



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
REGIONAL  
OCCUPATIONAL  
CENTER

## **Board of Education - May 30 2024 Minutes**

Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 6:30 PM

2300 Crenshaw Boulevard, Torrance, CA 90501

### **1. Call Meeting to Order:**

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm.

#### 1.1 Roll Call

Members Beachly, Fenton and McGhee were absent.

#### 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Member Fournell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **2. Approval Agenda**

#### 2.1 Approve the May 30, 2024 agenda.

*Moved by:* James Han

*Seconded by:* Bill Fournell

**Carried**

### **3. Commendations / Recognition:**

None

### **4. Student Voices:**

Ana Briseno, Career Guidance Specialist, introduced Giovanni Vasquez from Torrance High School and a 2024 Night of All Stars scholarship winner.

Giovanni stated that he is a senior at Torrance High School and currently in Module III of the Welding program. Giovanni shared that he was introduced to SoCal ROC by a friend and his decision to attend SoCal ROC has helped him identify his career interests and provide a good foundation. Upon

completion of the program, Giovanni would like to join the Union and become an underwater welder.

Ms. Vasquez, Austen's mother, stated that she is amazed at the accomplishments and skills that Giovanni has learned. Ms. Vasquez also shared how Giovanni has come out of his shell and managed to raise his GPA from 1.6 to 3.4. Ms. Figueroa stated that SoCal ROC has given Giovanni confidence and a focus on his career goals.

President Strutzenberg presented Giovanni Vasquez with an Award of Excellence certificate.

## **5. Program Highlight:**

Superintendent Rodriguez introduced Welding Instructor, Adriana Ortiz.

Ms. Ortiz commented that she has been with SoCal ROC for 5 months and her first time teaching high school students. Ms. Ortiz commented that currently she teaches the Welding course consisting of four eight-week module classes offered to both high school and adult students. Ms. Ortiz commented on the success of her program, averaging 25-28 students per module. The program provides students with competency-based course designed to prepare them for entry-level positions in welding and in other related industries, and to prepare students to meet industry certification requirements.

President Strutzenberg presented Adriana Ortiz with an Award of Excellence certificate.

## **6. Public Comment**

None

- 6.1 Board Agenda Items: Any member of the audience may speak to any agenda item by submitting a yellow card (located on back table). Please hand the completed card to the administrative assistant at the Board table. When the item is considered by the Board, individuals submitting yellow cards will be called upon prior to Board action.
- 6.2 Topics Not on Agenda: Anyone in attendance may address any issue by following the same procedure process listed above. Since the Board cannot take action on items which are not on the agenda, such items may be referred to the Superintendent for handling. Individuals interested in speaking to items which are not on the agenda will be called upon at this time.

**7. Acknowledgement of Correspondence to the Board**

President Strutzenberg asked for a motion to receive and file the following two items: HopSkipDrive Transportation Update and PowerSchool Migration Project Presentation.

*Moved by:* Linda Kurt

*Seconded by:* Bill Fournell

**8. Superintendent's Remarks**

Superintendent Rodriguez reminded the Board that a Special Board Meeting will be held on June 8th to conduct SoCal ROC's budget hearing. Superintendent Rodriguez noted that June 13, 2024 is the end of the Spring semester.

**9. Staff Reports**

9.1 HopSkipDrive Update

J. Rodriguez

Superintendent Rodriguez provide the Board with a detailed presentation on the HopSkipDrive Transportation that included year to date cost, ride data, projections, cost by district and future considerations for 2024-2025.

Member Han shared that TUSD recently bought bus passes for all students in the District. Member Han asked if this was something SoCal ROC could do to get students back home. This way the Center would only be responsible for picking them up.

Superintendent Rodriguez commented that he would reach out to Dr. Butler to inquire about the purchase of the bus passes.

Member Kurt asked if it was possible to require a deposit for the use of the transportation. Any time a student missed or canceled a ride a percentage would be deducted from the deposit. If the student dropped, they would forfeit the entire deposit.

Superintendent Rodriguez remarked that that could be a possible consideration.

Member Cobb asked if it was possible to change pick up locations.

Superintendent Rodriguez commented that the pick will always be at the home high school.

President Strutzenberg thanked Superintendent for the update and noted that the cost has been cut by at least half from last year. He asked Superintendent Rodriguez to continue looking at data and the consequences if transportation is not provided and has enrollment doubled with transportation.

Superintendent Rodriguez stated that he would provide the Board with an update at the June Board meeting.

President Strutzenberg asked to see the use per JPA district included at the next update.

Superintendent Rodriguez commented that he plans to bring the agreement with recommendations. In addition, he HopSkipDrive stated that they would honor the 2023-2024 rates for 2024-2025.

## 10. Consent Calendar

### **MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR NUMBERS 1 THROUGH 7**

*Moved by:* James Han

*Seconded by:* Linda Kurt

**Carried**

- 10.1 APPROVE BOARD MINUTES OF APRIL 2024
- 10.2 APPROVE PAYROLL A WARRANT REPORT FOR APRIL 2024
- 10.3 APPROVE B WARRANT REPORT FOR APRIL 2024
- 10.4 APPROVE B WARRANT ISSUED WITHOUT PURCHASE ORDERS APRIL 2024
- 10.5 APPROVE PURCHASE ORDER REPORT FOR APRIL 2024
- 10.6 APPROVE SOCIAL ROC RECOGNITION ACCOUNT FOR APRIL 2024
- 10.7 APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS DONATED TO THE CENTER

## 11. Personnel

None

## 12. Business Services

### 12.1 Approve PowerSchool Migration Project

Dr. Calvillo presented the Board with a PowerPoint presentation on the Student Information System. Youm-Tzib Software Solution (YSS) has been in place since 1991. YSS is used for student demographic data, class scheduling, grades, certifications as well as attendance and surveys and tuition. Dr. Calvillo stated that YSS has reached "end of life", technical support or software updates will no longer be available.

