

BOARD UPDATE

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Carmen Brown, program director of Early Head Start, and her staff were recognized for their performance on a table top drill, intruder drill and physical audit of the facility. Trustee **Bill Cobbs** and **Dr. Mark Henry**, Superintendent of Schools, presented her with a certificate to honor the staff for their proactive approach to ensuring the safety and security of students and staff, while fulfilling the requirements of Senate Bill 11.

RECOGNITION

• **Eduardo Jasso**, North Shore Senior High, was honored for receiving the Silver Key in Personal Essay in the 2007 Scholastic Art & Writing Regional Award competition. **Charlene Culpepper** is his teacher. **Harold White**, Galena Park High School, was honored for receiving the Gold Key in Poetry in the 2007 Scholastic Art & Writing Regional Award competition. **Natalie Hicks** is his teacher. Gold Key winners will move on to the national competition in New York City.

• Anchor Club of North Shore members **Veronica Pecero, Areli Dozal, Monica Rodriguez, Chris Proctor, Brittney Rodriguez, Dominick Flores, Maryanna Wassef, Stephanie Persad, Eric Trevino, and Kayla Tennison** and advisors **Connie Hernandez, Laura Abel and Chris Lognion** were honored for their outstanding performance at the state convention in Beaumont. The club was named the Outstanding Club of the Year and also captured first place awards for Yearbook and Website. North Shore finished second in Scrapbook and third in Brain Related Disorder Focus Service Project. The Anchor Club of North Shore will now compete in the international competition in July in Norfolk, Virginia.

ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

• **Vicki Johnson**, Director of Career and Technical Information, presented information on the Agricultural program offered in the district.

REPORTS

• **Bourke Meagher**, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resource and Communications Services, presented information regarding the update to policy FNCE (Local) pertaining to telecommunication devices for students.

• **Richard Gates**, Director of New Facilities and Planning, provided an update on bond construction projects.

NEW BUSINESS

• Trustees **accepted** the Certification of Unopposed Candidates and approved the Order of Cancellation for the May 12, 2007 election as presented. This action confirms that **Jeff Miller** will return to his Position 3 seat and that **Minnie Rivera** will now occupy the Position 4 seat, which was formerly held by **Cruz Hinojosa Jr.**

• Trustees **adopted** the Resolution proclaiming May 7-11, 2007 as Employee Appreciation Week in Galena Park ISD.

CONSTRUCTION CONSENT AGENDA

• Project No. 815-2007

Approved the start of the design and construction documents for the re-roofing of the Administration building as presented.

• Project No. 820-2007

Approved VLK Architects as the architectural firm of record for the new Pregnancy Education and Parenting (PEP) Facility as presented.

GENERAL CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved** the addition of Galena Park High School Assistant Principal to the Galena Park ISD Teacher Appraisal list as presented.
- **Authorized** North Shore Senior High School to apply for the Texas Department of Transportation Project Celebration Grant as presented.
- **Approved** the submission of the A+ for Energy grant application as presented.
- **Approved** the Early Head Start Self-Assessments for 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 as presented.
- **Authorized** Galena Park ISD to apply for the Tech Prep Grant as presented.

FINANCIAL CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved** the new Prevailing Wage Rates as presented.
- **Accepted** and **authorized** early renewal of the Interlocal agreement with Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Risk Management, for School and Professional Legal Liability insurance including the increase in sub-limits for sexual misconduct as presented.
- **Accepted** and **authorized** early renewal of the Inter-local agreement with Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Risk Management for Auto/Fleet insurance as presented.