## COVINA-VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



INFORMATION FROM THE OCTOBER 10, 2024, BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOGNITION**

### **COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

The Board of Education recognized members of our community who supported our annual JCPenney Shopping Spree event. This event ensures that students have what they need to start school prepared and fosters a sense of confidence and belonging. To see a complete list of all organizations and individuals who took part, click this **LINK**.



## **EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH**



Our amazing September Employees of the Month were recognized at the Board meeting. These outstanding individuals were honored for their dedication and contributions to our schools, making a lasting impact on our students and community. To view the complete list of honorees, click this LINK.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

### **FACILITIES UPDATE**

(click the link to view the full presentation)

Mr. Keith Kovach, Director of Maintenance, Operations, Facilities, and Transportation, updated the Board of Education on the District's facilities projects, including completed HVAC upgrades at several elementary schools and upcoming projects across various sites, demonstrating the District's commitment to maintaining high-quality learning environments.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

### **PERSONNEL COMMISSION APPOINTMENT**

Mrs. Sonia Frasquillo was appointed to the Personnel Commission for a term of three years, commencing December 1, 2024. Mrs. Frasquillo's extensive experience and dedication to public service are anticipated to bring valuable perspectives to the Commission's work. The District congratulates Mrs. Frasquillo on her appointment and looks forward to her contributions in her new role.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**



# C-VUSD Launches Trio of Pre-Apprenticeship Programs in Partnership with Industry Leaders

The Board of Education has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with three programs aimed at providing C-VUSD students with valuable career opportunities at no cost to the District. The Architecture Construction Engineering (ACE) Mentor Program will introduce students to careers in architecture, engineering, and construction through a volunteer-based learning program. Additionally, the Southern California Sheet Metal Pre-Apprenticeship Program and the Southwest Carpenters and Affiliated Trades Pre-Apprenticeship Program will offer hands-on training in sheet metal, carpentry, and related trades. These programs will enrich students' education with practical skills, real-world experience, and insights into various career paths. We look forward to the positive impact these collaborations will have on our students' futures.

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

**Dr. Maria E. Cruz** talked about the research on how motivational speakers, especially at the beginning of the school year, can have a positive impact on staff morale. Staff morale and a positive impact are important throughout an organization, particularly in a school district as staff morale directly impacts students.

### Click here to hear Dr. Cruz's comments starting at 3:50:17

**Sue Maulucci** congratulated Covina High School on their Golden Bell validation visit from the California School Board Association (CSBA) on their Colt Outfitter Thrift Store. She attended the Covina Rotary Meeting with three Student Board Members, and the Student Board Members presented the great things happening at their schools. **Click here to hear Mrs. Maulucci's comments starting at 3:44:07** 

Maria M. Caceres attended the Golden Bell validation visit and expressed her gratitude to CSBA board member representative Cristina Lucero for conducting the visit. Ms. Caceres emphasized the importance of continuing to invest in training for classified staff, and that it is vital to include classified staff in all school activities. She mentioned Mrs. Lucero's statement at the validation visit that "It takes a village." The success of Colt Outfitters is a testament to this statement.

#### Click here to hear Ms. Caceres' comments starting at 3:45:29

Rachael Robles thanked Jay Jay, the Pledge of Allegiance speaker, for sharing his passion for Fairvalley High School. She shared a personal connection to Fairvalley, noting that three of her family members attended the school. Mrs. Robles was honored to attend the LA County Teacher of the Year luncheon, which celebrated C-VUSD's Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Rhondi Bonilla from Grovecenter Elementary. Additionally, she visited Covina-Valley Children's Center (C-VCC) with Mrs. Maulucci and Dr. Eminhizer, expressing how meaningful the site is, as it often serves as the starting point for the District's youngest special education students.

### Click here to hear Mrs. Robles' comments starting at 3:46:38

**Simon Wright** highlighted the District's ongoing commitment to high-quality facilities. He discussed the District's commitment to ongoing funding and commitment to a master plan for facilities. He stated that great facilities are an important part of a strong district and strong community.

### Click here to hear Mr. Wright's comments starting at 3:47:42

**Karyme Gonzalez** congratulated Lucy and Jay Jay for leading the Pledge of Allegiance. She also provided feedback from her recent discussions with other students and from her experiences as a high school senior. **Click here to hear Ms. Gonzalez comments starting at 3:53:33** 

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE







Lucia "Lucy" Linao from Ben Lomond Elementary School and Jeremy "Jay Jay" Miller from Fairvalley High School led the Pledge of Allegiance and shared insights from their experiences at their respective schools.



## THE NEXT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING IS ON NOVEMBER 14, 2024