

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

Meeting of March 15, 2018
Imperial Valley Regional Occupational Program Main Office

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Armenta called the meeting to order at 6:32 a.m. The following persons were present:

Ms. Alicia Armenta, Board President, Imperial County Office of Education
Mr. Michael Castillo, Board Member, Calexico Unified School District
Mr. Matt Hester, Board Member, Holtville Unified School District
Mr. Jacinto “Jay” Jimenez, Board Member, Central Union High School District
Mr. Victor Lopez, Board Member, Imperial Unified School District
Ms. Margie Pizano, Board Member, Calipatria Unified School District
Ms. Carol Sassie, Board Member, Brawley Union High School District
Mr. Gabriel Aguirre, Project Coordinator, Imperial Valley ROP
Mr. Abraham Anaya, Development 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
Ms. Lupe Garcia, Program Assistant, Imperial Valley ROP
Mr. Adrian Gonzales, Program Manager, Imperial Valley ROP
Ms. Raquel Lopez, School-to-Career Technician, Imperial Valley ROP
Mr. Edwin Obergfell, Superintendent, Imperial Valley ROP
Ms. Wendy Ramirez, Office Manager, Imperial Valley ROP
Mr. Luis Torres, Program Manager, Imperial Valley ROP

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Castillo led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: None.

INTRODUCTIONS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

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

- Minutes of February 15, 2018, Regular Meeting;
- February '18 Warrant Order #'s: 18130521-18130557; 18131367-18131466; 18132382-18132427; 18133240-18133297.

PERSONNEL: ***APPOINTMENT OF PERSONNEL.*** A motion was made by Ms. Sassie and seconded by Ms. Pizano to approve the appointment of personnel of Ms. Raquel Lopez, Ms. Vanessa Mascareno and Ms. Jennifer Sutter. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

RESIGNATION. A motion was made by Mr. Jimenez and seconded by Ms. Pizano to approve the resignation of Ms. Guadalupe Garcia, Ms. Cristina Lopez and Ms. Stephanie Silva. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS: **AWARD BID FOR E-RATE FUNDED INTERNAL CONNECTIONS PROJECT 2018-19.** A motion was made by Mr. Castillo and seconded by Mr. Jimenez to accept and award GigaKom the contract for E-Rate Funded Internal Connections Project (Basic Maintenance). **Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION No. 03152018. A motion was made by Mr. Jimenez and seconded by Mr. Hester to approve Resolution No. 03152018. The resolution was approved with the following roll call vote: AYES: Trustee Castillo, President Armenta, Trustee Hester, Clerk of the Board Jimenez, Trustee Lopez Trustee Pizano and Trustee Sassie. NAYES: None. Absent: None. **Motion carried unanimously.**

AUDIT SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2018/19, 2019/20, AND 2020/21. A motion was made by Mr. Jimenez and seconded by Ms. Sassie to award Wilkinson & Hadley King & Co, LLP, the auditing contract services for fiscal years 2018/19, 2019/20, and 2020/21. **Motion carried unanimously.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

MONTHLY BUDGET UPDATE. Mr. De La Torre reviewed the Monthly Budget Update report. He added \$8,003 under the IVROP Customized Services MRT budget. He is projecting deficit spending.

IVROP COMMUNITY FOUNDATION. Mr. Obergfell shared information regarding the new Gala location-St. Mary's Banquet Hall. He reminded the board that the IVROPCF Scholarship Applications are due Thursday, April 19, 2018. He announced the sponsors this year are Marianne V. Fenley State Farm, El Centro Regional Medical Center, Vesper Society, Sun Community Federal Credit Union, United Families, Imperial Valley Press and Imperial Printers.

CTE UPDATE. Mr. Campos announced the IVROP Showcase and Recognition Ceremony is scheduled for April 17, 2018. He shared the Outstanding Student List. He also mentioned the different committees for the Showcase. He reminded the board of the following events: AG Summit on March 15th, Welding Event on March 22nd and the Law Enforcement Competition on March 28th. Mr. Obergfell shared the new WASC process. Mr. Campos provided information in regards to the new WASC process.

