

COUNTYWIDE DISTRICT BUSINESS MEETING

April 16, 2010 - 9:00 a.m.

ATTENDEES: Linda Haze, Diane Schoonhoven, Carrie Holcroft, Janie Lee-Yang, Sandra Paxton, Srini Vasan, C. Lynette Walker, Kate Knutson, Sheila Randel, Geri K. Cox, Marisol Taylor, Leticia Gallegos, Jessica Roche, Julie DeWall, Laura Rodriguez, Jim Monreal, Sonia Ramos, Maureen Hester, and Jeffrey Bottorff

AGENDA ITEMS PROCEEDED IN
THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

Cecilia introduced herself as the new Fiscal Manager, previously held by Julie DeWall.

1. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes from March 5, 2010, were distributed. The districts were asked to contact Kim Linderholm if there are any corrections that need to be made.

2. INFORMATION SYSTEMS UPDATES - Jeffrey Bottorff

Jeffrey did not have any updates at this time, he asked the districts to contact him at ISHELP if they have any questions. Kate will contact Jeff later in regard to some issues she is having with access from home.

3. SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATE - Marisol Taylor

Marisol announced that at the March 24th Superintendents Meeting it was decided that AB 602 preschool dollars will be freed-up by transferring expenses to ARRA preschool. These funds will then be distributed back to the districts based on Tier II formula. A portion of MCOE's ARRA allocation will also be going back to the districts. Marisol will e-mail the districts to let them know the amounts. Geri will also be getting out to the districts their transportation costs based on this recent change.

4. SELPA UPDATE - Leticia Gallegos

Leticia reported that a small portion of the ARRA AB602 funds, which was set aside for SELPA Wide Services, will be returned to the districts. She will email the districts with a total amount to be returned. She also reported the next Superintendents' meeting will be held on April 28, 2010. They will be reviewing the Special Needs Pool Requests and possibly approve a new procedure for settlements that are multi-year.

5. PAYROLL UPDATES - Carrie Holcroft

Carrie reported that starting July 1st, sub teachers that are under the age of 60 and return to CalSTRS-covered employment immediately after retirement, their

benefit will be reduced. The dollar for dollar deduction equals the amount they earn during whichever time period is shorter (6 months after the retirement date).

Cecilia added that Janie Lee Yang is now the new Payroll/Retirement Technician working with Carrie; Laura Leyva moved from this position and is now working as a Fiscal Analyst.

6. BUDGET UPDATES - Geri K. Cox

Geri distributed information from the BASC Negotiations Workshop which addressed AB1200 and AB2756. Geri wanted to remind the districts that MCOE is here to assist them. Julie added that an additional handout attached to the Agenda also addresses AB1200 from the SSC Fiscal Report. This further discusses information on the requirement to publicly disclose provisions of all collective bargaining agreements.

Julie reminded the districts that when doing budgets that the 3rd year out is when class size reduction needs to be reevaluated. Geri noted that she appreciates the districts keeping MCOE posted as to if any school sites are reducing days so Special Education can plan accordingly. Geri shared some of her notes from the last BASC meeting she attended which included FCMAAT being available to give a presentation to district board members on how to deal with the hard decisions having to be made during these times.

Geri reported that CDE noted they would be getting some further guidance out on Cashflow, and the deferrals. Geri shared additional information from her notes on being cautious of vendors offering energy savings and their contracts. Geri reminded the districts that if any of the districts are looking at getting into a contract (other than purchasing energy from another provider) to please disclose that to MCOE.

7. REMINDERS - Cecilia Belmontes De Anda

Cecilia reminded the districts that she needs the P2 Attendance report by April 23rd. Information on the Budget Adoption Public Hearing needs to be to Cecilia by April 30th, as well as the Necessary Small Schools changes. "Report for Enrollment" Form J-7CSR is due to Cecilia by May 6th, and to notify her as well when Collective Bargaining for the districts are changed. Cecilia noted that the May Revise Workshop by SSC is on May 21st, the districts elected to cancel the May Countywide District Business Meeting and move the meeting to June 4th.

Julie thanked the districts for getting in their 2nd Interims in and everyone was looking as good as they can be right now. Julie will get the letters out next week.

THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR:

Friday, June 4th, 2010, 9:00 AM