Dr. Calvillo shared that he has researched a variety of vendors, including the SISEs which are used by the districts in our JPA as well as regionally but found that PowerSchool is the best option for the Center. PowerSchool offers many similarities that we currently receive with YSS. In addition to the student information, attendance and grading, PowerSchool will interface with Google classroom, communicate with students and parents and produce reports to JPA districts.

Dr. Calvillo stated the total cost of PowerSchool is \$30,007.00 and it includes the implementation, development and training.

President Strutzenberg asked if SoCal ROC's PowerSchool would communicate with RBUSD's PowerSchool.

Dr. Calvillo responded that no PowerSchool communicate with each other.

Member Kurt asked if the information on the YSS would be back up on a disk or will there be a fresh start.

Dr. Calvillo stated that a CSV file would be turned over to PowerSchool with the Center's historical records.

Superintendent Rodriguez added that with PowerSchool we would have the ability to send over electronic transcripts as well as electronic information. Currently we send PDF or paper copies, so electronic output is important.

President Strutzenberg asked on the timeline for the implementation.

Dr. Calvillo stated that he hopes to have this in place by July 1st.

*Moved by:* Bill Fournell

*Seconded by:* James Han

**Carried**

## 13. General Services

### 13.1 Approve Grant Thornton Agreement

J. Rodriguez

Superintendent Rodriguez stated that the Grant Thornton agreement will provide actuarial and benefits advisory services associated with postemployment benefits. Grant Thornton will also provide consulting services related to compliance with GASB accounting and financial reporting for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

President Strutzenberg asked if the \$13,000.00 cost is for two years.

Superintendent Rodriguez remarked that it was and he was also exploring other options in an effort to reduce cost.

*Moved by:* Bill Fournell

*Seconded by:* James Han

**Carried**

### 13.2 Discuss and Accept Recommendation of the SoCal ROC Board of Education Land Use Committee

J. Rodriguez

Superintendent Rodriguez shared the SoCal ROC Board approved the appointment of the Land Use Committee in at the February 2024 Board of Education meeting. The Committee consisted of nine members that meet all the required categories. Superintendent Rodriguez shared that the Committee held four meetings and reviewed existing space, space and ground leases and provided guidelines and recommendations to the SoCal ROC Board.

Superintendent Rodriguez commented that the report contains a brief introduction, summary of the meetings and public comments and the final recommendation from the Committee. The final report was reviewed by legal counsel.

Superintendent Rodriguez shared that the Committee became fully engaged and committed to the Center and stressed the importance of reviewing all agreements on an annual basis.

Member Kurt asked if the Committee provided a recommendation on how the Ambassador lease should be.

President Strutzenberg remarked that at this point it was up to the Board.

President Strutzenberg suggested that a signature page be added to the final recommendation report with the Chair's signature.

Superintendent Rodriguez stated that he would add a signature page.

*Moved by:* Linda Kurt

*Seconded by:* James Han

**Carried**

13.3 Discuss and Approve Change of Date for June 2024 Board Meeting Date

J. Rodriguez

Superintendent Rodriguez commented that the scheduled June 20, 2024 Board meeting date conflicts with several year end activities

Upon further discussion from the Board, a tentative date for Monday, June 10, 2024 at 6:30 pm was set. The date will be finalized once Board Members that were absent have been notified.

*Moved by:* Bill Fournell

*Seconded by:* James Han

**Carried**

13.4 Idea Parking Lot

The following item were suggested by the Board for future Board discussion:

1. Offer a performing arts career pathway

**14. Board Members' Remarks**

No comments from Board Members.

**15. Closed Session**

15.1 *Public Employee: Appointment/Employment Title: Assistant Superintendent (Government Code 54957)*

15.2 *Anticipated Litigation (Government Code 54956.9)*

15.3 *Conference with real property negotiators pursuant to Government code Section 54956.8;*

Property: 2300 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance, CA 90501  
Agency Negotiator: Julian A. Rodriguez, Ed.D., Superintendent

15.4 *Superintendent Evaluation (Government Code 54957)*

*Any action taken in Closed Session will be reported out in Open Session*

**16. Adjourn to Closed Session**

Adjourned to closed session at 8:45 pm.

*Moved by:* James Han

*Seconded by:* Bill Fournell

**Carried**

**17. Adjourn to Open Session**

Meeting adjourned to open session at 9:41 pm.

*Moved by:* James Han

*Seconded by:* Linda Kurt

**Carried**

**18. Report on Closed Session**

15.1 - President Strutzenberg reported that the Board unanimously voted to appoint Ashley Davis as the new Assistant Superintendent at an annual salary of \$152,355.75.

15.2 - Board received information

15.3 - Board approved contract with CBRE

15.4 - No report

**19. Action Items**

19.1 Approval of Employment Agreement of Employment for Assistant Superintendent

President Strutzenberg announced that the Board unanimously voted to approve the contract to hire Ashley Davis effective July 1, 2024.

*Moved by:* Linda Kurt

*Seconded by:* James Han

**Carried**

**20. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 pm.

20.1 Adjourn Meeting

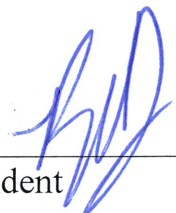
*Moved by:* Linda Kurt

*Seconded by:* James Han

**Carried**

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Date



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