

**Southern California Regional Occupational Center
2300 Crenshaw Boulevard
Torrance, CA 90501**

**Minutes of the Joint Powers Board Meeting
Thursday, September 17, 2015
6:00 p.m.**

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS

Present: Alice Grigsby; Barbara Lucky; Terry Ragins; Ida VanderPoorte; Brad Waller; William Watkins

Absent: Bill Fournell

ADMINISTRATORS

Present: Laurie St. Gean, Ed.D. and Atlas Helaire, Ed.D.

STAFF PRESENT

Terry Castillo, Teresa Farquhar, Miguel Figueroa, Twilla Green, Natalie Hansen, Sara Leon, Ana Levin, Rocio Pineda-Contreras, Loie Rivera and Wayne Smith

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Grigsby called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Vice President Grigsby led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: A motion was made by Member VanderPoorte to approve the September 17, 2015 agenda. Member Waller seconded the motion.

Vote: Grigsby - Yes; Lucky – Yes; Ragins – Yes; VanderPoorte - Yes; Waller – Yes; Watkins – Yes

Result: Motion carried **6** - Yes; 0 - No; 0 – Abstain

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

NONE

COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITION

Superintendent St. Gean introduced the staff from the IT Department: Teresa Farquhar, Director of Technology; Wayne Smith, Technology Technician; Twilla Green, Data Processing Technician; and Loie Rivera Data Processing Technician (arrived later). Superintendent St. Gean stated that the IT Department staff always focuses on doing a good job to meet the needs of all SoCal ROC students and staff.

Vice President Grigsby presented each IT staff member with a Board Certificate of Excellence.

STUDENT VOICES

Dr. Helaire introduced Donovan Saucedo, an adult student.

Donovan Saucedo stated that presently he is enrolled in the Welding II class at SoCal ROC. Donovan commented that he first started taking SoCal ROC classes as a sophomore at TUSD. Donovan shared that he has taken a wide range of courses at SoCal ROC but finally found his passion in Welding. Donovan remarked that his career goal is to become certified in 3G and 4G MIG and TIG and become an underwater welder.

Vice President Grigsby presented Donovan Saucedo with a Board Certificate of Excellence

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

NONE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD

NONE

SoCal ROC EMPLOYEE GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

Wayne Smith, Employee Representative Co-President welcomed the Board to the 2015-2016 school year. Mr. Smith reported that the fall semester is well underway and that both students and instructors are engaged in classroom activities. Mr. Smith shared that the Employee Group Representatives conducted their first meeting where the members discussed fundraising for scholarships. Finally, Mr. Smith commented that SoCal ROC appreciates the Board's ongoing support and thanked them for their time and service to SoCal ROC.

STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent St. Gean emphasized that SoCal ROC's main source of funding was from the state. As of June 30, 2015, the state eliminated funding for the ROC/P system, instead folding the funds into local school districts budgets as part of the local control funding formula. This past year the local legislatures worked hard to find a solution to the funding issues that face SoCal ROC. As part of the state budget, school districts and JPA's may apply for CTE matching funds. The specifics of this program have not been released by the state but what is known at this time is that districts that are part of the JPA would each have to sign a "letter of commitment" in order for SoCal ROC to apply.

Member Ragins asked if SoCal ROC has hired a grant writer in the past.

Superintendent St. Gean remarked that a grant writer was hired to write a career pathways grant last year.

Member Watkins added that he will support any adjustment in the budget needed to hire a grant writer.

Member VanderPoorte asked if the SoCal ROC would use the same grant writer that was used for the Career Pathways Trust Grant.

Superintendent stated that an advantage to using the same grant writer is that the individual is knowledgeable about SoCal ROC and its programs.

CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEM NO.

- 1 APPROVE BOARD MINUTES OF AUGUST 20, 2015
- 2 APPROVE PAYROLL A WARRANT REPORT – AUGUST 2015
- 3 APPROVE B-WARRANT REPORT – AUGUST 2015
- 4 APPROVE B-WARRANTS ISSUED WITHOUT PURCHASE ORDERS FOR AUGUST 2015
- 5 APPROVE PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENT ORDERS
- 6 APPROVE PURCHASE ORDER REPORT – AUGUST 2015
- 7 APPROVE REVOLVING CASH FUND – AUGUST 2015
- 8 APPROVE SOCAL ROC RECOGNITION ACCOUNT – AUGUST 2015
- 9 APPROVE COURSE OUTLINE

Vice President Grigsby asked if any Members of the Board had any Items to be pulled from the Consent portion of the Agenda. Member VanderPoorte pulled Item #1.

Motion: A motion was made by Member Ragins to approve Items 2-9. Member Watkins seconded the motion.

