



South County Consortium for Special Education

Board Agenda Regular Meeting

3/10/26

200 Douglas Street | Petaluma, CA 94952

Petaluma City School District Office, Board Room

1. CALL TO ORDER – 1:02 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Verification of District Representatives to the Consortium Council Roll Call:

Cinnabar School District	Not Present
Dunham School District	Present
Liberty School District	Present
Old Adobe Union School District	Present
Petaluma City School District	Present
Two Rock Union School District	Present
Waugh School District	Present
Wilmar Union School District	Present

3. ADOPTION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Approval of the Agenda March 10, 2026

First the motion: Ani Larson; Second: Mike Gardner

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of February 10, 2026

First the motion: Ani Larson; Second: Chris Rafanelli

5. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS, REPORTS, and PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Director' Report: Canaan Richards, Interim Director of South County Consortium

- Staffing
 1. VVPW- 1 resignation and 2 vacancies.
 2. Reduction 0.5 FTE school nurse.
 3. Reduction in a 1.0 FTE school psychologist
 4. Reduction in a 1.0 FTE Coordinator
 5. 0.7 FTE Program Manager posted
- Medically Complex Programming Presentation with Amanda Bonviert, PCS CBO (slideshow attached).
 1. Financial:\$172,000 per student. Example: With 3 students, the cost is approximately \$172,000 per student. As enrollment increases toward 6, the per-student cost decreases.
 2. Capacity: The program is designed for about 6 students.
 3. Support Staff (Teacher, IA's, LVN, PT, OT, APE)- would add to current providers caseload.)

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(continued)**

4. Safety Ratio: The IA-to-student ratio must be higher than standard classrooms to ensure all students (particularly wheelchair users) can be evacuated safely in an emergency.
5. Question posed, would the consortium qualify for the additional (\$50,000 credit), which can be applied to the group.
6. The main goal is the integrity of the program. Giving the students the best quality of education that they deserve.
 - a) Breaking the current class up with (10 students) with varying needs.
 - b) Creating a K-6 medically supportive class to assure the the quality of education and medical needs are being met.
 - c) Secondary Medically Supportive students would need to move to an outside program.

5.2 Mentor Update by Cathy Myhers

- Ms. Myhers expressed her appreciation for being able to work with Canaan Richards and Mara Mayock.
1. Debrief: Reviewed discipline, budget and creatings systems.
 2. Areas of Improvement - Two goals.
 - a) Student Engagement - Moving away from simple supervision toward adults actively helping students reach targeted goals and independence.
 - b) Visual Aids - Using more signs/charts/ icons to help students stay independent and reduce the need for physical and verbal redirection.
 3. Follow up: Modeling on how to utilize the visuals and student engagement.
 4. Future Visits: Focus will shift to coaching, supporting and observing teachers.
 5. Long- Term Goals: These priorities (visuals and engagement) will remain the focus through next year.

Question about staff training and what has been presented to the staff for this year?

Staff Training and Development

- Professional Development Days
- Safety /Behavior: Pro-Act training and student-specific behavioral coaching.
- IEP Training
- IA Training (various topics)
- Specialized Training: Pentain Training at SCOE.

6. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - No public comments were made.

7. REPORT on ACTIVITIES and CORRESPONDENCE of SoCC BOARD MEMBERS

a) SELPA Advisory Committee- No updates; No meetings held in March.

b) Supes Council - No formal meetings held in March.

- Discussion continues regarding Santa Rosa City Schools.
 - a) SELPA has decided to provide services (contract) next year to Santa Rosa.

8. ACTION ITEMS

8.1 School Services of California, Inc. Study - Agreement Letter (needs signatures)

9. FUTURE BUSINESS

- Actual Cost Report (Average)
- Revisit of Medically Supportive Program

10. Closed Session : 1:46 PM

11. Report on Closed Session - Nothing to Report

12. ADJOURNMENT: 2:15 PM