Mr. Campos provided an update for ICOE Alternative Education. He mentioned Ms. Roxine Zamora is being provided with support by Ms. Marisabel Dorantes, Career Specialist. Mr. Campos will be meeting with Ms. Monalisa Vitela on March 19th. Mr. Victor Nuno has cleared the credential process to teach the Design, Visual, and Media Arts at Del Rio.

PRESENTATION: Mr. Luis Torres, Program Manager presented on Project ACE and Project Rising Stars. Project ACE is a youth program for current and former foster youth between the ages of 16-21. Project Rising Stars is a youth program for current foster youth between the ages of 0-15. Project ACE and Project Rising Stars work in collaborative partnership with Social Services. The three main goals for Project 1) Rising Stars are improving academic performance and school attendance of local foster youth, 2) linking youth to after-school or community programs, 3) improving self-esteem and leadership skills. Adventures are held for the younger kids and workshops are held for the older youth. Seventy to one-hundred children attend the activities that are provided by the projects.

Project ACE and Project Rising Stars receive a lot of support from the community. Mr. Torres explained life and growing up in the foster care system. He provided information on the experience of an average academic foster youth. In the summer Project ACE partners with Imperial Valley College to provide college prep classes. Youth sixteen years and older are provided with Career Exploration, Job Readiness Training, College Prep, Self-Esteem Enhancement and Life Skills workshops. Mr. Torres provided information on Anthony Trucks, keynote speaker that presented at the annual college and CTE conference. Project ACE also provide awareness activities. On May 24th students K-12 will recognized for doing well in school. Mr. Torres shared Mr. Abraham Anaya and Ms. Lucerito Tirado were Project ACE participants and are now current IVROP employees.

Ms. Leslie Romero shared her experience as a Project ACE participant. Ms. Romero has been in Project ACE since she was sixteen years old. She is currently enrolled in the IVROP Nursing Assistant Class. She is a senior in high school. She's gained leadership skills and has been encouraged to take leadership roles.

Ms. Fernanda Hernandez is a junior in high school. Ms. Hernandez thanked Ms. Estela Diaz and Mr. Abraham Anaya for all the support she has received. She said they're always available for the participants. She has also received academic support.

Mr. Oswaldo Arreaza shared he has gained job skills and life skills. He is learning to speak English. He mentioned Project ACE are like family to him. They inspire him to continue to improve. They had taught him how to manage his money and they didn't judge him.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

LEGISLATION: None.

OTHER: **ARTICLES.** Mr. Obergfell made reference to the Imperial Valley Press articles dated February 22, 2018 and KYMA dated March 3, 2018.

EVENTS. Mr. Obergfell extended an invitation to the events taking place in March and April. He reminded the board of the 20th Annual IVROP Showcase & Recognition Ceremony which will be held on April 17, 2018 from 5:00-7:30 pm.

**BOARD AND
SUPERINTENDENT
COMMENTS:**

Ms. Armenta thanked Ms. Garcia for her years of service and wished her a happy retirement.

Mr. Castillo told Ms. Garcia she's done a lot of good work and she will be missed.

Mr. Hester thanked Ms. Garcia for her dedication and years of service.

Mr. Jimenez thanked Ms. Garcia for all her years of service.

Ms. Pizano thanked Mr. Torres for his presentation. She told Ms. Garcia she really enjoyed working with her. She thanked Ms. Garcia for all her years of dedication.

Ms. Sassie thanked Ms. Garcia for all her years at IVROP and wished her best of luck. She thanked Mr. Torres for his presentation. Ms. Sassie also thanked Mr. Campos, Ms. Garcia and staff for attending the Friday meeting at Brawley Union High School.

Mr. Obergfell said that Ms. Garcia has many great traits, one of them is that she is very humble. Mr. Obergfell and IVROP will respect Ms. Garcia's wishes keeping her retirement quiet. Mr. Obergfell invited Ms. Garcia to the showcase so she can be recognized. Mr. Obergfell thanked Mr. Torres for the presentation. He announced a letter of interest was submitted for a grant opportunity to the Imperial County. He also mentioned that Mr. Adrian Gonzalez presented Project Connect information to the Imperial County Workforce Youth Committee.

NEXT MEETING: The next IVROP Board Meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 6:30 a.m., at Imperial Valley Regional Occupational Program (IVROP) Main Office.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:55 a.m.