

**North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area  
Superintendent Cabinet  
Minutes of Meeting January 29, 2024**

**Location/Time:** NOC SELPA Office / 1:00 p.m.

**In Attendance:**

Dr. Robert Pletka, Superintendent, Fullerton School District, and Chairperson of the NOC SELPA Superintendent Cabinet  
Dr. Julienne Lee, Superintendent, Buena Park School District  
Dr. Steve McLaughlin, Superintendent, Fullerton Joint Union High School District  
Dr. Mario Carlos, Superintendent, La Habra City School District  
Mr. Jim Coombs, Superintendent, Lowell Joint School District  
Mrs. Analee Kredel, Chief of Special Education Services, Orange County Department of Education  
Dr. Robin Gilligan, Director, North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area  
Mrs. Katherine Purnick, Program Coordinator, North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area

**I. Call to Order:**

Superintendent Dr. Robert Pletka called to order the North Orange County (NOC) Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Superintendent Cabinet Meeting at 1:05 p.m.

**II. Approval of the North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area Superintendent Cabinet Meeting Agenda for January 29, 2024.**

The North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area Superintendent Cabinet Meeting Agenda for January 29, 2024 was presented.

A motion to approve the NOC SELPA Superintendent Cabinet Meeting Agenda for January 29, 2024 was initiated by Dr. Steve McLaughlin. Mr. Jim Coombs seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

Motion carried.

**III. Open Session:**

Superintendent Dr. Robert Pletka called for any communication from the public. No communication from the public was provided.

**IV. Action Item(s):**

**1.0 Approval of the North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area Superintendent Cabinet Minutes of Meeting November 17, 2023.**

The North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area Superintendent Cabinet Minutes of Meeting November 17, 2023 were presented for approval.

A motion to approve the NOC SELPA Superintendent Cabinet Minutes of Meeting November 17, 2023 was initiated by Dr. Steve McLaughlin. Dr. Julienne Lee seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

Motion carried.

**2.0 Approval of the North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area Regionalized Services 2023-24 First Interim (FI) and 2023-24 Revised Adopted Budget (AB) Report**

The NOC SELPA Regionalized Services 2023-24 First Interim (FI) and 2023-24 Revised Adopted Budget (AB) Report was reviewed. There were no questions.

A motion to approve the NOC SELPA Regionalized Services 2023-24 First Interim (FI) and 2023-24 Revised Adopted Budget (AB) Report was initiated by Mr. Jim Coombs. Dr. Mario Carlos seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

Motion carried.

**V. Discussion/Information Item(s):**

**3.0 Presentation: Alternative Dispute Resolution and Resources from the North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area**

Mrs. Katherine Purnick presented on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and related resources available to the NOC SELPA's member LEAs. This voluntary, no-cost process is a continuum of strategies designed to resolve special education-related disputes while maintaining positive relationships and providing all parties with a voice in the discussions.

In these sessions, the NOC SELPA is reshaping the language around ADR through the use of strategies and practices designed to help repair relationships between LEAs and families while navigating difficult conversations.

#### **4.0 Presentation: North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area Local Plan Sections A and B**

Dr. Robin Gilligan shared the proposed updates to the NOC SELPA Local Plan Sections A and B. Feedback was provided and will be incorporated into the drafts for review at the next NOC SELPA Superintendent Cabinet meeting in March.

#### **5.0 Instructional Aide and Transitional Behavior Assistant Cost Projections**

The job descriptions provided by the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) for the Special Education Instructional Aide and Transitional Instruction Aide were reviewed and discussed.

#### **6.0 North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area Member Report or LEA Information Sharing**

- **CONNECTIONS - Empowering Every Learner**

A promotional video was shared that introduced the new name of OCDE's Special Education program, CONNECTIONS.

#### **VI. Closed Session**

##### **A. North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area Director Evaluation Mid-Year Feedback**

The closed session started at 1:55 p.m.

#### **VII. Suggested Items for Next Agenda**

No additional items were suggested.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting of the NOC SELPA Superintendent Cabinet adjourned at 2:26 p.m.