



FUSD Highlights

BOARD MEETING

JUNE 24, 2009

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Laura Abernathy-Mancha, President
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Superintendent

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Deputy Superintendent
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Oscar Dueñas
Interim Associate Superintendent
Instructional Services

Yolanda Mendoza
Associate Superintendent
Human Resources

Robert P. Ratcliffe
School Police Chief
School Police Services

UPCOMING EVENTS

Special Board Meeting
June 29, 2009 (6 pm)
John D. Piazza Center

Fourth of July Holiday
Friday, July 3, 2009
All schools & offices closed

Regular Board Meeting
July 15, 2009 (6 pm)
John D. Piazza Center

Regular Board Meeting
August 19, 2009 (6 pm)
John D. Piazza Center

Board Bullets

- Held a Public Hearing and approved the request to submit a Waiver to postpone the Reading/Language Arts/ELD Textbook Adoption for 1 year.
- Approved the Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs for \$21,707,061 for 2009-10.
- Approved the Alternative Governance Plan for Cypress Elementary School for 2009-10.
- Approved the Alternative Governance Plan for West Randall Elementary School for 2009-10.
- Approved the 2009-10 Master Contract with San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools for ROP funding of \$1,039,540.
- Scheduled a Special Board Meeting to discuss the proposed 2009-10 Budget on Monday, June 29, 2009 at 6 pm.
- Held a Public Hearing and adopted Resolution No. 09-39 increasing the Level 2 residential developer fee to \$5.01 per square foot.
- Held a Public Hearing on the Initial Proposal by the FUSD to the United Steelworkers for collective bargaining for 2009-10.
- Held a Public Hearing on the Initial Proposal by the FUSD to the Police Officers Association for collective bargaining for 2009-10.
- Held a Public Hearing on the Initial Proposal by the FUSD to the Fontana Teachers Association for collective bargaining for 2009-10.
- Ratified the Tentative Agreement between the FUSD and the Police Officers' Association on Article 35 (Salaries and Fringe Benefits).
- Lorraine Perez, Assistant Principal of Poplar Elementary School, was promoted to the position of Principal of Date Elementary School.
- Tammy Stringer, Assistant Principal of Truman Middle School, was promoted to the position of Principal of Tokay Elementary School.
- Denied petition to establish the American Model Academy Charter School.
- Held a Public Hearing regarding the petitions for establishment of Fontana Prep Middle School and High School charter schools within the Fontana Unified School District boundaries.



Lorraine Perez



Tammy Stringer



2008-09 FUSD Retirees

FUSD staff members retiring this school year were recognized by the Board of Education for their many years of service to the district and the students of Fontana. There are 107 FUSD employees retiring this school year. A handful of those employees retired earlier in the school year, while most are officially retiring on June 30th. The retirees were invited to attend the Board Meeting where they were each given a certificate and watch in grateful appreciation. A Memory Book with information about this year's crop of retirees has been posted on our district website.

Teaching American History Grant

Dr. Daniel Walker from the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools Office presented information to the Board on the "Teaching American History Grant" (also called the "Roots of Freedom Program"). The County received \$2 million to provide training about U.S. History to teachers in San Bernardino County. The grant provides substitute pay for teachers, provides fields trips and stipends for teachers. In addition, they offer the "Footsteps to Freedom" study program which allows teachers to fly to Kentucky and follow the northern trail Underground Railroad to Canada. This year's program is offered on July 27-August 3, 2009. Dr. Walker wanted to encourage FUSD teachers to participate. Information will be posted on our district website.

GATE Parent Advisory Committee

Brandy Segal, Chairperson of the GATE Parent Advisory Committee, gave the Board an update on the committee's activities. The committee recently held elections and Brandy introduced Kathy Garcia, who will be the committee's new Chairperson. Brandy said that she has formed a new committee, United Parents for Fontana, and that a group of 8 parents are going to be visiting different school districts to seek out and bring back ideas that can help the parent involvement here in Fontana.

Summit Student Receives Bridgestone/Firestone Award

Congratulations to Eduardo Hernandez, a 2009 graduate of Summit High School. Eduardo received the 2008-09 Bridgestone/Firestone student award for his essay on how he is applying the skills he learned in his ROP automotive class to his life. Bridgestone/Firestone was so impressed with Eduardo that they are trying to find additional funds in the company and from their partners and foundation for him to continue his education in automotive restoration and mechanics.