

# BOARD UPDATE

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## RECOGNITION

- Dr. Angi Williams, Superintendent, recognized **Lynn Wright**, a Mustang Village on Castlegory volunteer at North Shore Senior High School, for being selected as a Hero for Children by the State Board of Education (SBOE).

## ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

- The **North Shore Senior High School Choir** delighted the board and audience with a Christmas performance under the direction of Sam Harris, Director of Fine Arts & Academic Enrichment.

## REPORTS

- **Joe Stephens**, President, reported on Board Members' Continuing Education Hours, as required by the State Board of Education (SBOE).
- **Arnold Ramirez**, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resource and Communication Services, presented a report on the progress Galena Park ISD made with regards to meeting the Highly Qualified Teacher Requirements for the 2012-2013 school year. This report is required by the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) law.

## NEW BUSINESS

### GENERAL CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved** the minutes of the Board Workshop on Monday, November 12, 2012 at 5:20 p.m. and the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting on Monday, November 12, 2012 at 5:45 p.m.
- **Added, revised, or deleted** (LOCAL) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 95.
- **Approved** the (6) six additional positions for the 2012-2013 school year as presented.
- **Approved** the substitute pay rate of \$60.00 for a Life Skills Special Education Aide, PASS Special Education Aide, and PPCD Special Education Aide. The proposed pay rate for those substituting in a long term assignment in these positions would be \$65.00. This daily rate will be included in the 2012-2013 Teacher/Clerical Substitute Pay Schedule.
- **Approved** the Early Head Start 2012 Community Assessment as presented.
- **Approved** the request for a non-competitive 5-year Early Head Start Award as presented.
- **Approved** the administration to proceed in hiring (10) ten teachers for the remainder of the 2012- 2013 school year as presented. These positions will be absorbed for the 2013-2104 school year as resignations and retirements are received from current employees.

### CONSTRUCTION CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved** proceeding with a contract with S. Chu Architects for the design and construction of the HVAC equipment and associated piping at Purple Sage Elementary and Green Valley Elementary as presented. The total project budget is \$1,425,991. This includes \$1,188,000 for construction and \$237,991 for contingency and fees .

### FINANCIAL CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved** the Proposed Budget Amendments for the period of November 2012 as presented.
- **Approved** the proposed Request for Purchases over \$50,000 as presented.
- **Awarded** CSP 12-004 for the Annual Contract for Garbage Collection Services to Waste Connections of Texas as presented.
- **Approved** the Fund Balance Commitments Resolution as presented.
- **Approved** the Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act (HEART) and the Worker, Retiree, and Employer Recovery Act (WRERA) Amendment for the 403(b) and 457(b) plans as presented.

## INFORMATION

- **Sonya George**, Executive Director for Budget & Compliance, presented the Comparative Monthly Tax Collection Report for the period of September 1, 2012 – October 31, 2012, and September 1, 2011 – October 31, 2011.
- **Ken Wallace**, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Support and School Administration, presented the Early Head Start Monthly Update (October 2012).