

# Southern California Regional Occupational Center Board Highlights

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

## The Board heard presentations on the following:

- Deputy Superintendent Laurie St. Gean conducted a tour of the new welding facility located in Building C. Director of Maintenance, Chuck Banda, and Welding Instructor Darryl Rippstein discussed the work that had been completed. The space was completely gutted, with the installation of a new electrical panel. Additionally, 22 state-of-the-art welding stations were also installed. Superintendent Hoffman stated that there are only a few schools in California that have the new welding booth technology. This program is quite popular and runs four nights per week. Mr. Rippstein added that the class curriculum includes ARC, gas, and tungsten welding.



(l-r) Welding Classroom; Chuck Banda discussed work completed with Board Members and guests.



- Superintendent Hoffman informed members of the Board that state funds for the Building A Modernization are still frozen. Superintendent Hoffman said that the project may be phased with current dollars on hand. Superintendent Hoffman added that she will be meeting with the Builder and Architect to identify those portions of the project that may be completed with the funds on hand.
- Deputy Superintendent Laurie St. Gean informed the Board that the process has begun for developing the budget for 2009- 2010. Revenue received will be less and we continue to identify reductions in preparation for budget cuts. Deputy Superintendent St. Gean explained that we are looking at closing the Center on Friday, which will be a savings of \$50,000. All staff is currently involved in program based budgeting. This process helps to prioritize budget areas to be reduced.

## The Board approved:

- New Course Outlines for Conflict Resolution/Mediation for Home Health Aides (HHA), Fashion Merchandising, and Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC).

## Superintendent Recognizes Longtime SoCal ROC Employee, Bob Jennings

Superintendent Hoffman introduced Mr. Bobby Jennings to the Board. Dr. Hoffman stated that Mr. Jennings has been with SoCal ROC for thirty-eight years. The Center opened in 1967 and Bobby started teaching in 1972. Mr. Jennings began as a SoCal ROC substitute instructor and was eventually hired to be the instructor for radio and TV repair. Mr. Jennings, now retired, still serves as a substitute instructor. Board Members presented Mr. Jennings with a certificate of appreciation. Mr. Jennings stated that it is truly a pleasure for him to work with students at SoCal ROC.



(l-r) Dr. Michael Ernst, Arlene Staich, Alice Grigsby, Bob Jennings, Nancy Hersman, Tammy Tagami-Reeves, Sandra C. Suarez