



MINUTES
of the
Compton Unified School District Regional Occupational Program Meeting

APPROVED
10-23-12

Board of Trustees
Tuesday, September 25, 2012

A. OPENING

1. Call to Order - Mrs. Margie Garrett, Board President

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Margie Garrett, Board President at 8:11 p.m., in the Board Room of the District Education Service Center, 501 South Santa Fe Avenue, Compton, CA 90221.

2. Roll Call

The following members were present:

Micah Ali

Skye Fisher

Margie Garrett

Emma Sharif

Marjorie Shipp

Mae Thomas

Satra Zurita

Darin Brawley

Natalia-Cerilyn Su'a

Student Board Member

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of August 28, 2012 Regular Meeting of the ROP Board of Trustees

12/13-7008 - **MOTION** by *MR. ALI*, and **SECOND** by *MRS. SHIPP* to approve the above-referenced minutes.

MOTION CARRIED

D. ACTION - BUSINESS/CONSENT ITEMS

MOTION by *MR. FISHER*, and **SECOND** by *MRS. SHIPP* to approve Item No. 12/13-7009.

12/13-7009 - Acceptance of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act Grant

Discussion:

Reena Singh, Senior Director, Regional Occupational Program, Career Technical Education (ROP/CTE), reported that ROP received \$325,128 for improving and upgrading the CTE programs for the District; that the grant has been implemented and that it has many compliance issues; further reported that the District received the highest grade (at the state level), for being in compliance; stated that the funds must be used for classroom related purposes, i.e., upgrading equipment, provide professional development for teachers, meetings between college, high school and secondary teachers to upgrade curriculum, etc. Mrs. Singh also commented on Team Builders and stressed the importance of relevance for students; she explained that by partnering technology with a career component the two could work together to keep students in school, involved, and motivated to upgrade their skills.

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM No. 12/13-7009

MOTION CARRIED

E. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND SUPERINTENDENT

Board Members and Superintendent Comment

Board Member Fisher thanked Mrs. Singh for providing informative information each month.

Board Member Shipp congratulated Mrs. Singh on receiving the Carl Perkins Grant and inquired about the Plumbing Class.

Reena Singh reported that the classes would be starting soon; that a presentation would be made to the Board as to when classes would begin; and stated that she was anticipating a class size of approximately 50 students.

Board Member Zurita commented on incorporating team builders; stated that often times students are not being challenged in school; that students who participate in career technical programs tend to have higher reading comprehension than Liberal Arts students; and the reason was linked to relevance; and explained that CTE students must read manuals and are required to assemble things.

Board Member Thomas congratulated Reena Singh and stated that Mrs. Singh should know where the ROP funds are when requested; and that it should not be used for any other purpose.

Board Member Ali asked if the ROP/CTE funds were sweepable funds.

Reena Singh responded in the affirmative.

Board Member Ali requested clarification as to whether she would be integrating career technical programs into the team building exercises.

Reena Singh confirmed that career technical programs would be integrated into the team building exercises.

Board Member Ali inquired about the establishment of a CUSD Initiative with Trade Unions, the Building and Trade Council so that students could have access to the numerous opportunities in the various trade industries.

Reena Singh explain that the plan was to use the Plumbing Program as an entry program; reported that partnerships have been established with a few of the unions; and that representatives from the various trade unions would serve as guest speakers and would also work closely with the students.

Board Member Ali requested a timeline and/or milestones to track the success of the trade programs and inquired as to the number of seats in the Plumbing Program that would be available to District students.

Reena Singh stated that the first 20 seats would be given to the District's high school students because the Plumbing Program was initiated as an after school program.

Board Member Ali encouraged staff to strongly consider sharing information with all students about trade opportunities.

Board Member Fisher inquired as to whether students would receive credit towards their respective apprenticeship(s) upon completion of the trade program.

Reena Singh stated that she was in the process of working with the trade unions regarding apprenticeship credits and requested that members of the Board provide her with individuals and/or trade unions who were interested in partnering with the District.

Board Member Sharif interjected that last year the Electrical Union from the City of Commerce expressed interest in partnering with the District.

Board Member Ali stated whatever our students are learning, within this academy, once they reach 18 years of age and they have their GED and their high school Diploma, the Steam Fitter and/or an Industrial Pipe Fitting Apprenticeship Program is a five-years program and is available now.

F. THE NEXT SCHEDULED ROP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Education Service Center Board Room - October 23, 2012

G. ADJOURNMENT

12/13-9003 - **MOTION** by *MS. ZURITA*, and **SECOND** by *MR. FISHER* to adjourn the Regional Occupational Program, Career Technical Education Meeting. Time Being: 8:29 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED


DARIN BRAWLEY
Superintendent