

Southern California Regional Occupational Center Board Highlights

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December 17, 2009 Board Meeting



Board of Education

Arlene Staich, President
Redondo Beach Unified School District

Al Muratsuchi, Vice President
Torrance Unified School District

Bill Fournell, Clerk
Manhattan Beach
Unified School District

Heidi Ashcraft, Member
Board Member-at-Large

Alice Grigsby, Member
Board Member-at-Large

Barbara Lucky, Member
Palos Verdes Peninsula
Unified School District

Sandra C. Suarez, Member
Centinela Valley Union
High School District

Tammy Tagami-Reeves, Member
El Segundo Unified School District

Trina L. Williams, Member
Inglewood Unified School District

Christine A. Hoffman, Ed.D.
SoCal ROC Superintendent

SoCal ROC Student Grateful for Bright Future

Spencer Greller, a student at Mira Costa High School is currently attending the Silkscreen/Production Art program at the Center. Spencer stated that prior to enrolling in the program, he did not care very much about school. Spencer said he attended a presentation given by Career Guidance Specialist, Pat Morrow where she discussed SoCal ROC courses. Spencer stated that he enrolled in the Silkscreen/Production Art course and was treated like a working adult. Spencer also stated that he enjoyed the hands-on experience. As a result of his experience in the course, Spencer stated that he has a renewed interest in school and that upon graduation, he will be attending The Academy of Art University in San Francisco.



Spencer Greller and Arlene Staich

Spencer completed his presentation by thanking SoCal ROC for completely turning his life around. He said, "My life has completely been turned around because of SoCal ROC. And I will always remember that it was because of this school I now have a life. My future is looking bright and I look forward to seeing how the rest of it unwinds. I have learned so much here and am so grateful for a school like this exists. Thank you." Board President Staich and members of the Board presented Spencer with a Board Certificate of Excellence.

New Board Members Welcomed to SoCal ROC

New Board Members Al Muratsuchi of Torrance Unified School District, Barbara Lucky of Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District, and Bill Fournell of Manhattan Beach Unified School District, were sworn into office by SoCal ROC Superintendent Dr. Christine A. Hoffman. The Board of Education also held its annual officer reorganization. The new Board Officers are: Arlene Staich, President; Al Muratsuchi, Vice President; and Bill Fournell, Clerk.



(l-r) Board Member Al Muratsuchi; Board Member Barbara Lucky takes Oath of Office from Dr. Christine Hoffman; and Board Member Bill Fournell.

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Student Advocate Dr. Phillip Valentine Recognized By The Board

Ms. Terry Castillo, Instructor, Certified Medical Assisting introduced Dr. Phillip Valentine. Ms. Castillo stated that Dr. Valentine is a staunch supporter of SoCal ROC and that Dr. Valentine is also an active member of the SoCal ROC Advisory Committee. Dr. Valentine stated that many SoCal ROC students are placed at Health Care Partners for their externship. Following the completion of the Medical Assisting program, Dr. Valentine has employed many former SoCal ROC students in the Dermatology Department.

Dr. Valentine thanked Dr. Hoffman, Deputy Superintendent Laurie St. Gean, and members of the Board for the opportunity to serve students. Dr. Valentine added that he is very impressed with the education SoCal ROC provides to students.



Arlene Staich and Dr. Phillip Valentine

The Board heard presentations on the following:

- Superintendent Dr. Christine A. Hoffman gave a presentation “What is SoCal ROC?” Dr. Hoffman summarized an overview of who and what SoCal ROC is including the following areas: history; programs; funding/revenue of ROC/Ps; budget/funding; and its purpose of providing Career Technical Education for all high school students and adults. When SoCal ROC opened in 1967, seven classes were offered: Medical Assisting, Dental Assisting, Welding, Major Appliance Repair, Secretarial Key punch, and Data Processing. Today SoCal ROC offers 113 courses in six career sectors at the Center and on satellite high school campuses in the South Bay. Statistics report that SoCal ROC population makes up of 63% high school student and 37% adults. Priority enrollment is given to high school students within the JPA.

There are also 74 ROC/Ps state wide that are operated as a district, county operated, or JPAs. SoCal ROC is unique because it is one of two Centers in the state. SoCal ROC is governed by its own school board with the same authority and responsibilities of a K-12 school district. SoCal ROC generates revenues from state established ADA. Other revenue sources include: Carl Perkins Federal Funds, State Lottery revenue, State Deferred Maintenance Funds and adult fee revenues. The SoCal ROC budget information is reported to Board of Education and filed with the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

Dr. Hoffman concluded the presentation: “SoCal ROC is a unique place where students from all races, socio-economic, and academic backgrounds come together to discover career opportunities, “try-out” various career areas, network with potential employers, and participate in life-changing educational experiences. “

- Superintendent Dr. Christine A. Hoffman gave an update of Building A Modernization that Phase One is underway. Phase I includes classrooms for Veterinary Assistant; Veterinary Science; Hotel/Restaurant Occupations; a Technology Lab; new student rest rooms. The roof has been replaced and the heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning system is also being upgraded through the entire Building A infrastructure. Phase Two includes the administrative offices, rest rooms, and Certified Nurse Assistant classroom. A cost estimate for the Lease/Leaseback for Phase Two of the project will be brought to the Board at the February 2010 meeting. The modernization project is expected to be completed by fall 2010.

The Board approved the following:

- New Course Outline for Studio Art 2-D.
- Deputy Superintendent Laurie St. Gean gave an overview of the First Interim Budget Report – Fiscal year 2009/2010. SoCal ROC has received a positive certification which means SoCal ROC will meet its financial obligations for the current year and two subsequent years.