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**MINUTES OF THE BALDY VIEW REGIONAL OCCUPATIONAL PROGRAM
COMMISSION MEETING**
Wednesday, July 8, 2009

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Art Bustamonte, Vice President, at 6:00 p.m. at the Baldy View ROP Board Room, 8265 Aspen Avenue, Rancho Cucamonga, California.

Present:	Art Bustamonte Sylvia Orozco Hilary LaConte Steve Frazee	Chaffey District Chino Valley Unified Claremont Unified (Alternate) Upland Unified (Alternate)
	Jose A. Castro Delores Byrne	Superintendent Business Manager
Staff Present:	Teresa Aitchison Ann Bach Doug Brooks Bill Cox James Londigan Michael Moore Renee Richardson Marie Sliney Eileen Stear Maher Tawfik Kathy Thompson	Pharmacy Technician Teacher Program Manager Architectural Drafting Teacher Stage Technology Design Teacher Virtual Enterprise Teacher Administrative Services Manager Dental Assistant Teacher Medical Assistant Teacher Program Manager Computer Repair Teacher Medical Assistant Teacher
Absent:	Mary Caenepeel Joe Lenz	Claremont Unified Upland Unified
Others Present:	Todd Haag Kevin Kronfeld	Chaffey District Representative Claremont District Representative

Mr. Bustamonte welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Bustamonte.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** It was moved by Mrs. Orozco and seconded by Mr. Frazee to approve the June 3, 2009, Commission Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.
- IV. **Approval of Agenda:** It was moved by Mrs. LaConte and seconded by Mrs. Orozco to approve the Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.
- V. **Oral Communications:**

- A. **Foundation Scholarship Presentations:** Foundation President Myron Saulpaugh shared that the Baldy View ROP Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting students served by the Baldy View ROP. Support is offered through student loans and scholarships. Mr. Saulpaugh awarded scholarships from the Foundation to: Francisco Anaya, Claremont High School student enrolled in Virtual Enterprise, \$1,000; Janette Rodriguez, Claremont High School student enrolled in Law Enforcement, \$750; Nathan Burgett, Bonita High School student enrolled in Architectural Drafting, \$500; Dustin Crawford, Claremont High School student enrolled in Architectural Drafting, \$500; Clarissa Aanerud, Options for Youth student enrolled in Pharmacy Technician, \$350; Thalia Pacheco, Upland High School student enrolled in Stage Technology Design, \$300; Tanner Morgan, Upland High School student enrolled in Architectural Drafting, \$200; Hugo Dominguez, Options for Youth student enrolled in Computer Repair, \$200; and Todd Rotolo, Upland High School student enrolled in Architectural Drafting, \$200.
- B. **HOSA National Conference:** Mrs. Bach introduced Renee Richardson, Dental Assistant teacher, who shared that the Baldy View ROP Dental Chapter returned from the HOSA National Leadership Conference that occurred June 24-27 in Nashville, Tennessee. Mrs. Richardson stated that although the students put in a lot of hard work preparing, they were not successful in placing at the event. Ms. Richardson introduced students Carmen Gervas and Angelica Romero and noted that students Monica Monzon and Breanne Watson were unable to attend due to work commitments.
- C. **Superintendent's Comments:** Mr. Castro reported on his attendance at various meetings which included: the Claremont Chamber Construction and Culinary Arts Advisory; the Baldy View ROP Foundation; the Inland Empire ROP superintendents; the San Bernardino County Superintendent Annual Retreat; and the CAROCP Strategic Planning meetings.

Mr. Castro reported on the recent Law Enforcement Graduation stating that it was very successful.

The superintendent gave an update on the WIA summer school classes that have started and thanked Ann Bach and Elena Ravelo for all their hard work to make the classes a success.

Mr. Castro distributed a copy of an article on the ROP USO project that appeared in the Daily Bulletin newspaper.

- D. **Commission Comments:** Mrs. Orozco shared her pleasure in attending the Law Enforcement Graduation and announced that Chino Valley USD board member Bill Klein has resigned and a new alternate to the ROP Commission will be appointed.

Mrs. LaConte announced that Judy Daly had retired from Claremont USD and they are currently looking for a replacement and that the new superintendent, Terry Nichols, started July 1, 2009.

Mr. Frazee extended apologies for both he and Mr. Lenz for missing last month's Commission meeting as it was due to the graduation ceremonies at Hillside High School.

Mr. Bustamonte thanked the staff for their hard work and for attending the meeting tonight.

VI. **Written Communications:**

- A. Commission Calendar.
B. Minutes of the District Representatives Council Meeting, April 23, 2009, were received as presented.

- VII. **Public Participation:** Mrs. Kathy Thompson, 9216 Arrow Route, Rancho Cucamonga, ROP Medical Assistant teacher, stated that it has come to the attention of the employees that there are really hard decisions that have to be made in order to keep the ROP solvent. One of those decisions was the removal of the cash-in-lieu for fringe benefits. Mrs. Thompson commended the Commission for eliminating the cash-in-lieu for fringe benefits, stating that it was a wise business decision that resulted in keeping cuts away from the classroom. She stated that one of the things that make this difficult and that is lacking is making things as transparent as possible; employees did not know this was going to happen until the business day before summer break and most teachers are not teaching during the summer. Mrs. Thompson stated that she feels it is in the best interest of the organization and the ROP as a whole to be as open and transparent as possible. She stated that a year prior when budget cuts were recommended, there was a whole rationale about what would be cut and the reasons behind those cuts; that transparency is not in place now. With this latest cut, employees were surprised and not given an opportunity to plan and take care of issues that would occur for the loss of income. She asked that employees be treated as partners and given the respect they deserve; informed people handle information better and that it is better and healthier for the organization when people know what is going on. Mrs. Thompson implored the Commission to try to keep the budget reduction process as transparent as possible because the ROP employees deserve that kind of respect.

Mr. Bustamonte thanked Mrs. Thompson for her comments and added that as a fellow board member, she knows the state budget is unpredictable and hard to know where the next dollar will be coming from. Sometimes when that occurs, decision have to be made and because of the unpredictability in the state budget, decisions have to be made right away. Mr.

Bustamonte stated the Commission is aware that the superintendent is trying to be as open with the budget process as possible. He stated the superintendent has been directed to do so by the Commission and he has to follow that directive. However, when things are unpredictable, you have to do what you have to do.

Kevin Kronfeld, Claremont District Representative, on behalf of the students in the ROP construction class at San Antonio High School, thanked the Commission and staff for providing the summer school class and stated that this class is giving students hands on experience, changing their attitude, and exposing them to a whole new world.

- VIII. **Approval of Consent Calendar:** It was moved by Mr. Frazee and seconded by Mrs. Orozco to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- A. Accepted the Enrollment Summary Report for the period ending June 7, 2009.
 - B. Approved the warrant register, Batch #0283-0294A.
 - C. Ratified/approved the Courier Service Agreement with the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools for the period of July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010, at a cost not to exceed \$935.35.
 - D. Approved to enter into a membership agreement with SANDABS at the cost of \$200 for the 2009-10 school year.
 - E. Ratified/approved the Nurse Assistant Certification Test Site effective July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010.
 - F. Ratified/approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Riverside Community College District and Baldy View ROP for costs incurred in the operation of the Desert Regional Tech Prep Coordination Project for the period of July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010.
- IX. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m. The next Meeting of the Baldy View Regional Occupational Program Commission will be held on Wednesday, August 12 2009, 6:00 p.m., Baldy View ROP Board Room, 8265 Aspen Avenue, Suite 100, Rancho Cucamonga, California.