# BOARD UPDATE

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## SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AUGUST 29, 2008

• Trustees **approved** the 2007-2008 general operating fund budget of $155,348,379.

• Trustees **approved** three early release days for Galena Park High School, North Shore High School and North Shore Senior High School. Students at the high school campuses will be dismissed at 1 p.m. on **Sept. 12**, **Oct. 10** and **Nov. 14**. The early release days are used for teacher collaboration pertaining to students, TAKS preparation, curriculum-related staff development and interdisciplinary planning between teachers and TEKS curriculum alignment.

## REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 11, 2008

### RECOGNITION

• The following new administrators were introduced: **Thomas Duoto,** assistant principal at North Shore Senior High School; **Chris Eckford**, assistant principal at North Shore Middle School; **Dianne Edwards**, principal at Normandy Crossing Elementary School; **Mechelle Epps**, coordinator at Success Initiative; **Toshia Gouard**, assistant principal at Purple Sage Elementary School; **Patrick Hollier**, assistant principal at Galena Park High School; **Darlene Lovinggood**, Director of Technology; **Michelle Merritt**, Coordinator of Mathematics**; Shaunte Morris**, assistant principal at Galena Park Middle School; **Kelly Rivera**, assistant principal at Woodland Acres Elementary School; **Estella Sanchez,** assistant principal at Cobb Sixth Grade Campus and **Karen Sutera**, New Teacher Mentor.

### ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

• **Elizabeth Lalor**, director of research, district compliance and special programs, provided an update on the district's college and career planning program.

### REPORTS

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

### NEW BUSINESS

**CONSTRUCTION CONSENT AGENDA**

• **Approved** renewal of contract for Program Management Services with CSI, Inc. as per Addendum #12 dated 7/22/08 for services until August 31, 2009 as presented.

**GENERAL CONSENT AGENDA**

• **Adopted** Policy FD (LOCAL) Admissions as presented.

• **Added**, **revised**, or **deleted** (LOCAL) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 83 with changes to FO (LOCAL) as presented.

**FINANCIAL CONSENT AGENDA**

• **Adopted** a resolution authorizing signature changes in order to execute banking transactions relating to accounts with Woodforest National Bank as presented.

• **Adopted** a resolution relating to the review of the District's existing investment policies and investment strategies with no changes to the district's current investment policies CDA Legal dated August 16, 2005 and CDA Local dated November 6, 2006 as presented.

• **Approved** the authorized lists of investment brokers/dealers who are in compliance with the District's investment policies as presented.

• **Approved** the District's move to the State's TRS Active Care for employee health insurance effective, January 1, 2009, as presented.

• **CSP 27-15 Athletic Training and First Aid Equip and Supplies**
**Approved** award of contract to recommended vendors, A-Athletic & Medical Supply Co. Inc., Alert Services, Inc., Henry Schein, Inc., Medco Supply Co., and United Health Supplies for Line Items and A-Athletic & Medical Supply Co., Inc., Alert Services, Inc., BSN Sports/Collegiate Pacific, Cannon Sports, Flaghouse, Henry Schein, Inc., and William V. MacGill & Co. for Catalog Discounts, for one year with 2 annual renewal options as presented.

• **Approved** Proposed Budget Amendments for the month of July 2008, as presented.

• **Approved** the proposed tax rate of $1.4709 as published in the "Notice of Public Meeting to discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate" as presented.