

Los Angeles Regional Adult Education Consortium
Open Meeting
Culver City Unified School District
Board Room
4034 Irving Place, Culver City, CA 90232
Friday, February 19, 2016
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Minutes

Executive Committee Members in attendance: Emilio Urioste, Burbank USD
Veronica Montes, Culver City USD
Michael Romero, Los Angeles USD
Marvin Martinez, Los Angeles CCD
Kathy Brendzal, Montebello USD

- I. Meeting was called to order by Veronica Montes at 1:05 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Michael Romero.

Self- Introductions were made.
- III. Approval of minutes:
 - January 29 Special Open Meeting – Minutes were reviewed. Ms. Montes called for any corrections to minutes. No corrections or comments presented. Call for approval of minutes. Motion made by Emilio Urioste; second by Marvin Martinez. All vote yes. Motion to accept minutes passed.
- IV. Public Comment: Comments will be limited to 3 minutes.
 - a. Dr. Steve Levin, Culver City School Board President: I want to bring to your attention that the LARAEC website is not up to date. There was nothing about today's meeting posted. There was an agenda but no detail available for public access. I urge you to do better to get word out. This organization is discussing issues and making decisions on items that affect large and small districts. Size doesn't matter though. All should feel that they have a voice. The small should not feel disenfranchised. The one vote per organization is working. If there is a need to have another way to vote, it should not be weighted as to give big districts all the power and have small districts loose out.
 - b. Jim Clark, City of Culver City: On the issue of governance, it is important that it be determined so each party will have an equal voice. If in doubt, error on side of letting smaller organizations feel that they have an equal say. They will be supportive and feel they have some weight in the conversation and decisions.
- V. Action Items: Ms. Montes stated that there would be votes taken on a number of issues.
 - a. Emilio Urioste/Burbank USD made a motion to amend the previously approved LARAEC distribution of state AEBG non-MOE funds on October 23, 2015, to the new distribution proposal of January 29, 2016. Marvin Martinez seconded. No discussion. All voted yes. Motion passed.
 - b. Marvin Martinez/LACCD made a motion to approve the distribution of the remaining 10-percent of the 2015-2016 state AEBG non-MOE funds using the same percentages as was agreed upon for the distribution of the 90-percent of funds at the January 29,

2016 meeting. Emilio Urioste seconded. The question on when agencies could expect to receive monies was directed to Lanzi Asturias. He said that 90% of funds was in process of being released and should reach us by end of March, April at the latest. The remaining 10% would follow. All should expect to receive 8 months of arrears in that upcoming payment and then 1/12 of total each month after that. He will clarify if each agency will receive two checks (90/10) or just one. There was concern on date when MOE portion needed to be spent as webinar information indicates 12/31/17 date. Lanzi will place a call to AEBG office to find out definite date. The workgroup agreed that it is in everyone's best interest to spend the dollars to show the state that the money was needed. Emilio commented that the issue is that we have gotten such a late start with non-MOE. Veronica added that there is lots of accountability and we need to make sure we are taking right steps with protocol and procedures. The motion was reread and a vote was called. All voted yes and motion passed.

- c. Michael Romero/LAUSD make a motion to approve a LARAEC distribution of State AEBG funds for 2016/17 to include the following:
 - 1. Each K-12 District member will receive an amount equal to their 2015/2016 MOE.
 - 2. Each of the five member agencies will receive an amount equal to the 2015/2016 non-MOE percentage approved on February 19, 2016.

Motion was seconded by Marvin Martinez/LACCD. Mr. Martinez commented that this motion would make sure all would get same percentage of funding next year and enable all to run their programs and implement their plans. No other discussion. All voted yes and motion carried.

- d. Kathy Brendzal/Montebello USD made a motion that should the Statewide AEBG funds exceed the \$500 million amount, LARAEC will develop a voting structure to determine the distribution of additional funds. Motion was seconded by Marvin Martinez. In discussion, Emilio asked if there has been any word on whether additional monies would be awarded. Veronica Montes commented that Assembly member Lopez has drafted a bill for an additional \$250 million for AE but is not sure if it will get through legislative process. Emilio asked if there had been any consideration to COLA for these funds. Kathy Brendzal said that we need to advocate to our legislators to include COLA. It is important as operating costs increase. Emilio said that staffing and salary increases will be an issue if funding remains static. STRS and medical cost – all school district face these challenges. Veronica Montes stated that Culver City MOE was based on 2012 and there is a huge gap between current level of service and MOE. End of discussion. Vote on motion was called. All voted yes, motion passed.

Vi. Closing: Ms. Montes reminded all that the next LARAEC meeting would be on March 18. Information regarding time and place will be on LARAEC website. We want to keep in mind the timeline for posting of the meetings and materials which include the agenda. Veronica thanked all members for reaching consensus and passing the four motions today. This action will allow us all to move forward. Meeting was adjourned at 1:40PM.