

Southern California Regional Occupational Center Board Highlights

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May 21, 2009 Board Meeting



Board of Education

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El Segundo Unified School District

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

The Board heard presentations on the following:

- Deputy Superintendent Laurie St. Gean introduced Melissa Moore, Instructor of Phlebotomy at SoCal ROC. Ms. Moore provided an overview and demonstration of the Phlebotomy course. Students taking the course need to know anatomy and physiology. They also must have knowledge of ethical behavior. Students must demonstrate skills in safety and infection control and be knowledgeable in preparation of supplies and equipment, and venipuncture and skin puncture procedures.

Ms. Moore reported that the course is offered in four sessions throughout the year, and there is an evening class offering. The class is also being offered during summer due to demand for the program. The program includes a 40 hour externship that is required for students to pass the State Certification.



Maritza Cerna injects a needle into Sylvia Chavez as Melissa Moore looks on.

Students provided a demonstration of the skills acquired from the course. Ms. Moore stated that there are many career pathways for students to continue their education in the medical field.

- Superintendent Hoffman reported that State funds for the modernization project for Building A are still frozen. Dr. Hoffman added however that she had received a communication from OPSC indicating that the project was being moved to the next phase. Superintendent Hoffman stated that she met with Glenn Gould, legal counsel for the project, Larry Wysong, builder for the project, and conference call with Kirk Heiser, architect. They discussed what could be started and completed on the modernization project with SoCal ROC funds on hand. This portion of the project would be identified as Phase I and would include: the Animal Science Classroom; Hotel/ Restaurant Classroom; student restrooms (first floor), the Medical/Dental Computer Lab, all ramps as well as abatement that needs to be completed.

The Board approved:

- The SoCal ROC 2009/2010 calendar. Beginning June 15, 2009 and will continue into the regular school year, the SoCal ROC will be open Monday through Thursday and closed on Fridays.
- New Course Outlines for: Business Entrepreneur/EBay, Music Production, Pharmacy Technician, and Plumbing Codes.



(l-r) Arlene Staich, Nancy Hersman, Alice Grigsby, Tammy Tagami-Reeves, Linda Larson, Ginny Snider, and Dr. Christine Hoffman

Linda Larson Acknowledged by the Board

Deputy Superintendent Laurie St. Gean introduced Linda Larson, Human Resources Specialist for SoCal ROC. She stated that Ms. Larson had been employed at SoCal ROC since 2003. Ms. Larson currently works as the HR Specialist and is responsible for working with new instructors and all of SoCal ROC's job postings. Ms. St. Gean stated that Ms. Larson is very knowledgeable regarding the credentialing process and works extremely well with staff in making sure that all information for the teaching credential is complete. Ms. Larson is well organized and diligent about meeting all timelines.