

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

Meeting of May 21, 2015
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. Lorenzo Calderon, Board Member, Calexico Unified School District
Mr. Matt Hester, Board Member, Holtville Unified School District
Ms. Jacinto "Jay" Jimenez, Board Member, Central Union High School District
Mr. Victor Lopez, Board Member, Imperial Unified School District
Mr. Augustine Sadorra, Board Member, Calipatria Unified School District
Ms. Carol Sassie, Board Member, Brawley Union High School District
Mr. Luis De La Torre, Program Manager, Imperial Valley ROP
Ms. Cecilia Duron, Director of Business & Human Services, Imperial Valley ROP
Ms. Lupe Garcia, Program Assistant, Imperial Valley ROP
Ms. Stacey Marquez, Project ACE Student, Imperial Valley ROP
Mr. Edwin Obergfell, Superintendent, Imperial Valley ROP
Ms. Wendy Prewett, Project Coordinator, Imperial Valley ROP
Ms. Wendy Ramirez, Office Manager, Imperial Valley ROP
Ms. Lucerito Tirado, Project THP-Plus Student, Imperial Valley ROP
Mr. Luis Torres, Program Manager II, Imperial Valley ROP
Mr. Phil Villamor, Director of Education, Imperial Valley ROP

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

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Sadorra thanked IVROP for participating in the Niland Homeless Connect Resource Fair.

**INTRODUCTIONS/
ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

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

- Minutes of April 16, 2015, Regular Meeting;
- April '15 Warrant Order Numbers: 15332863-15332971; 15333528-15333639; 15334315-15334385; 15335392-15335483; 15336931-15336991;
- Quarterly Investment Report – ending March 31, 2015.

PERSONNEL: *EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT.* A motion was made by Mr. Jimenez and seconded by Mr. Calderon to approve the Employment Contract with Mr. Edwin P. Obergfell for the position of Superintendent. *Motion carried unanimously.*

APPOINTMENT OF PERSONNEL. A motion was made by Mr. Lopez and seconded by Mr. Jimenez to approve the appointment of Ms. Natalie Castillo, Ms. Elizabeth Sanchez, and Mr. Rogelio Vaca. *Motion carried unanimously.*

RESIGNATION. A motion was made by Mr. Jimenez and seconded by Mr. Lopez to approve the resignation of Ms. Marysol Medina and Mr. Frank Moreno. *Motion carried unanimously.*

EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY CALENDAR 2015-2016. A motion was made by Mr. Sadorra and seconded by Mr. Jimenez to approve the Employee Holiday Calendar as presented. *Motion carried unanimously.*

NEW BUSINESS: **2015-2016 BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING CALENDAR.** A motion was made by Ms. Sassie and seconded by Mr. Jimenez to approve "Dark Day" for July and Approve 2015-2016 Board of Trustee Meeting Calendar. *Motion carried unanimously.*

ACCEPT THE MODIFIED FUNDING OF. A motion was made by Mr. Lopez and seconded by Mr. Jimenez to approve the modified funding from Imperial County Department of Social Services for fiscal year 2014-2015 to continue funding IVROP Project Family Visitation (\$68,000). *Motion carried unanimously.*

Mr. Hester arrived at 6:40 a.m.

ACCEPT THE CONTINUATION OF. A motion was made by Mr. Lopez and seconded by Mr. Sadorra to accept the continued funding from Imperial County Children and Families First Commission for fiscal year 2015-2016 to continue funding Project CARE (\$18,711). *Motion carried unanimously.*

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

MONTHLY BUDGET UPDATE. Ms. Duron pointed out revenue and expenditures increased by \$100,000 to incorporate Project QUEST funding (\$50,000) for Calexico High School and Project PACH (\$50,000) for Brawley Union High School.

IVROP COMMUNITY FOUNDATION. Mr. Obergfell announced the Dancing with the Stars Gala sold-out. Mr. Obergfell shared the amount of sponsors increased this year. The cost of Conveyor and the DJ services increased this year. He felt this was a very competitive year. He informed the board this was the second time a dance off competition had taken place. This year seventeen scholarships were awarded for a total of twelve thousand dollars. He thanked the volunteers, Ms. Ramirez for all her work, and Ms. Duron for working on the budget.

WASC UPDATE. Mr. Villamor reported that the Mid-Term Visit occurred on May 14th. He indicated that there was a brief (30 minute) meeting with the Cabinet and the WASC visiting team (2 members) before meeting with the Leadership Team for an hour. The Leadership Team consists of a teacher representative of each school site, Lupe Garcia and Philip Villamor. All were present. After this the two WASC members visited a few classes at Southwest High School (Culinary Arts, Dental Assistant, and Graphic Design / Animation) and then returned to write report / report out to Cabinet before leaving. The report left included all commendations and no recommendations. The team was specifically impressed with the progress made on communication with districts (noting that the MOU necessitated by the LCFF process and ending of MOE-Maintenance of Effort seemed to be playing a big part in moving ahead with WASC Action Plan). The team also noted that the effort made in marketing (including new website) was impressive. They were also

specifically impressed with the process made on Common Assessment work (creation of the instruments, use, and reporting results). Mr. Villamor also noted that the two WASC members, representatives of other ROP's themselves were upfront about indicating that they were using this as an opportunity to take some ideas back with them, and that they felt like they had a good deal that they could take back with them to improve their own efforts. *The finalized report should be available over the summer. A copy considered a "draft" is first sent to WASC offices and then later final report sent to us (the final report usually looks exactly like the draft but this is the process).

