

Southern California Regional Occupational Center

Board Highlights

May 28, 2015



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The SoCal ROC Board of Education held its regularly scheduled meeting on May 28, 2015. At the meeting, the Board heard the following:

COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITION

Lily Craig, Chevron Products Company

Superintendent Dr. Laurie St. Gean introduced Lily Craig, External Affairs Manager at Chevron Corporation. Superintendent St. Gean stated the Chevron Products Company has supported SoCal ROC's engineering and biomedical sectors for the past three years. Ms. Craig presented SoCal ROC with a check for \$50,000. Ms. Craig commented that Chevron Corporation is a strong supporter of education and donates a lot of money annually to school districts. This is the third \$50,000 donation Chevron has contributed to SoCal ROC. Board President Bill Fournell presented Ms. Craig and Chevron with a Board Certificate of Excellence.



(l-r): Terry Ragins, Alice Grigsby, Brad Waller, Bill Fournell, Ida VanderPoorte, Lily Craig, Laurie St. Gean, Ed.D., Barbara Lucky, Esq., and William Watkins, Ed.D.

STUDENT VOICES

Helen Youssef, Torrance High School Emergency/Medical First Responder and Medical Front Office

Torrance High School junior Helen Youssef shared her career pathway. Ms. Youssef stated that her decision to attend SoCal ROC has broadened her career interests in the medical field. Ms. Youssef completed the following courses: Intro to Pharmacy Technician and Clinical Medical Assisting. Currently, she is enrolled in the Emergency Medical/First Responder and Medical Front Office courses. Helen explained that she plans to attend El Camino College but has not yet determined her chosen field. Ms. Youssef credits her success to the hands-on training at SoCal ROC. Board President Fournell presented a Board Certificate of Excellence to Ms. Youssef.



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STAFF REPORTS

Budget/Legislative Update

- Superintendent St. Gean shared that SoCal ROC unfortunately did not receive a Career Pathways Trust Grant.
- Superintendent St. Gean reported that some changes were made to the May revise pertaining to CTE monies. The Governor's proposed budget includes an additional 150 million dollars for CTE, bringing the total to 900 million dollars to be allocated over a three year period. Superintendent St. Gean shared that last week the legislature presented an alternative plan for CTE funding. The plan will distribute the money depending on ADA, creating a de facto categorical funding. The California State Legislature is close to finalizing the 2015-16 budget. The deadline is June 15th and Superintendent St. Gean hopes more information is known at that time.
- A PowerPoint "Proposed Budget for 2015-2016" was presented that detailed the history of ROC/P's funding. Over the past 7 years, SoCal ROC's state funds have decreased significantly and as of June 30, 2015, state funding for ROC/P's will end. SoCal ROC is currently working with local officials and state legislators in hopes of securing direct funding. SoCal ROC's Board appointed Budget Sub-Committee recommended an amendment of the JPA agreement that was later Board approved by the SoCal ROC Board of Education. The recommendation stated that each district contribute 50% of its 2014-15 CTE augmentation grant funding for the 2015-16 school year and that SoCal ROC set a maximum budget of \$4.5 million for 2015-16 school year, and use enough reserves to fill in any gap. Superintendent St. Gean remarked that SoCal ROC's 2015/2016 proposed budget is based on the funding information available as of today.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS

Superintendent St Gean provided an update on the following:

- Over \$39,000 in scholarships were awarded to 37 students high school and adults at the April 30th A Night of All Stars event. Assemblymember David Hadley and Field Representative James Reina from Senator Ben Allen's office also presented nice certificates to the recipients.
- On May 27, 2015 the SoCal ROC Fashion Design program presented an outstanding fashion show.
- An invitation was extended to all Board Members for the Staff Appreciation lunch and dinner on June 10, 2015.