



FUSD Highlights

BOARD MEETING

JUNE 3, 2009

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School Police Services

IMPORTANT DATES

FUSD Board of Education
Wednesday, June 17, 2009
6 pm Budget Work Session
John D. Piazza Center

FUSD Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, June 24, 2009
5 pm Closed Session
6 pm Regular Board Meeting
John D. Piazza Center

Board Bullets

- The Board held a Public Hearing and adopted Resolution No. 09-36 Regarding Sufficiency of Standards-Aligned Textbooks and Instructional Materials and certified compliance with Instructional Materials Realignment Program.
- Dr. Richard Stedry gave the Board an update on the state of the 2009-10 budget. A Budget Work Session for the Board has been scheduled for June 17, 2009 at 6 pm.
- The Board awarded bid for Asbestos and Lead Abatement and Demolition of Building at Elementary School No. 29 Property to Castlerock Environmental, Inc.
- The Board approved FUSD's participation in the National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs in order to provide quality meals to all students for the 2009-10 school year.
- The Board approved FUSD's participation in the Child Care Food Program in order to provide quality meals to the Early Education and Daycare participants for the 2009-10 school year.
- The Board continued the Public Hearing from the 5/20 meeting regarding the petition for establishment of American Model Academy.
- The Board approved the Early Education Calendar for the 2009-10 school year.
- The Board approved Resolution No. 09-40 to authorize the temporary borrowing between funds of the school district as needed to meet the District's financial obligations for the 2009-10 school year.

Good Things

Mango Elementary Becomes "No Excuses University" School

Principal Sara Najarro was very proud and excited to report that Mango Elementary School has been accepted as a "No Excuses University" (NEU) school. Said Mrs. Najarro, "Since our staff has made a commitment to become a NEU, the transformation in the climate and the culture has helped Mango survive this year of turmoil, change, and disappointment." To be an NEU is to create a culture of achievement and that means doing whatever it takes to prepare students to go to college. Mrs. Najarro continued, "Our philosophy as an NEU at Mango is that all students deserve the opportunity to be prepared to go to college, if they choose to do so, and it is our responsibility to make this happen." Mrs. Najarro was accompanied by Mrs. Gonzalez and members of her fourth grade class, who have been "adopted" by Mrs. Najarro's Alma Mater, Lehigh University. Mrs. Najarro shared a video made by Mrs. Gonzalez and her class that they made as part of the application process and then the class enthusiastically performed a cheer about being bound for college.





Energy Management Award

Juli Neermann, FUSD's Energy Manager, gave a report on the District's participation in Energy Education, an energy management program. The program endeavors to change people's attitude about the use of energy. As a result, FUSD, which has one of the largest carbon footprints in the area, has made a huge environmental impact. Marc Starkey, Vice President of Energy Education, presented a plaque to the district for its conservation efforts and for achieving more than 12.5 million dollars in energy cost avoidance over the last 90 months.

Sequoia Middle School "The Cellar Door"

Dina Bartholomew, Teacher at Sequoia Middle School presented the 3rd annual publication of "The Cellar Door." The publication is filled with the GATE Magnet students' artistic and literary works.

California Retired Teachers Association

Bill Brakemeyer, retired FUSD teacher, spoke as a representative of the California Retired Teachers Association. Each year they present grants to teachers to help with instruction in the classroom. This year, five FUSD teachers received grants from CRTA: Dianne Arturton of Sequoia MS, Luis Retana of Live Oak ES, Jennifer Sanchez of Maple ES, Daniel Stute of Maple ES, and Patricia Ubrun of Southridge MS.

Fontana Teachers Association Update

FTA Representatives Tom Kenefick and Wendy Sheppard announced that they had met today their district counterparts regarding a Memorandum of Understanding for transfer language. They are scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, June 10, 2009, to finish-up the MOU and they are hopeful "to continue meeting to discuss proposals to protect jobs and help our district weather this dire financial crisis."

STAR Tests

Oscar Duenas, Interim Associate Superintendent of Instructional Services, announced that Assessment and Evaluation processed close to 40,000 STAR documents. Every single document was reviewed for completeness and accuracy before being shipped out to ETS for scoring. In cooperation with Instructional Services, the schools, and Warehouse, they were able to ensure that 868 boxes of STAR materials were packed and shipped on time. This was truly a team effort and we should receive the results by July.

City Parks and Recreation Commission

Janie Burgo and Luis Vaquera, FUSD's representatives on the City Parks and Recreation Commission, gave a report on some of the City's fun activities for this summer:

Fontana Days Walk/Run is on Saturday, June 6. It's not too late to register!

Grand Opening of Fontana Art Association's new Koehler Gallery is Saturday, June 6. This will be the formal dedication to the late Dr. Charles Koehler, who was such a large part of the community and schools.

County Health and Safety Fair is on Saturday, June 13 (10 am) at Jack Bulik Park.

Fourth of July Celebration, "Red, White & Cruise," will be at California Auto Club Speedway. Tickets are \$5 for Fontana residents. If you wait until the day of the event the prices goes up to \$20. Children under 7 years of age are free.

Festival of Art is on Thursday, July 23 at the Art Depot on Spring Street.

7th Annual Mayor's Gala, "An Evening of Tropical Elegance," will be on Saturday, September 26. The benefit this year will be Fontana Boys and Girls Club.

During the summer, the City will also be having weekly events, like dive-in movies, variety night, family fun night, etc. Check www.fontana.org for a complete schedule of events.