



FUSD Highlights

BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 4, 2009

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Laura Abernathy-Mancha, President
Henry (Gus) Hawthorn, Clerk
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Cali L. Olsen-Binks
Superintendent

Richard A. Stedry, Ed.D.
Deputy Superintendent
Business Services

Oscar Dueñas
Interim Associate Superintendent
Instructional Services

Yolanda Mendoza
Associate Superintendent
Human Resources

Robert P. Ratcliffe
School Police Chief
School Police Services

BOARD MEETINGS

Wednesday, February 18, 2009
6 pm Regular Board Meeting
John D. Piazza Center

Wednesday, March 4, 2009
6 pm Regular Board Meeting
John D. Piazza Center

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, February 9, 2009
Lincoln's Birthday Holiday
All FUSD schools & offices closed

Monday, February 16, 2009
Presidents Day Holiday
All FUSD schools & offices closed

Board Bullets

- The Board adopted Resolution No. 09-10 recognizing February 2-6, 2009 as National School Counseling Week.
- Approved the purchase of a Surveillance Maintenance Service Agreement in the amount of \$47,280.
- Dr. Richard Stedry gave a presentation on the mid-year 2008-09 budget reductions and the 2009-10 budget. Without concrete information from the State, we are still preparing for the worst case scenario.
- The Board accepted a request from Superintendent Cali Olsen-Binks to voluntarily modify her employment contract by 5 furlough days for the 2009-10 school year.
- Victor Uribe, Principal of Kaiser High School, was approved as Principal of Jurupa Hills High School, effective 7/1/09.
- Terry Abernathy, Principal of Tokay Elementary School, was promoted to Principal of Kaiser High School, effective 7/1/09.



Good Things

- FTA Representatives Tom Kenefick and Wendy Shapard gave an update on contract negotiations between FTA and the District. They have reached tentative agreement on three articles (Salary, Summer School and Class Size) and believe they are close to reaching agreement of the remaining articles (Work Day and PAR). Both teams are working hard to make sure that the contract reflects best practices, protecting the environment of the classroom, and making sure that kids receive the services that they deserve.
- Chief Bob Ratcliffe reported the results of School Police Services' recent pop top competition. Districtwide, they collected 607 lbs of aluminum tops, which he calculated was approximately 1.3 million tops! Chaparral Elementary School collected the most pop tops during the competition with a total of 119 lbs. School Police Services received \$1,000 from the recycling center for the pop tops and will use the money to purchase toys for Loma Linda Children's Hospital.
- Congratulations to Luis Angel Sanchez, a student at Kaiser High School, who recently won Union Bank's 7th Annual Young Artist Contest. He won \$1000 for himself, as well as \$1000 for Kaiser High School. His drawing appears in the Union Bank's 2009 calendar.



- Dr. Stedry reported that we will soon be accepting bids for the renovation of Jurupa Hills Elementary School. The conversion of the facility into the new Fontana Adult School consists of: 1) connection to sewer, 2) converting the playground to a parking lot, 3) enlarging the Administration Building, 4) addressing the ADA compliance issues that resulted from placement of portables on the site many years ago. All costs are covered through construction funds.
- The district is partnering with the City of Fontana and the Lewis Library to hold a Career Awareness Faire on February 21, 2009, from 9 am to 1 pm, at A.B. Miller High School. The Faire is open to all middle and high school students, as well as their parents. There will be a variety of speakers and workshops.
- Fontana High School is one of 16 schools in the nation being recognized by the College Board for increasing access to AP classes among traditionally underserved students. Fohi is the public school in the nation with the largest number of Latino students in the Class of 2008 achieving success with a 3 or higher on the AP Spanish Language Exam.
- Many Fontana schools will be participating in Read Across America. The nationwide reading celebration takes place each year on (or near) March 2, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss.
- Kudos to School Police Services! Two men, posing as construction workers, removed several hundred dollars worth of copper wiring from the Jurupa Hills High School Construction site. Luckily, they and their vehicle were "caught on tape" by the district's surveillance system. Using that information, our School Police Services was able to assist in their arrest.
- Sergio Flores, Principal of Fontana High School, announced that Fohi's Boys and Girls Soccer Teams have won sportsmanship awards from the Inland Division officials' association. The award is the Sam Pecchia Award, and will be presented to both teams' coaches at the officials' banquet on February 16.
- Heather Griggs, Principal of A.B. Miller High School, announced that Miller's team ranked sixth at this year's San Bernardino County Mock Trial Competition. They had a record of 3 wins/1 loss and the team won many top awards.
- Terry Abernathy, who was one of the Interim Principals at A.B. Miller High School this year, announced that Miller's Girls' Basketball Team was all CIF for two years in a row.
- Mike Andrus, Principal of Summit High School, announced that the faculty and staff will be holding their annual variety show, the Summit Staff Spectacular, this Friday, February 6, 2008 at 7 pm. Tickets are \$5 each and all proceeds go toward student scholarships.
- On Tuesday, February 10, 2009, the Summit High School Varsity Girls' Basketball Team will "Go Pink" during their game against Bloomington. The Lady Skyhawks will don special pink jerseys to raise breast cancer awareness. All proceeds from the game will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure Foundation.