

BOARD UPDATE

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SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AUGUST 29, 2007

- 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 13, 2007

RECOGNITION

- The following new administrators were introduced: **Jason Bollich**, assistant principal at North Shore Senior High School; **Tonia Bush**, assistant principal at Normandy Crossing Elementary School; **Michelle Cavazos**, assistant principal at Sam Houston Elementary School; **Linda Curry**, senior purchasing coordinator; **Lecia Eubanks**, assistant principal at Galena Park Elementary School; **Travis Fanning**, assistant principal at Cunningham Middle School; **Billy Foster**, principal at Cunningham Middle School; **Joanne Garza**, principal at Woodland Acres Elementary School; **Mark Hopkins**, assistant principal at North Shore High School; **Margo Kelley**, assistant Principal at Cobb Sixth Grade Campus; **Lance Lyles**, principal at Galena Park Elementary School; **Laurie Patterson**, program director of social studies; **Esmeralda Perez**, principal at North Shore Elementary School and **Gloria Vasquez**, assistant principal at Cimarron Elementary School.

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 & planning, provided an update on bond construction projects.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSTRUCTION CONSENT AGENDA

- **Project No. 820-1-2007 - Deaton Hospital & Residence Demolition** **Awarded** the contract for the Deaton Hospital and residence demolition to CST Environmental, Inc. in the amount of \$34,000.
- **Project No. 820-2007 - Design Development Approval for the Pregnancy Education and Parenting Facility** **Approved** the Design Development submittals and authorized the VLK Architects to proceed with the construction documents for the new Pregnancy Education and Parent (PEP) facility.

GENERAL CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved** the Scholars' Academy Program for the 2007-2008 school year as presented.
- **Approved** the revision to the 2007-2008 Academic Calendar changing the Teacher Workday on April 19, 2008 to April 26, 2008 as presented.
- **Approved** the district to apply for the Investment Capital Fund Grant for Purple Sage Elementary School as presented.
- **Approved** the Spark Park agreement between Harris County and Galena Park Independent School District as presented. This agreement allows a portion of Cimarron Elementary's grounds to be used for public park and recreational purposes.
- **Approved** the district's appraisal list as presented.
- **Adopted** policy FNA (LOCAL) Student Rights and Responsibilities: Student Expression as presented. This policy pertains to student expression of religious viewpoints.

NEW BUSINESS

FINANCIAL CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved** the lease agreement with Xerox 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 as presented.
- **Approved** the Student and Athletic Insurance proposal as presented.
- **Authorized** the investment officers of the District to add as needed brokers/dealers who comply with the District's investment policy as presented.
- **Adopted** the Resolutions for the Resale of Tax Sale Properties as presented.
- **Approved** Proposed Budget Amendments for the month of July 2007, as presented.
- **Approved** the proposed tax rate of \$1.4309 per \$100 of valuation as published in the "Notice of Public Meeting to discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate" as presented. The 2006-2007 rate was \$1.7150.