

BOARD UPDATE

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The Superintendent recognized community members for their support of Galena Park ISD. Congratulations were extended to the following:

- **Hector Barkley, CPA**, for his years of service to the Galena Park ISD Education Foundation. Barkley served as treasurer of the Foundation from 1998-2010.
- **Dr. Herminia Palacio**, Executive Director of Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services for providing free H1N1 Clinics for the district and community. Three clinics were held on February 3 and served almost 1,900 people.
- Former North Shore Senior High students **Michelle Aldaco** and **Carmencita Williams**, for their perseverance and commitment to education by completing all requirements for the high school diploma.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

The Superintendent recognized students and staff members for honors and achievements earned. Congratulations were extended to the following:

- **James Merrell**, Industrial Technology teacher at Cunningham Middle School, who has been elected as Teacher Personal Service Committee Chair on the executive board of the Texas Classroom Teachers Association (TCTA).
- **Sarah Woody**, fifth grade teacher at MacArthur Elementary, who has been named the Texas Elementary Teacher of the Year from the Texas Council for Teachers of English and Language Arts (TCTELA).

STUDENT RECOGNITION

The Anchor Club of North Shore received the following awards at their annual state convention in Austin:

- 1st Place Outstanding Anchor Club of the Year – third time in four years. – **Natalia Hernandez**, Club President, **Daniel George**, Club President-Elect, **Monica Garza**, **Liliana Cerda**, **Fernanda Garza**.
 - 1st Place Brain Related Disorder District Focus Project – **Celina Tamez**, **Monica Garza**, and **Pavlova Monroy**.
 - **Liliana Cerda**, 2009-10 Texas Anchor Club President, was in charge of the state convention this past February. She is also a Texas Anchor Scholarship recipient.
 - **Monica Garza** was named the Anchor Club Texas State/District President (3rd year in a row for the Anchor Club of North Shore to win the office of President).
 - **Connie Hernandez** was installed as the 2010 Texas Anchor Club Coordinator for 2010-11.
- Anchor Club advisor is **Donna Tennant**.

ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

- **Mechelle Epps**, Director of Success Initiatives, presented information on programs offered through the Destination Graduation Success Initiative in the Galena Park Independent School District.

REPORTS

- **Richard Gates**, Director of New Facilities and Planning, provided an update on bond construction projects.
- **Bourke Meagher**, Associate Superintendent of Human Resources and Communication Services presented information on the following policy updates: Policy EIC (LOCAL) and TASB Localized Policy Update 87 were both presented for review at first reading. Policy EIC (LOCAL) Academic Achievement: Class Ranking includes: increasing the GPA weight for Dual Credit classes; having students who graduate in the Top 10 percent be on the Recommended or Distinguished Graduation Plan; and changing the grade points earned to alleviate possible ties in grade point averages.

TASB Localized Policy Update 87 provides new information from changes in law as a result of the 81st Legislative Session.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSTRUCTION CONSENT AGENDA

- **Project #911.105-2009:** Approved the award of contract to the lowest bidder, Rex Mechanical, in the amount of \$699,500.00 for the Green Valley Elementary and Cimarron Elementary Rooftop HVAC Project as presented.
- **Project #911.101-2009:** Approved award of contract to the lowest bidder, Texas Liqua Tech Services, Inc., in the amount of \$739,700.00 for the Cimarron Elementary Re-roofing and the Green Valley Elementary roof repairs as presented.

FINANCIAL CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved** the Proposed Budget Amendments for the period of March 2010 as presented.
- **Approved** award of CSP 29-09 for Electrical Supplies to Crawford Electric Supply Co., Inc., as the primary vendor and Wholesale Electric as the secondary vendor as presented.
- **Adopted** the resolution authorizing the Superintendent, Chief Financial Officer, Director of Budget/Internal Auditor and the Director of Business Services to execute banking transactions relating to the "Special" Liquidity-2010 Bond account with Woodforest National Bank as presented.
- **Approved** the engagement letter with Null-Lairson, P.C., Certified Public Accountants, to perform the annual financial and compliance audit of the financial statements of Galena Park Independent School District for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2010 as presented.