

**IMPERIAL VALLEY REGIONAL OCCUPATIONAL PROGRAM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
Adopted Minutes

Meeting of January 18, 2018
Imperial Valley Regional Occupational Program Main Office

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Armenta called the meeting to order at 6:30 a.m. The following persons were present:

Mr. Matt Hester, Board Member, Holtville Unified School District
Ms. Jacinto "Jay" Jimenez, Board Member, Central Union High School District
Ms. Margie Pizano, Board Member, Calipatria Unified School District
Ms. Carol Sassie, Board Member, Brawley Union High School District
Ms. Alicia Armenta, Board President, Imperial County Office of Education
Mr. Victor Lopez, Board Member, Imperial Unified School District
Mr. Gabriel Aguirre, Project Coordinator, Imperial Valley ROP
Mr. Enrique Alvarado, Board Member, Calexico Unified School District
Mr. Fernando Calderon, Project Specialist, Imperial Valley ROP
Mr. Juan Campos, Project Coordinator, Imperial Valley ROP
Mr. Luis De La Torre, Director of Business & Human Services, Imperial Valley ROP
Mr. Adrian Gonzales, Program Manager, Imperial Valley ROP
Ms. Diana Lopez, Participant, Imperial Valley ROP
Ms. Gabriela Miramontes, Participant, Imperial Valley ROP
Ms. Paloma Nieblas, Development Specialist, Imperial Valley ROP
Mr. Edwin Obergfell, Superintendent, Imperial Valley ROP
Ms. Maria Pantoja, Project Coordinator, Imperial Valley ROP
Ms. Wendy Ramirez, Office Manager, Imperial Valley ROP
Ms. Viridiana Rodriguez, Development Specialist, Imperial Valley ROP
Ms. Linda Valenzuela Lopez, Project Specialist, Imperial Valley ROP

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Ms. Sassie led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: None.

INTRODUCTIONS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mr. Obergfell presented a plaque to Mr. Enrique Alvarado for serving on the IVROP Board of Trustees.

CONSENT AGENDA: A motion was made by Mr. Jimenez and seconded by Mr. Hester to approve the items on Consent Agenda as presented. *Motion carried unanimously.*

- Minutes of December 21, 2017, Regular Meeting;
- December '17 Warrant Order #'s: 18123170-18123291; 18124244-18124307; 18126170-18126217.

PERSONNEL:

APPOINTMENT OF PERSONNEL. A motion was made by Ms. Sassie and seconded by Ms. Pizano to approve the appointment of personnel of Ms. Adriana Hernandez, Ms. Gloria Saldivar and Mr. Edward Swanegan. *Motion carried unanimously.*

EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT. A motion was made by Mr. Lopez and seconded by Mr. Jimenez to approve the employment contract with Mr. Edwin P. Obergfell for the position of Superintendent for the period of three years starting on July 1, 2018 and terminating on June 30, 2021. *Motion carried unanimously.*

NEW BUSINESS: *None.*

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

MONTHLY BUDGET UPDATE. Mr. De La Torre pointed out to the board that he added the new Project Impact award to the monthly budget update report. He reported that there's a minor reduction in operating expenditures. There is also a small reduction in deficit spending.

IVROP COMMUNITY FOUNDATION. Mr. Obergfell announced the 11th Dancing with the Stars Gala will be held at the Saint Mary's Banquet Hall on Friday, May 11, 2018. He shared the IVROPCF Board explored alternative venues including Imperial Palms Hotel & Resort. The board decided the Saint Mary's Banquet Hall would be the best option for this years event. Mr. Obergfell announced Edgard Garcia, Attorney; Dr. Adolphe Edward, El Centro Regional Medical Center CEO; Mr. John Moreno, Aurora High School Principal; Ms. Martha Garcia, IVC President of Student Services; Ms. Theresa Mitosinka Robertson, IV Press; Ms. Juanita Rebollar, Owner of Town Pump and Brownies and Mr. Oscar Grijalva, Duggins Construction are the confirmed stars for the 2018 Dancing with the Stars Gala. The IVROPCF Scholarship have been posted on the IVROPCF website and will be emailed to administrators, counselors, etc. The Exemplary Community Involvement Award, IVROP/Career Technical Education (CTE) Student Award, General Award and Foster Youth Award are the five catagories. The scholarship application is due on Monday, April 9, 2018 by 5:00 pm at the IVROP Office.

