

**North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area
Superintendent Cabinet
Minutes of Meeting August 28, 2020**

Location/Time: NOC SELPA Office - Zoom/ 9:30 a.m.

In Attendance:

Mr. Jim Coombs, Superintendent, Lowell Joint School District and Chairperson of the NOC SELPA Superintendent Cabinet
Dr. Ramon Miramontes, Superintendent, Buena Park School District
Dr. Bob Pletka, Superintendent, Fullerton School District
Dr. Joanne Culverhouse, Superintendent, La Habra City School District
Dr. Jeff Hittenberger, Chief Academic Officer, Orange County Department of Education
Mrs. Renee Hedrick, Associate Superintendent, Orange County Department of Education
Dr. Jean Martin, Director, North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area

I. Call to Order:

Superintendent Mr. Jim Coombs called to order the North Orange County SELPA Superintendent Cabinet Meeting at 9:33 a.m.

II. Approval of the North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area Superintendents Cabinet Meeting Agenda for August 28, 2020.

The NOC SELPA Superintendent Cabinet Meeting Agenda for August 28, 2020 was presented. A motion to approve the North Orange County SELPA Superintendent Cabinet Meeting Agenda of August 28, 2020 was initiated by Dr. Ramon Miramontes. Dr. Bob Pletka seconded the motion. Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No. Motion carried.

III. Open Session:

Superintendent Mr. Jim Coombs called for any communication from the public. No communication from the public was provided via email prior to the meeting.

IV. Action Item(s):

1.0 Approval of the North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area Superintendents Cabinet Minutes of Meeting May 22, 2020

The NOC SELPA Superintendent Cabinet Minutes of Meeting May 22, 2020 was presented. A motion to approve the Minutes of Meeting May 22, 2020 was initiated by Dr. Joanne Culverhouse. Dr. Bob Pletka seconded the motion. Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No. Motion carried.

2.0 Approval of the North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area 2019-2020 Mental Health Funding Distribution

Dr. Bob Pletka initiated a motion to approve the NOC SELPA 2019-2020 Mental Health Funding Distribution. Dr. Joanne Culverhouse seconded the motion. Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No. Motion carried.

V. Discussion/Information Item(s):

3.0 North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area Regionalized Services Estimated Actual and Proposed 2020-2021 Adopted Budget Report

i. Orange County Equalization

Mrs. Renee Hendrick reviewed the history of the Orange County equalization model, as well as the challenge in collecting the funds from districts. The MOUs signed by Orange County SELPA Superintendents contained expiration language when the funding model changed, which occurred in 2019-2020. The change in the SELPA base rate increased funding for individual districts, but without the equalization for 2019-2020, school districts in the NOC SELPA would have seen a decrease in total funding. To offset this loss, OCDE programs contributed to eliminate the shortfall. Though there was an increase in State funding, individual districts did not experience an increase due to the loss of the equalization funding. Once confirmation is received from the State regarding funding for 2020-2021, an evaluation will be completed to determine the impact on NOC SELPA districts. OCDE will then look at options to ensure that district funding remains flat. The hope is that the districts will experience an increase.

ii. North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area 2019-2020 Regionalized Service Reserves

Due to the uncertainty of the new State Special Education Funding Model, this item was moved to the November Superintendent Cabinet meeting.

4.0 New Low Incidence Apportionment

Dr. Jean Martin shared information about the new low incidence apportionment. The NOC SELPA currently receives \$123,537.99. It is anticipated that the NOC SELPA will receive an additional \$658,728.78. The Superintendents requested that the Directors and Business Officials make a recommendation for the distribution of this new apportionment.

5.0 Class Action Lawsuit: J.T. v. deBlasio

Dr. Jean Martin provided an update on the J.T. v. deBlasio class action lawsuit.

6.0 North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area Itinerant Teacher Services During Remote Instruction

Dr. Jean Martin shared how the NOC SELPA staff are supporting the NOC SELPA districts through remote instruction and the transition back to in-person instruction.

7.0 North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area 2020-2021 Staff Members and Contact Information

Dr. Jean Martin shared the names and positions of the 2020-2021 NOC SELPA staff members as well as their contact information.

8.0 North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area 2020-2021 Director Business Official Meeting Dates

Dr. Jean Martin shared the dates for the 2020-2021 DBO meetings.

9.0 North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area 2020-2021 Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Presentations and Board Members

Dr. Jean Martin shared the dates for the 2020-2021 CAC presentations as well as the 2020-2021 CAC Board Members.

VI. Suggested Items for Next Agenda

- 1) North Orange County SELPA 2019-2020 Regional Services Regional Services Distribution
- 2) Distribution of the New Low Incidence Funding Allocation

VII. Adjournment

Superintendent Dr. Joanne Culverhouse motioned to adjourn the meeting of the North Orange County SELPA Superintendent Cabinet at 10:30 a.m. Dr. Ramon Miramontes seconded the motion. Vote: 5 Yes 0 No Motion carried.