

BOARD UPDATE

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RECOGNITION

- Galena Park ISD students were recognized for being chosen as school finalists in the Houston/Harris County “Do the Write Thing” Challenge. Honored from Cunningham Middle School were **Hannah Cowart** and **Maurico Junco**; from Galena Park Middle School were **Selena Romero** and **Felix Garza, Jr.**; from North Shore Middle School were **Gabriella Jorge** and **Michael Pineda**; from Woodland Acres Middle School were **Cinnamon Leslie** and **Sergio Silva**.

- **Dennis Bartel**, Challenge Course Instructor, was recognized for receiving the Outstanding Program Award for Grades 7–12 from the Texas Outdoor Education Association. During the past nine years, the Challenge Course program has served more than 2,000 students each year using reading, science, math, history and P.E.

ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

- **Vicki Johnson**, director of career and technical education, presented information regarding the GPISD Auto Technology programs.

REPORTS

- **Bourke Meagher**, assistant superintendent for human resources, communications and business services, presented a first reading on TASB Local Policy Manual Update 82. This update covers numerous issues, including required participation in county appraisal districts, employee health insurance coverage, energy conservation, and emergency response.

- **Richard Gates**, director of new facilities & planning, provided an update on bond construction projects.

NEW BUSINESS

- Trustees **Adopted** a resolution proclaiming the week of May 5-9, 2008 as Employee Appreciation Week in Galena Park ISD.

CONSTRUCTION CONSENT AGENDA

- **Project No. 907-2007**

Approved Chu Architects as the Architectural firm of record to install safety storefronts on district campuses as presented.

- **Project No. 822-2007**

Approved the award of contract to Pillar & Strong in the amount of \$469,072 for the construction of the new Almatha C. Taylor Health Clinic.

- **Project No. 821-2007**

Approved the award of contract to Montgomery Building Services, LLC in the amount of \$529,990 for the new Warehouse facility.

- **Project No. 043-2007**

Approved the change order to install new metal decking at Woodland Acres Middle School.

GENERAL CONSENT AGENDA

- **Authorized** the District to apply for the district-wide District Awards for Teacher Excellence grant program (DATE) as presented.

- **Authorized** the District to apply for the 2008-2009 Texas 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant – Cycle 5, as presented.

- **Authorized** the District to apply for the Governor’s Educator Excellence Award Program-Texas Educator Excellence Grant, Cycle 3, as presented.

- **Approved** the application for the offering of Career Preparation I & II beginning the 2008-2009 school year as presented.

- **Authorized** the District to apply for the Tech Prep Grant as presented.

- **Approved** the 2008-2009 Galena Park Independent School District Teacher Appraisal Calendar as presented.

- **Authorized** the District to apply for the district-wide Mathematics Instructional Coaches Pilot Program Grant as presented.

- **Authorized** the District to apply for the 2008-2010 Title II Part D-Vision 2020 Grant Program as presented.

FINANCIAL CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved** the amount of \$43,000 as the starting teacher salary for the 2008-2009 school year as presented.
- **Adopted** a resolution authorizing the Superintendent, Director of Budget/Internal Auditor and the Business Manager to execute banking transactions relating to the 2008 Bond account with Woodforest National Bank as presented.
- **Authorized** the Superintendent to execute a revised facility lease agreement with North Shore Little League and Galena Park Independent School District as presented.
- **Authorized** the Superintendent to execute and renew the Exclusive Beverage Contract with Coca-Cola Enterprises, Inc. dba Houston Coca-Cola Bottling Company for an additional five years as presented.
- **CSP 27-10- GPS and Student Ridership Tracking System**
Approved the award of contract to Education Logistics, for one year with two annual renewal options as presented.
- **CSP 27-13 - Aerial Bucket Truck**
Approved the award of contract to Atlas Truck Sales, Inc. for a one time purchase as presented.
- **CSP 27-14 - Custom Clothing Purchases (Screen Printing & Embroidery)**
Approved the award of contract to Ace Awards & Recognition, Barcelona Sporting Goods, J.A. Davis, Gandy Ink, Graphics Unlimited, Image Market, Imagestuff.com, Joyous Stitches, Logo Ink, Music T's, Neff Motivation, Pocock Promotions, Positive Promotions, Sadco Services, Standing Ovations, Summit Sportswear, and The Incentive Mall, for one year with two annual renewal options as presented.
- **SP 27-7 Asbestos and Lead Paint Abatement – Unit Rate**
Approved the award of contract to CST Environmental Services (CST) for one year with two annual renewal options as presented.
- **Approved** proposed budget amendments for the month of March 2008, as presented.