Vote: Grigsby - Yes; Lucky – Yes; Ragins – Yes; VanderPoorte - Yes; Waller – Yes; Watkins – Yes

Result: Motion carried 6 - Yes; 0 - No; 0 – Abstain

Motion: A motion was made by Member Watkins to approve Item #1 – *August 20, 2015 Board Minutes*. Member Waller seconded the motion.

Member VanderPoorte stated that she was not present at the August 20, 2015 meeting so she would be abstaining on Item #1, the minutes of August 20, 2015.

Vote: Grigsby - Yes; Lucky – Yes; Ragins – Yes; VanderPoorte - Abstain; Waller – Yes; Watkins – Yes

Result: Motion carried 5 - Yes; 0 - No; 1 – Abstain

PERSONNEL

NONE

BUSINESS SERVICES

1. Approve Unaudited Actuals for 2014-2015 fiscal year

Motion: A motion was made Member Lucky to approve the unaudited actuals for 2014-2015 fiscal year. Member Waller seconded the motion.

Superintendent St. Gean presented the Board with a detailed overview of SoCal ROC's Unaudited Actuals for 2014-2015. Superintendent St. Gean stated that the unaudited actuals represent revenue and expenditures for Funds: 1, 14, 20, and 40. Superintendent St Gean noted So Cal ROC has a remaining balance of \$323,966 that can be used to offset potential lay-offs for the current year. Superintendent St. Gean reviewed the ending balance in all Funds; 1, 14, 35 and 40. As a governmental agency SoCal ROC is required to report for the first time this year the Net Pension Liability. This is in response to GASB 68 which makes changes to how state and local governments account for their costs and obligations relating to employee pensions.

Mrs. Vanderpoorte asked who would be responsible for paying this if Socal ROC closes.

Superintendent stated that she would need to do some additional research to answer the question.

Vote: Grigsby - Yes; Lucky – Yes; Ragins – Yes; VanderPoorte - Yes; Waller – Yes; Watkins – Yes

Result: Motion carried 6 - Yes; 0 - No; 0 – Abstain

GENERAL

1. SoCal ROC Board Budget Sub-Committee Update – Future Funding for SoCal ROC

Member Waller shared that the SoCal ROC Board Budget Sub-Committee had its first meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2015. Member Waller commented that the main topic was the status of determining the funding definition of the 50% of the received CTE money received by each district. The CBO's sitting on the committee were not all in agreement as to how the percentage would be calculated. Committee Member Susan Aceves, CBO from ESUSD was appointed to coordinate a meeting with all JPA CBO's to determine how to calculate. Member Waller stated that the Board Budget Sub-Committee will meet after the first meeting with the JPA CBO's.

Member Lucky stated that the language regarding the 50% was formulated by the superintendents on the committee with all committee members present.

Member Ragins commented that the CTE money is buried within the Local Control Funding and is very difficult to determine what portion is CTE money.

Member VanderPoorte stated that the original plan was 50% of the CTE money or approximately \$217 per student.

Vice President Waller shared that the CBO's from each district will need to agree on the formula.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Member Watkins commented that ESUSD had a very successful opening of the new school year and added that ESUSD has been in session since August.

Member VanderPoorte had no comment.

Member Waller stated that all RBUSD middle schools will be holding "Back to School" Nights Wednesday, September 16, 2015. Member Waller commented that he attended El Camino's grand opening of their Industry Technology Education Center. Finally, Member Waller commented that reporter David Mendez from the Easy Reader Newspaper will be touring SoCal ROC on October 1st.

Member Lucky commented that classes at PVPUSD began three weeks ago. PVPUSD has provided cooling stations to help student keep cool.

Member Ragins reported that at the next SoCal ROC Board meeting in October, TUSD will be presenting a PowerPoint on the plans for the aquatic center. Member Ragins shared that she distributed the SoCal ROC press packets to TUSD Board Members who then re-distributed to the local high school closest to them.

Vice President Grigsby thanked Superintendent St. Gean for the continuous updates provided to the Board. Vice-President Grigsby shared that she is happy to hear that SoCal ROC may soon have a representative from IUSD.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS

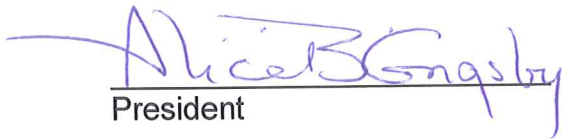
Superintendent St. Gean stated that SoCal ROC's opening day for the 2015/2016 school year was a huge success. Due to various start dates at the participating JPA districts, enrollment was extended until September 17, 2015. Superintendent St. Gean shared that she and Dr. Watkins will be meeting with the CBO of DaVinci High School on October 14, 2015.


ADJOURN MEETING

Motion: Member Ragins made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Member VanderPoorte seconded the motion.

Vote: Grigsby - Yes; Lucky – Yes; Ragins – Yes; VanderPoorte - Yes; Waller – Yes; Watkins – Yes

Result: Motion carried 6 - Yes; 0 - No; 0 – Abstain


President


Date