

Southern California Regional Occupational Center Board Highlights

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January 21, 2010 Board Meeting



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

SoCal ROC is a Family Tradition for Yukito Chan

Yukito Chan, a senior from Morningside High School, expressed the importance of Career Technical Education (CTE) to the Board and the impact of CTE on his family. Inspired by his own passion for automobiles and his older brother's successful Automotive Technician career, Mr. Chan set his career path to become an Automotive Technician. Mr. Chan has taken SoCal ROC courses in the Engineering, Technology, and Industrial Trades Sector: Quick Auto Service during summer 2009; Automotive Technician I and Automotive Systems I during fall 2009; and will begin the Automotive Technician II, Automotive Systems II, and Welding courses soon. Mr. Chan relayed that in his auto courses, he has learned about basic engines, engine overhaul, engine preventive maintenance, brakes, alignment, tire balance suspension, and other automobile techniques. Mr. Chan is the fourth child in the second generation of his family to attend SoCal ROC. His father completed a welding class in the 1980's; his sister Wilma completed the Floral Design and Medical Assisting classes and his other sister Juliana completed computer courses. His brother Gabriel, the Automotive Technician also took three years of SoCal ROC courses in high school. Mr. Chan concluded, "I have seen how Career Technical Education and SoCal ROC helped my family get wonderful careers and great jobs." Mr. Chan also recently spoke as a student speaker at the annual SoCal ROC Counselor Appreciation Luncheon. Board Vice President Al Muratsuchi thanked and presented Mr. Chan a Certificate of Recognition.



Al Muratsuchi and Yukito Chan

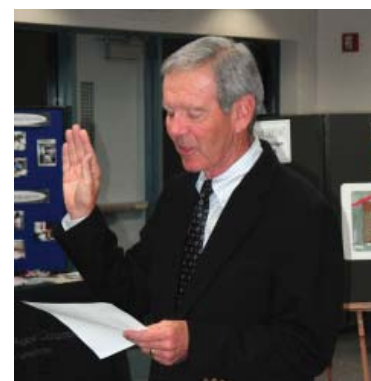
ESUSD Board Member William Watkins, Ed.D. Welcomed to SoCal ROC

Board Member William Watkins, Ed.D. of El Segundo Unified School District, took the Oath of Office to the SoCal ROC Board of Education. Dr. Watkins recently began a second four year term on the El Segundo Unified School District Board of Education. Prior to serving to the Board of Education, Dr. Watkins served many administrative positions for ESUSD including Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Principal.

The Board heard presentations on the following:

- Superintendent Hoffman presented a Power Point to Members of the Board regarding the modernization project of Building A. Dr. Hoffman stated that the building has actually evolved over three different phases: the first construction phase included the portion of the building that is comprised of metal siding; the second portion was added in 1977 and consists of the brick front; the third portion was the addition of a second floor to the back portion of the building. Prior to that addition, the back portion was one large area that housed SoCal ROC's warehouse.

In providing financing for the modernization project, Dr. Hoffman state that prior to 2006, ROC/P's were not included in the State's school facilities funding. Legislation changed that and ROC/P's were given the opportunity to write for competitive grant money as a part of Prop. 1D state bonds. SoCal ROC was successful in having its grant funded for 1.5 million dollars to be used to modernize the Medical Health Science classrooms located in the Building A.



William Watkins, Ed.D.

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The Board heard presentations continued:

The modernization is being completed in phases. Phase I Includes classrooms for Veterinary Science; Hotel Restaurant Program; technology lab for Health Science/ Medical Technology Sector; new student restrooms; a new roofing system for the entire building; and upgrades to the infrastructure including HVAC, and plumbing and lighting. Dr. Hoffman stated that the work on Phase I is moving along very well.

Phase II of the project includes a Certified Nursing Assisting classroom; staff restrooms, and infrastructure work on the second floor including HVAC, air conditioning, and plumbing. She stated that Phase III of the project will include the medical and dental classrooms on the second floor of Building A.

The Board approved the following:

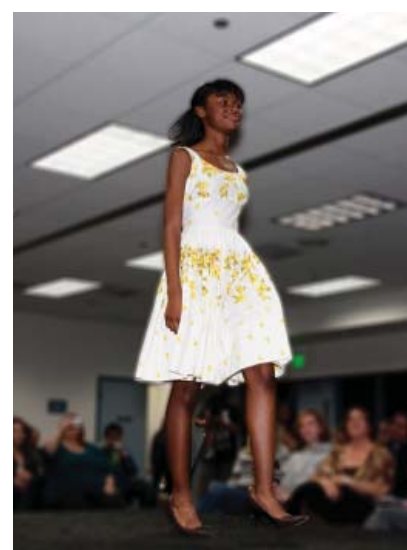
- Deputy Superintendent St. Gean introduced Mr. Bob Wilkinson representing the firm of Wilkinson Hadley King & Co. Mr. Wilkinson said the SoCal ROC audit is similar to the school district audits, as it is a financial and compliance audit. This year SoCal ROC had no actual findings on the report. A major part of any school district's audit has to do with attendance records; Mr. Wilkinson stated that they found no problems with attendance procedures and records reviewed. The Board approved the acceptance of the SoCal ROC Audit Report, June 30, 2009.

Fashion Design Instructor Ragina Cox Recognized by the Board

Fashion Design Instructor Ragina Cox was recognized by the Board for organizing a show stopper Fashion Show held on January 13 at SoCal ROC. A clip of the fashion show, filmed by the SoCal ROC Film/NewsCast Editing course, was shown to the Board. Twenty nine fashion design students designed and presented their "Inspiration" collection in relation to the themes of the fashion show: Edgy, Red Carpet, and Wedding Party. Students Olivia DeJesus of Palos Verdes Peninsula High School and Heather Palmer of South High School showed the Board a sample of their classic designs inspired by Fashion Designer Icons Vera Wang, Marc Jacobs, Versace, and Alexander McQueen. Board Vice President Al Muratsuchi thanked and presented Ms. Cox a Board Certificate of Recognition. Below are pictures from the Fashion Show, Inspiration.



Al Muratsuchi and Ragina Cox



Left: Olivia DeJesus; Top center: Sara Yamamoto, Heather Palmer, Maritza Mossberg; Right: Ama Yeboah; Bottom center: Erika Wilvang, Julia Doolittle, Emilija Stojanovic