



# San Joaquin County SELPA

## COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 9, 2022

MINUTES

### **COD**

#### Present

Brandie Brunni - SELPA  
Wendy Frink - COSP  
Monica Vallerga - County Programs  
Nelarie Romo – Escalon  
Monica Emeldi - Jefferson  
John Saylor - Lammersville  
Thomas Crocker - Lincoln  
Jamie Hughes - Linden  
Jody Burriss - Manteca  
Steve Payne - New Jerusalem  
Lisa Mazza- Ripon  
Sean Brown - Tracy  
Silvia De Alba - Venture

#### Absent

NelLanie Kilgore - Banta  
Wendy Fink - COSP

#### Support

Tracy Troche - SLELPA  
Austin Nogueira -Business

Staci Johnson – SELPA  
Susan Scott – SELPA  
Frank Souza – SELPA  
Justin Albano – SELPA

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

**Approval of minutes-Brandie**

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

There was no public input.

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**2021-2022 Prelim Budget AB 602**

- Growth Proposal

Brandie reviewed the growth proposal process with COD since there are new directors. Austin will preview the preliminary budget so each district will know what they have. At the end of the meeting, we will need to have a decision on what COD determines the needs are of the SELPA. The directors need to talk to their superintendents before it goes to the superintendent's board meeting. There will be a finance committee meeting on February 25 where this will all be reviewed as well as what was approved at this table today. The Finance Committee meets twice a year, in September and February. It consists of Business officials, Superintendents, and Directors and it includes the County Office as well. This is when the Business departments get a chance to hear the program side and the business implications from the county office. In March, there is the Superintendent's Governance Council meeting where they will review what we decide at this table, they will vote one way or another. It is a simple majority, everyone holds a vote, the County Office has one vote. If it goes to a tie then it goes to the Governing Council and the chair, which is Troy, makes the deciding vote.

Austin reviewed the Comparison of Funding Models in-depth to the directors. When Monica went over charts and graphs at the January COD meeting, she pointed out from the chart what percentage each district is using. Are you using more or less? On the 2022-23 Option A vs Option B chart, the column that shows the usage is on the right-hand side of the chart. Column G is % of funded SELPA ADA and Column H is % of usage in Spec Ed County Programs. Austin went into detail in regards to what the chart represents and answered many questions. Peach Column C is no growth, green Column D is growth and yellow Column E is the difference between Columns C & D.

Brandie asked the council if there were any more additional fiscal questions.

What are the wishes of the council? Discussion? Make a motion?

- Thomas wanted to know why there were 3 extra classes in the option, who was looking at them and why. The issues are with the smaller districts they don't have enough students to fill a more moderate program, so it's harder to take back the students from county programs. Larger districts have the mod/severe so they can take back their students from county programs.
- It was brought up to possibly change the language on the options to Moderate-Monica would have to fill out a whole new curriculum for mod.

- Has the County thought of doing levels of students? Yes, and the student outcome was not that great doing that.
- In the past, there was a position for an Inclusion Specialist, it was approved years ago by COD, but the superintendents didn't approve (coach to help support classes). Brandie suggested getting some training for inclusion support.
- Steve asked in regards to lines 9-13- support personnel. 5 classes to 8 classes, Director II is there a breaking point? Some positions we would absorb, some jobs stay open-in addition staffing for 5 classes is challenging but for 8 classes will be difficult. There is no new additional administrative assistant at the county level and there hasn't been an increase since the 80's.
- Jefferson – just to have offerings as our community gets larger. Bigger districts are taking more and smaller districts are not using their share. County Programs continue to climb in numbers.
- What if we wanted to go with 8 classes but we can't staff them. Monica believes staffing would be an issue regardless.
- Sean asked would the smaller districts need the 8 classes versus the 5? Thomas explained that if we went with the 5 then we would continue to do our referrals. 8 classes would be some new programs.
- TUSD is looking at some new classes-going to cabinet this next week. They are aware they need to create a preschool class.
- Much discussion on class grade levels
- Brandie suggested we bring back the inclusion training for the districts if this is not what you want.
- Jody mentioned that it is easy to create an autism class there is much support from Captains and Kristi Baysinger can come in and work with the behavior specialist. It was noted that Kristi is not SELPA, she is in the County program, but she can certainly help out.
- Jefferson- What if we voted on 8 classes would we be able to staff it? County Programs many times open classrooms with substitutes if they can find them.
- Thomas asked if we had more classes could the smaller districts have room to house these new classes? Not many of the smaller districts could.

Brandie asked what the wishes are for the Council of Directors?

Option A, Option B or None?

Thomas Crocker made the motion to move forward and Steve Payne seconded it.

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Brandie asked the council, if there is no growth, what are the districts going to do with the students that will not be able to be served in county programs, it will be a lot more.

- Lincoln will look at joining a different SELPA (Lodi)
- Monica mentioned that there are 65ish more autism preschool referrals -there will be no placement for them. With a vote of no, growth referrals will come to a halt.
- Ripon, Escalon, Lammersville, Linden and Manteca voted no to Option A

Brandie asked if they wanted to vote on Option B – No.

Since this is a tie vote, Brandie will need to check with the Local Plan to see what we do next.

Meeting adjourned: 10:30 a.m.