA moving forward, and none were voted on or approved. The current off the top model will be held going into the 2023-2024 school year, with options being reviewed again in a few months.
- The COD was informed of the reserve dollars allocation, and how the SJC SELPA Governing Council voted to move forward with distribution for starting new programs to serve students with moderate needs.

7. LI Update – Justin

- Current budget for 2022-2023 School Year: \$1,756,489.99
- Current number of LI requests approved for 2022-2023 school year: 57
- Pending Requests: 0
- 57 total requests
- Requests will be coming in shortly regarding stocking up items in inventory - replacement items and loaner items
- April 15, 2023 will be the last day to submit LI requests for the 2022-2023 school year.

8. CALPADs Update – Susan/Staci

- Susan reviewed and added links for forms and resources being requested, including the caseload waiver form
- Annual determination letters come out in March
- A plan is being created to align CIM and DA

9. CARES Update – Susan

- VCSS currently above the desired 14 students
- 9 cases
- 10 referrals in process (5 with signed AP's)

10. WorkAbility Update – Frank

- 87 students currently employed
- Will exceed 92 and keep going until grant funding is utilized, on track to exceed goals.

11. SEIS Update – Susan/Staci

- The Postsecondary EOY search listed under SEIS Searches has been updated for EOY 2023.
- A warning added to field 14.31b, when the field has no selection (Select One) and the meeting type is Initial (10) and the student is 2 yrs. 9 mos. – 2 yrs. 11 mos. If the student is 2 yrs. 9 mos. – 2 yrs. 11 mos., they should select the Program Setting based on what they will receive when they turn 3 and enter Preschool
- Added validation to the ELPAC/Alt ELPAC section of the form so that Initial/Summative can only be selected for one of the sections and not both.
- The Alternate ELPAC Participation field from the Statewide Assessments form has been added to the SEIS Search Criteria and Column Options, now can search for students who have Initial Alternate ELPAC or Summative Alternate ELPAC selected in the Statewide Assessments form.

12. Workshops/Trainings – Program Specialist

- CPI, Virtual LSH, and ADR trainings all held in January/beginning of February
- Upcoming February trainings:
 - Feb 16th Behavior & Communication and Data, data, data!
 - Feb 23rd Psych Round Table Executive Functioning

13. County Programs Update – Monica

- 1,067 Current enrollment
- Approximately 38 preschool autism referrals currently awaiting placement
- 22/23 Referrals to date: 392
- 21/22 Referrals to date: 446
- Referrals during the month of January: 49
- Believe! program utilization by district was reviewed, including percentage of usage per district.
- Staffing update includes 34 current instructional assistant vacancies and 2 teacher vacancies.
- ELPAC 95% participation rate is on target currently
- Testing window is later this year due to spring breaks: April 6 - May 12
- ESY planning update was shared, will run June 6, 2023 - July 3, 2023, from 8:30am - 12:30pm.

The SJCOE preschool team is happy to train and help out districts as they start new programs. Kristi Baysinger is willing to offer support and brainstorm for services and classes.

14. CAC- Update – Justin

- Currently have one parent voting member, and another parent pending Board approval from their district.
- Various voting membership positions are available, including parents and educational representatives.
- Last meeting had a great turnout of parents and agency members. Community Agencies provided information, and the former CAC chairperson was recognized for her leadership and commitment to leading the CAC in the past.
- Next CAC meeting will be held on May 11, 2023 and will be discussing how to provide support with challenging behaviors.
- Meetings are growing and will be moving to a larger space

15. ADR Update – Justin

- 2023 ADR Conference - March 16 & 17 in Riverside, CA
- LRP National Institute Conference - April 16-19 in New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center

16. Alternate Pathway Diploma Committee and Update - Frank/Jamie

- Frank is in a workgroup and provided the most recent update in regards to pathways and coursework that may be required.
- Current guidance is eligible students must have a cognitive disability, pass attached coursework, and be eligible for state testing. The workgroup is on hold, until further guidance comes from the CDE.
- Discussion was held regarding a potential committee to identify uniform SELPA courses.

17. MM Support Needs Bridge Authorization - Jamie

- Special Education teachers will need Support Needs Bridge Authorization.
- Discussion was held regarding what funding sources will be used to facilitate training and when training can take place.
- SELPA could potentially facilitate at no cost, districts expressed interest in SELPA facilitating this summer.
- Teachers will have to pay to apply for credential

18. Community of Practice - Jamie

The SELPA COD discussed the possibility of having a community of practice model of how to improve and develop programs and positively impact students' learning experiences.

19. IEE Costs - NellLaine

The SELPA COD discussed IEE requests where provider charges exceed the SELPA cost sheet, how that should be handled, and whether there should be a standard pay rate throughout the entire SELPA. The list of providers will be updated over the summer.

20. Legislative Sharing Day - Brandie

Brandie shared information about the upcoming Legislative Sharing day in Sacramento on May 3, 2023 and asked for an e-mail response from directors that would like to participate in one of the four open spots for our SJC SELPA.

21. Local Plan Committee Dates and Members - Brandie

- There are still a few spots available for representatives to join the committee.
- The committee will meet a minimum of three times to review and update the Local Plan.

- The business office is looking at the funding structure and updating that portion of the Local Plan.
- The Local Plan must be approved and submitted by June 30, 2023

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

Minutes: On a motion from Jamie Hughes second by John Saylor The SJC SELPA Council of Directors approved the minutes from January 18, 2023, meeting as presented.

AYES: All

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

VI. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS:

The next COD meeting will be held on March 22, 2023, 8:45 a.m. WEC Building, Greenwood 3.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35pm.