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Board Highlights

April 16, 2015



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The SoCal ROC Board of Education held its regularly scheduled meeting on April 16, 2015. At the meeting, the Board heard the following:

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT Pet Health and Grooming

SoCal ROC School of Health Sciences instructor Thomas Leske presented the Pet Health and Grooming program to the Board. This course is a part of the animal sciences career pathway. Students learn how to identify the pet's grooming needs and the essentials of pet grooming: how to wash, brush, clip and trim coats, cut nails, and clean ears.



(l-r): Tom Leske, Ida VanderPoorte, Alissa Hallock, Jonathan Uranga, and Margaret Imbriale.

COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITION Hassan Twiet, Satellite Instructor

SoCal ROC School of Engineering and Design Instructor Hassan Twiet, was recognized by the Board for his 10 years of service to SoCal ROC. Board Vice President Grigsby presented Mr. Twiet with a SoCal ROC Longevity Certificate.

STAFF REPORTS Budget/Legislative Update

Superintendent Laurie St. Gean, Ed.D. reported that a lot of activity is focused on Career Technical Education (CTE). Governor Brown's proposed budget for 2015/2016 includes money for CTE for the next three years in a matching grant form and we expect to see this in the May revise. The grant has been discussed in both the senate and assembly with favorable response. Superintendent St. Gean stated that SB 148 from Senator McGuire includes a 600 million dollars grant program for CTE with multiple co-authors from both houses and with unanimous support. The grant has been amended to include Joint Powers Authorities (JPA's) and will be heard in the appropriations committee on April 20th. In addition, two bills to support Pell Grants are also being presented; currently, SoCal ROC does not accept Pell Grants but other JPA's have that as a funding source. SoCal ROC is in support of students with Pell Grants in the future. Superintendent St. Gean remarked that she is hopeful that when the May revise is presented, more information is available for CTE. Superintendent St. Gean noted that the Career Pathways Trust grant that SoCal ROC applied for will be announced in May.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS

Superintendent St. Gean provided the Board with dates for upcoming events: 1) Career Day on April 29, 2015; 2) A Night of All Stars on April 30, 2015. SoCal ROC will be presenting close to \$37,000 in scholarships to thirty-five SoCal ROC students; and 3) SoCal ROC Annual Fashion Show on May 27, 2015.



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Mr. Leske shared that students also learn techniques to interpret animal behaviors to effectively groom them safely. Mr. Leske demonstrated the proper way to meet and greet dogs with the help from Rex, a pug puppy. Board Vice-President Alice Grigsby presented Mr. Leske with a Board Certificate of Excellence.



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