

Southern California Regional Occupational Center

Board Highlights

June 11, 2014

The SoCal ROC Board of Education held its regularly scheduled meeting on June 11, 2014. At the meeting, the Board heard the following:

COMMENDATION

Superintendent Christine Hoffman, Ed.D. stated that employee representatives are invited to give reports to the Board of Education at monthly Board meetings. Both Certificated and Classified Employee Representative groups are represented by staff members who volunteer their time raising money for student scholarships; participating in leadership roles on WASC committees; and serving as a liaison between administration and employee groups. Superintendent Hoffman presented each member of the Certificated and Classified Employee Representative Groups with a Board Certificate of Excellence.



Front Row, l-r: Sara Leon, Pat Morrow, Lucy Gutierrez, Twilla Green, Rocio Pineda-Contreras, Annette Abelin, Deloris Johnson, Jeanie Rivello, Sylvia Owens, Barbara Lucky, Esq., and Terry Ragins. Back Row, l-r: Miguel Figueroa, Ida VanderPoorte, Brad Waller, Bill Fournell, Alice Grigsby, and Christine Hoffman, Ed.D.

STAFF REPORTS

Multi-Year Center Enrollment Comparison by JPA District

Superintendent Hoffman presented the Board Members with a presentation detailing the enrollment at the Center from each JPA high school. A chart showed a comparison of enrollment at the Center for the past 4 years commencing with the 2010/11 school year. The graph also represents the total number of adults and out of district students who were enrolled in programs at the Center during the same time period. Additionally, information was provided to each Board Member that included student participation rates in CTE courses on their respective high school campuses. These courses were identified as part of the SoCal ROC's formula allocation to each JPA district.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS

Superintendent Hoffman commented on the end of the year staff luncheon. Certificated staff instructor, Rose Hecht, was recognized for her retirement after 35 years of service. Superintendent Hoffman praised the success of the student art gallery exhibit and fashion show held last week. Superintendent Hoffman also shared an article from EdSource; the California Department of Education reported that the enrollment data for the most recent school year, 2012-2013, found that school districts reported 1,366 fewer CTE courses, resulting in an alarming reduction of 50,000 fewer students participating in CTE courses. The article further states, that at this rate, these inspiring and life-changing programs will soon be just a memory. One could say that CTE in California is in a death spiral. Superintendent Hoffman added that the elimination of CTE programs will have a direct impact on California's economy. Despite the decrease in funding and the uncertainties of the state budget, SoCal ROC will continue to provide quality and relevant programs for the 2014/15 school year.

The Board approved the following:

- The SoCal ROC operating budget for 2014/15. The state revenue for next year is almost identical to the state revenue received for 2013/14. This is because effective July 1, 2014, SoCal ROC will be in the second year of the two-year funding reprieve by the state.
- An increase of \$1,000 a year to the current Health Benefits cap. This brings the new amount to \$8,000 annually for eligible full-time SoCal ROC employees.
- Awarding professional growth salary increases to employees who have accrued a minimum of 160 hours of approved professional growth.



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