

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL OCCUPATIONAL CENTER

Board Highlights

February 20, 2014

The SoCal ROC Board of Education held its regularly scheduled meeting on February 20, 2014. At the meeting, the Board heard the following:

STUDENT VOICES

Palos Verdes High School senior Jack Solaro is currently enrolled in the American Sign Language II at the Center. Mr. Solaro commented that he first started taking SoCal ROC sponsored classes on his high school campus but it was not until last year that he enrolled at the Center, taking American Sign Language I. In the American Sign Language I & II course, Mr. Solaro has learned the language, culture, and business aspects of the program. Mr. Solaro commented that although his major is in engineering, the courses taken both at his high school and at the Center will help him in the future. His future plans are to attend a four year university. Board President William Watkins presented Mr. Solaro a Board Certificate of Excellence.



(l-r): William Watkins, Ed.D., Heidi Ashcraft, Barbara Lucky, Esq., Jack Solaro, Alice Grigsby, Brad Waller, and Terry Ragins.

UPDATE ON LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS TO FUND SOCAL ROC

Superintendent Hoffman reported that both Deputy Superintendent Laurie St. Gean and she were in Sacramento last week. During the visit, they met with the SoCal ROC advocate to discuss funding for the ROC/P's and how the local control funding formula is unfolding. The role of community colleges in CTE was also discussed. Superintendent Hoffman remarked that during the visit they also met with Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi and his staff; reviewed how SoCal ROC is funded and what will happen after the two year funding reprieve ends on June 15, 2015. Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi shared where new monies are slated to go. At this time, no new legislation was mentioned. The visit concluded with a visit to Senator Loni Hancock's office where the status of SB 660 was discussed. Senator Hancock expressed her support for ROC/P's.

COMMENDATION

Superintendent Hoffman recognized Heidi Ashcraft, one of the longest serving members of the SoCal ROC Board. Ms. Ashcraft also served twelve years on the Torrance Unified Board of Education. Recently, Ms. Ashcraft was appointed to a seat on the Torrance City Council. During her nine and a half years of service as a SoCal ROC Board Member, Ms. Ashcraft has been instrumental in helping guide SoCal ROC through some very challenging times related to funding for Career Technical Education. Ms. Ashcraft has been a driving force, not only in Torrance but throughout the South Bay in advocating and promoting Career Technical Education. Superintendent Hoffman concluded by stating that Ms. Ashcraft's contributions will be long lasting to SoCal ROC, its students, and staff. Dr. Hoffman thanked Ms. Ashcraft for her service.



(l-r): William Watkins, Ed.D., Barbara Lucky, Esq., Brad Waller, Heidi Ashcraft, Christine Hoffman, Terry Ragins, and Alice Grigsby.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS

Superintendent Hoffman shared that she was notified that Chevron Corporation awarded SoCal ROC with another \$50,000 for a grant that was submitted for SoCal ROC's engineering program. Within eight months, SoCal ROC will have received \$100,000 in grant money from Chevron Corporation.

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