CTE UPDATE. Mr. Villamor briefed the board on the recent CTE Advisory Meeting for the Perkins Consortium (Imperial, Calipatria, Holtville, San Pasqual, ICOE) and mentioned that this meeting's notes (for Consortium Schools) and the IVROP Advisory Meeting Notes (for all school sites) for their June Board Meetings will be forwarded to each district for inclusion on June Board meetings. As well, Mr. Villamor went over the Proposal that would be accompanying this information to school districts/boards. The Proposal, to be possibly viewed as information item first but then necessarily an action item, explains a CTE Annual Advisory Meeting Process that is 1) More formal and specific for the Consortium Schools that already participate in this meeting and 2) inclusive of all JPA school sites (the fact that there is only one meeting would also make it easier on E.D.D. representative and Industry Sector advisors called on for this purpose). *IVROP specific Industry Sector Advisory meetings will still occur, as they are still a necessary part of programs, and notes from these meetings will help inform the discussion at the final CTE Annual Advisory meeting. In short, the reason given by Mr. Villamor for making specific request for boards to look at IVROP advisory notes and then the more formal and specific board approved CTE Annual Advisory Meeting process had two parts: 1) More Transparency/Accountability about what IVROP is doing / providing for districts, and 2) These steps will more align each district with Federal and state Guidelines for CTE Programs, specifically the expectation that not only are programs / processes in place for the successful running of career technical education courses/pathways but that there is also an established process for systematic review of what are the results and continued goals for career technical education at each school site / district and that the board receives and weighs this information.

The board asked who district contacts were for each site (for CTE) and Mr. Villamor named for them, and they asked that when this contact was made with request that they be copied with the information at same time.

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Obergfell introduced Mr. Torres, Project ACE and Project THP-Plus Program Manager II. Mr. Torres mentioned his been with IVROP Project ACE for over fifteen years. Project ACE and Project THP-Plus are funded through the Imperial County Department of Social Services. Project AC serves youth sixteen to twenty-one years of age. The average foster youth gets moved around at least three times. Mental health services it the number one obstacle for foster youth. The negative experiences affect the academic experience for foster youth. The graduation rate for foster youth is at fifty percent nationwide. "Foster Youth Services" is a program that serves as a liaison with school counselors. At the age of 18-21 foster youth are considered aged out. Project ACE offers Job Readiness and Work Experience, Like Skills Training, Counseling and Leadership Skills, and College-Prep Services. Less than five percent of foster youth receive a certificate or degree. Project ACE has partnered with Imperial Valley College E.O.P.S to assist the foster youth in college. Project ACE offers a Summer Jump Start three week program to assist the foster youth with English and Math to get them ready for college. Project THP Plus assists foster youth with housing. This is a very limited program that serves six to seven students per year.

Ms. Marquez is twenty-one years old and is currently employed at Clinicas de Salud del Pueblo. Ms. Marquez graduated from Imperial Valley College. She's been in the system since she was

twelve years old. She enrolled in Project ACE when she was fifteen years old. She was seventeen years old when she became a teen mom. She is very grateful to Project ACE for Ms. Linda Dorantes which provides one on one counseling and the parenting classes. Ms. Marquez is planning on continuing her education. She thanked Mr. Torres for always encouraging her.

Ms. Tirado is twenty-four years old. She enrolled in Project ACE when she was thirteen years old. She said Project ACE was her home away from home. Ms. Tirado felt Mr. Torres and Ms. Estelaa Diaz have been like her foster parents. Ms. Tirado has a daughter. Ms. Tirado is enrolled in the THP-Plus program. She is currently enrolled at Imperial Valley College. She said Project ACE Staff are always there for their students.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

LEGISLATION: None.

OTHER: *ARTICLES.* Mr. Obergfell made reference to the Desert Review article dated May 6, 2015 and the Imperial Valley Press articles dated April 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 22, 27, 2015 and May 2, 3, 4, 5, 2015.

EVENTS. Mr. Obergfell made mention of the events taking place in late May and early June.

**BOARD AND
SUPERINTENDENT
COMMENTS:**

Ms. Armenta feels it's more than a job to work at IVROP it's a vocation. She congratulated Edwin on his three year contract and great leadership. Ms. Armenta said she feels proud to be part of such a great organization.

Mr. Calderon had no comment.

Mr. Hester commended Luis on the work he does. He congratulated both young ladies.

Mr. Jimenez thanked the IVROP Community Foundation Volunteers.

Mr. Lopez wished the young ladies good luck in their future. Mr. Lopez said great Job. He thanked Ms. Ramirez and the Volunteers.

Mr. Sadorra complemented Mr. Torres on a fantastic job. My hat goes off to you ladies. Congratulations.

Ms. Sassie said she was proud to be part of an organization that helps kids. She thanked staff.

Mr. Obergfell thanked Ms. Marquez, Ms. Tirado, and the Board. He said he has fantastic Staff. He mentioned Mr. Joab Gonzalez, Mr. De La Torre, Mr. Juan Campos, and Mr. Obergfell are working on proposals.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 18, 2015, at 6:30 a.m., at Imperial Valley Regional Occupational Program (IVROP) Main Office.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mr. Lopez and seconded by Mr. Sadorra to adjourn the IVROP Board Meeting at 8:02 a.m.