

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL OCCUPATIONAL CENTER

Board Highlights

May 15, 2014

The SoCal ROC Board of Education held its regularly scheduled meeting on May 15, 2014. At the meeting, the Board heard the following:

COMMENDATION/RECOGNITION

Deputy Superintendent Laurie St. Gean, Ed.D. introduced *Emergency Medical/First Responder* Instructor Jess Nalley and Melvin Hakimian, a senior at Palos Verdes Peninsula High School. Mr. Hakimian utilized the medical training from the *Emergency Medical/First Responder* course to save a life. On May 2, 2014, Mr. Hakimian was playing basketball at a local park when a teenage boy collapsed during the game. Mr. Hakimian immediately directed bystanders to call 911 for assistance as he opened the teenager's airway to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). The paramedics arrived and continued the treatment. Mr. Nalley added that one of the greatest rewards of being an instructor is when students apply what they have learned in real-life situations. Board President William Watkins, Ed.D. presented both Mr. Nalley and Mr. Hakimian with a *Board Certificate of Excellence*.



Front Row: William Watkins, Ed.D., Bill Fournell, Ida VanderPoorte, Brad Waller, Barbara Lucky, Esq., Melvin Hakimian, Jess Nalley, Alice Grigsby, and Terry Ragins.

UPDATE ON STATE BUDGET

Superintendent Christine Hoffman, Ed.D. presented a PowerPoint presentation detailing the history of ROC/P funding in California and how the ROC/Ps are currently funded. The *Governor's Budget May Revise 2014/15* does not reference funding for ROC/Ps beyond June 30, 2015. Despite the decrease in funding and the uncertainties of the state budget, SoCal ROC continues to provide quality and relevant programs to high school students and adults throughout the South Bay while maintaining a balanced budget. Deputy Superintendent St. Gean presented "Budget Planning for 2014-2015" which outlined the process and the timeline for SoCal ROC's budget development. The annual budget development process begins in early January with all staff members participating in a mandatory "Program Based Budgeting" workshop and concludes in June when the budget is presented to the Board for approval.

STUDENT VOICES

El Segundo High School senior Austen Figueroa shared with the Board that he has been attending SoCal ROC for the past two years. Mr. Figueroa shared that his love for cars is what motivated him to attend the automotive courses at the Center. Upon graduating high school, Mr. Figueroa plans to attend El Camino College where he will further his education in the area of business. Edee Figueroa, Mr. Figueroa's mother, stated that she is amazed at the accomplishments and skills that Austen has learned and how he has been able to apply them. Board President Watkins presented Austen with a *Board Certificate of Excellence*.



Austen and Edee Figueroa



Front Row: Barbara Lucky, Esq., Alice Grigsby, William Watkins, Ed.D., Austen Figueroa, Edee Figueroa, and Terry Ragins. Back Row: Brad Waller, Ida VanderPoorte and Bill Fournell.

SUPERINTENDENT REMARKS

Superintendent Hoffman informed Board Members of upcoming events: 1) May 28, 2014, SoCal ROC Media Art Exhibit at 5:00 p.m. followed by the Fashion Show "Yin & Yang- Where the Opposites Intertwine" at 7:00 p.m.; 2) June 2, 2014, Retiree Reception, 4:30 p.m.; and 3) June 5, 2014, Staff Appreciation Luncheon, 11:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. for evening employees. All events will be held in the SoCal ROC Board Room. Superintendent Hoffman commented that the Toyota/SoCal ROC VIP STEM Symposium held on May 14th was a huge success. Superintendent Hoffman added the SoCal ROC continues to work with state legislators on getting a dedicated funding stream for ROC/Ps after the two-year reprieve ends on June 30, 2015.

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