CTE UPDATE. Mr. Campos announced the A-G Workshop, which support College and Career Indicators in the State's new Dashboard system. The workshop will be held on January 19th at 2:00 pm at the Eagel's Lodge in El Cento. The IVROP Hosts Search Institute: Engaging Families: A Relationship-Based Approach California Learning Communities Grant will be held January 29th from 5:30-8:00 pm. On January 30th the Imperial Valley Developmental Assets Forum will be held from 8:30 am-3:00 pm. The 3rd Annual Imperial Valley Law Enforcement Competition will be held at Central Union High School on March 28th from 8:30 am-2:00 pm. The 20th Annual Imperial Valley ROP Showcase and Recognition Ceremony will be held on April 17th from 5:00-7:30 pm. More information to come.

Mr. Campos provided an update for Central Union High School District. Five hundred fifty Central Union High School students received assistance in Success 101 with applications, resumes and interviews. There is ongoing planning assistance with Central's Career Day scheduled for February 23rd. Three hundred sixty-four Southwest High School students have received assistance with job readiness and employability. Students at both high schools are preparing for the NCRC. Health Academy pathway students are receiving ongoing support through the mentoring program, and support for the HOSA Competition. Ongoing support is available via guest speakers. IVROP is supporting the Agriculture program with a tour of local farms. Desert Oasis and Phoenix Rising students have been provided with Developmental Assets/Leadership Development. The Desert Oasis students will be provided with support through a mentoring program in late January/early

February. Mr. Campos informed the board that the California Learning Communities Grant (Prop. 47) will be referred to locally as the Imperial Valley Student and School Success Program.

PRESENTATION: Mr. Adrian Gonzales presented on Project Éxito III, Project Connect and Adult Vocational Trainings (ITA's). In September 2015 the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) employment and training administration award funding to IVROP Project Éxito III. Project Éxito III is serving a total of 130 participants from fourteen to twenty-four years old. Participants need to be currently or previously involved within the juvenile justice system and have not been convicted of a crime as an adult. Mr. Gonzales presented the board with the program goals and program services that are provided to these participants. Ms. Lopez, Project Éxito Participant shared her struggles and accomplishments. She is currently working and attending college. Her goal is to be a nurse.

Project CONNECT is funded through the Imperial County Workforce Development Board. Project CONNECT provides an array of services to youth between the ages of 14-24 years old who reside in Imperial County. Services are aligned directly with the 14 Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) youth elements. Staff is located in Brawley, America's Job Center of California (AJCC) in El Centro, IVROP and America's Job Center of California in Calexico. An average of 250 youth receive service each fiscal year. Employment Services, Support Services, Leadership Development and Educational Services are provided. Mr. Gonzales shared some pictures of activities the youth have done in the past. Project CONNECT staff work with many different employers to place the youth in subsidized employment. Ms. Miramontes shared she completed the Certified Nursing Assistance (CNA) Class. Ms. Miramontes said she was very grateful for all the support she received from Project CONNECT Staff.

The Imperial Valley Regional Occupational Program (IVROP) Adult Vocational Trainings (Individual Training Accounts) offer the Nursing Assistant Training, Commercial Truck Driver Training, Security Guard Training. Adults must get referred through the America's Job Center to enroll into one of these programs. The Nursing Assistant program is a three month course. The class meet thirty to forty hours per week. The adults need to meet the minimum requirements before enrolling into the Nursing Assistant program. Ms. Reyna Saldaña is the Nursing Assistant Instructor. The Commercial Truck Driver Training is a two to four month training depending on Department of Motor Vehicle appointments. Adults over the age of twenty-one are screened before being enrolled into the Commercial Truck Driver program. The Security Guard Training is a four to eight week training. Adults must be at least eighteen years old to enroll into this program.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

LEGISLATION: None.

OTHER: *ARTICLES.* Mr. Obergfell made reference to the Imperial Valley Press articles dated December 18, 20, 26, 29, 2017 and January 1, 3, 2018. The Desert Review articles dated January 2, 10, 2018. KYMA dated December 27, 2017.

EVENTS. Mr. Obergfell extended an invitation to the events taking place in January and February.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:

Ms. Armenta thanked everyone. She mentioned she's seen growth and improvement in IVROP.

Mr. Hester thanked Mr. Gonzales for his awesome video of the different projects. He said it was nice to have the participants present their personal experience.

Mr. Jimenez said IVROP is guiding these participants to be contributors to society and positively transforming individuals.

Mr. Lopez pointed out the students become better citizens by enrolling in the various IVROP Projects.

Ms. Pizano was grateful for the invitations she receives from the projects. She thanked the students for their testimonial and said she will personally deliver the IVROPCF Scholarship Application to her school district.

Ms. Sassie thanked Mr. Gonzales for his informative presentation. She shared she is happy to see IVROP in the newspaper.

Mr. Obergfell thanked the IVROP Board for the confidence they have in him and support he received with his contract. He thanked Mr. Gonzales for his presentation.

NEXT MEETING: The next IVROP Board Meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 6:30 a.m., at Imperial Valley Regional Occupational Program (IVROP) Main Office.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:03 a.m.