

Southern California Regional Occupational Center Board Highlights

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June 24, 2009 Board Meeting



Board of Education

Ginny Snider, President
Palos Verdes Peninsula
Unified School District

**Michael Ernst, Ph.D.,
Vice President**
Torrance Unified School District

Nancy Hersman, Clerk
Manhattan Beach
Unified School District

Heidi Ashcraft, Member
Board Member-at-Large

Arlene Staich, Member
Redondo Beach Unified School District

Sandra C. Suarez, Member
Centinela Valley Union
High School District

Tammy Tagami-Reeves, Member
El Segundo Unified School District

Open, Member
Inglewood Unified School District

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

The Board approved:

- Community member and former Torrance Unified School District Board of Trustee member Heidi Ashcraft as a SoCal ROC Board Member-at-Large. Mrs. Ashcraft was interviewed by the Board and was approved by the Board to serve as a Board Member-at-Large. Mrs. Ashcraft currently serves on the SoCal ROC Arts/Media Entertainment Advisory Board and also developed a partnership between Ashcraft Design an El Segundo based design business owned by her and her husband Dan Ashcraft and SoCal ROC in expanding career technical education programs in engineering and media design pathways. Board President Ginny Snider administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Ashcraft.



Board President Ginny Snider administers Oath of Office to Heidi Ashcraft.

- New Course Outline for: Kinesiology. The Kinesiology course will be part of the Academy of Health and Fitness at Redondo Union High School in Redondo Beach.

- The Board conducted a Public Hearing on the use of 2009 – 2010 Tier II Funds. The Board approved the receipt of Tier II Funds for 2009/2010. Deputy Superintendent St. Gean explained that these funds will be used to conduct normal business and to offer Career Technical Education programs at the Center and Satellite

Campuses. The motion carried unanimously. Deputy Superintendent St. Gean discussed some key items in the SoCal ROC 2009/2010 budget. Deputy Superintendent St. Gean explained that there are two 'not met's' in the Criteria and Standards area; these are due to reductions in revenue for 2008-2009. SoCal ROC still meets the criteria for a positive budget certification. Deputy Superintendent St. Gean explained that the 2009-2010 budget includes the recommended reductions that were presented to the Board at earlier meetings this past spring.

- Superintendent Hoffman reported that Phase I of the Building A Modernization is moving forward. She explained that Phase I includes the Animal Science classroom; Hotel/Restaurant Classroom, Health Science Technology Lab, and student restrooms on the first floor. There is also some work on HVAC that needs to be completed and fire alarms and ADA compliant ramps to be installed. Superintendent Hoffman introduced Mr. Glenn Gould of Miller Brown and Dannis who provided information regarding the Lease/Leaseback agreement. Mr. Gould explained that the Lease/Leaseback is a funding mechanism used by public entities including school districts to assist in funding new construction and modernization projects. SoCal ROC will be entering into a lease/leaseback agreement with Wysong Construction. The company was previously approved by the Board. Mr. Gould explained that one of the real benefits of this type of financing is that once there is an agreed to cost for the project, there are no change orders that result in more costs to the district. Additionally, Mr. Gould stated that these projects are usually done on time. Mr. Gould stated that the quote for the entire project is \$6,391,385. Due to funding issues, the project is being completed in phases. Phase one includes work in rooms (as indicated on the architectural plans) 123, 134, 131, 132, 133, 124, 130, 126, 127, 128, 125, 137. The roof on Building A will be replaced as well as installation of ADA ramps around the building.

Employee Representatives Recognized by the Board

Superintendent Hoffman and the Board recognized Certificated Representative, Brenda Gyllenswan, and Classified Representative, Pat Morrow for their service to SoCal ROC. Dr. Hoffman elaborated that the employee representatives coordinated scholarship fundraisers and increased employee morale. The Board of Education presented Mrs. Gyllenswan and Ms. Morrow each a plaque of appreciation.



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