

**SELPA Governing Board
Minutes
February 28, 2023
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM**

**Shasta County Office of Education
Shasta County Office of Education – Board Room
1644 Magnolia Avenue; Redding, CA 96001**

1. Call to Order, Roll call.

Rob Adams (Region 3), Chairperson, called the public hearing to order at 8:04 a.m.
Roll call:

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| ● Jim Cloney, Shasta UHSD - Region1 | Present |
| ● Victor Hopper, Anderson UHSD – Region 2 | Present |
| ● Rob Adams - CHAIRPERSON, Redding ESD – Region 3 | Present |
| ● Heather Armelino, Enterprise ESD – Region 4 | Present |
| ● Doug Geren, Cottonwood UESD – Region 5 | ABSENT (<i>arrived at 8:11 am</i>) |
| ● Judy Flores, Shasta COE – Region 6 | Present |
| ● Merrill Grant, Fall River JUSD – Region 7 | Present+ |

2. Approval of Agenda

Discussion: None.

ACTION: Jim Cloney motioned to approve the Agenda as presented. Heather Armelino seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote 6-0, no opposition, no abstentions, Doug Geren was absent.

3. Public Comment

Discussion: None.

4. SELPA Director’s Report

4a. OOH Update

Discussion: Dr. Patz informed members that the CDE released the OOH funding update. Good news is the SELPA will be funded \$1.1m, when projected \$750k. The bad news is the rate will be effective for both 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years. OOH was previously \$2m, so still a net loss overall, though Dr. Patz confirmed this loss was budgeted for 2021-22.

4b. Building Update

Discussion: Dr. Patz confirmed that escrow has closed on all three units purchased for the SELPA at Rancho Road in Redding, keys are in possession and SCOE is receiving rent for all three units. Unit 9 lease expires April 11, 2023, while the lease for units 7 and 8 expires June 16th. Remodeling is needed and planning is underway. Dr. Patz confirmed he is staying close to budget targets and will use some AB130 funds as appropriate, including for technology as the largest ticket items.

5. Consent Items - (These action items are of a routine nature or items for which no discussion is anticipated, and are acted upon by a single vote. Members may request that any item be removed and given individual consideration.)

5a. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 12-20-22

5b. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 2-8-23

5c. ESY Waivers

5c1. Redding ESD / Enterprise ESD

5c2. Gateway USD

5d. Low Incidence Equipment Requests

5d1. LI Request #61 – Enterprise ESD – Alta Mesa Elem. - HH Equipment \$ 78.91

5d2. LI Request #62 – Happy Valley ESD – Junction Elem. - VI Equipment \$ 357.91

5d3. LI Request #63 – Columbia ESD - Junction - OI Equipment \$1,619.37

TOTAL: \$2,056.19

Discussion: None.

ACTION: Jim Cloney motioned to approve the Consent Items as presented. Heather Armelino seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote 6-0, no opposition, no abstentions, Doug Geren was absent.

6. Spectrum Expansion – Discussion / ACTION

Discussion: Dr. Patz informed members that the Spectrum program has one high school class only, and has inquired about expanding an elementary middle school and high school class, then separate out on autism spectrum and ED / behavioral challenges. The SELPA has received two quotes for approximately \$250-\$260/day – an average rate for what IEP School and EXCEL charged. Spectrum is considering property located in the Presbyterian Church on Placer Street in Redding, and could open in the Fall if they get licensed quickly.

(Doug Geren joined at 8:11 am)

Dr. Patz continued, noting it is expensive to guarantee filled seats, but the Finance Advisory Council (FAC) agreed with the need for an expanded NPS locally, due to IEP School’s closure. Another concern is to determine how SELPA provides the minimum guarantee, as Dr. Patz thinks it wouldn’t be empty at 36, but we would need to guarantee 10 to cover lease costs, and believes it would still be less expensive than a single RTC placement.

Spectrum currently has only 9 students in a high school class with some elopements and poor attendance. Elementary students tend to be better attendees. First district in would be very expensive so may develop a cap. Up to \$400/day then SELPA can use reserves, or another option. Dr. Patz hasn’t polled Directors nor presented to the Program Advisory Council yet due to the last minute receipt of the proposal, but did confirm that Tehama County is also interested in sending students. FAC agreed that finding space is always a challenge but won’t have to appease DSA. Dr. Patz wants Board input about interest in an expansion for students who don’t fit in EXCEL or other current programs so he can negotiate terms. The current program does have challenges, and Dr. Patz continues to meet weekly with current Spectrum leadership.

Mr. Cloney inquired if there is a built in group of students that would enroll right away due to IEP School’s closure, and stated we don’t have strong leverage since we need something, but admits the current program is not a roaring success and will require dramatic changes before further commitment. Discussion among members and Dr. Patz continued regarding staffing, options for guaranteed numbers, the addition of adding ONE middle school classroom,

or opening only 3 rooms now with the option to add another in January if necessary. Mrs. Flores requested actual enrollment numbers before any decision can be made. Members agreed, and Dr. Patz stated the FAC requested the same information.

Mr. Cloney liked the idea of the number being fluid to a cap amount (ex. 300-500), then SELPA funds kick in so no one stuck with large bill. Billing would be similar to that of the EXCEL program. Dr. Patz did mention transportation for Fall River, and Spectrum would want a guarantee of 5 students to provide a separate transportation option.

ACTION: Jim Cloney motioned to approve Dr. Patz pursue additional information for an expanded Spectrum program for school year 2023-24, with a 3-4 classroom option and cap of cost per district. Heather Armelino seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote 7-0, no opposition, no abstentions, no absentees.

7. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

7.1 Fall River JUSD \$42k remote subsidy

Discussion: None.

8. Next meeting date: April 25, 2023 – Regular meeting - 8:00 a.m., Shasta COE **BOARD ROOM**

9. Adjourn – Jim Cloney motioned to adjourn. Heather Armelino seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 a.m.