

BOARD UPDATE

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- **Galena Park ISD** earned the **Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting** from the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2010. “(ASBO) is a professional association that provides programs and services to promote the highest standards of school business management practices, professional growth, and the effective use of educational resources.” (ASBO Web site). According to ASBO, this honor shows GPISD meets the highest standards of school financial reporting. The leadership of the Business Office includes: Mike Ball, Chief Financial Officer; Yvonne Johnson, Senior Director of Business Services; and Vikas Chaphekar, Assistant Superintendent for Budget and Internal Audit.
- **Galena Park ISD Business Services Department** earned the Texas Comptroller’s Leadership Circle Gold award for financial transparency. The department’s website achieved a near perfect score from the Comptroller. GPISD received recognition for their online check register, financial reports and budget being clearly transparent and readily available to the public. The leadership of the Business Office includes: Mike Ball, Chief Financial Officer; Yvonne Johnson, Senior Director of Business Services; and Vikas Chaphekar, Assistant Superintendent for Budget and Internal Audit.
- **Joe Stephens, Vice President of the Galena Park ISD Board of Trustees**, has been selected as a member of the 2012 Leadership TASB Class.
- **New Principals** were recognized. The new principals are:
 - Michelle Cavazos – Sam Houston Elementary
 - Lecia Eubanks – MacArthur Elementary
 - Travis Fanning – North Shore Senior High 9th Grade Center
 - Billy Foster – North Shore Senior High School
 - Rebecca Gardea – Jacinto City Elementary
 - Toshia Gouard – Havard Elementary
 - Sherrhonda Johnson – Zotz Education Center
 - Justin May – Cunningham Middle School
 - Stefanie Perry – Williamson Elementary
 - David Pierson – Normandy Crossing Elementary

AUDIENCE ITEMS

- **Mrs. Linda Sherrard** spoke on behalf of women educators and the Sister-to-Sister Organization. She thanked board Vice President Joe Stephens for his impact on education and presented him with an engraved plaque.

BOARD COMMENTS

- **Wilfred J. Broussard, Jr.**, Board President, asked that fellow board member Joe Stephens bring back the riches of the TASB Leadership Class to share and enlighten the Trustees.
- **Wanda Johnson** wished all new administrators a good year and a great start to the new school year.

ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

- **Elizabeth Lalor**, Senior Director for Academic Support, presented an update on College Prep.

REPORTS

- **Richard Gates**, Director of New Facilities and Planning, provided an update on bond construction projects. **John Moore**, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, recapped the various projects that have been accomplished throughout the year.
- **Bob Campbell**, Director of Maintenance, presented the Annual Performance Review for ARAMARK.

NEW BUSINESS

GENERAL CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved** the minutes of the Workshop held on Monday, July 11, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. and the Regular Meeting on Monday, July 11, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.
- **Approved** the Galena Park ISD Goals for the 2011-12 school year.
- **Approved** the district to execute the Interlocal Agreement with the Harris County Department of Education for the 2011-12 Texas 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant - Cycle 6, Year 3 at North Shore Elementary School to provide after-school programming to benefit our students and their families.
- **Approved** the district to execute the Interlocal Agreement with the Harris County Department of Education for the 2011-12 Texas 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant - Cycle 7, Year 1 at North Shore Elementary School to provide after-school programming to benefit our students and their families.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Approved** the submission of the campus and facility security audits conducted in the 2008-11 school years for the purpose of compliance with Senate Bill 11 and Ch. 37.108 of the Texas Education Code.
- **Adopted** the list of supplemental materials and certify them as the official Galena Park ISD Science Supplemental Materials for Fall 2011.

CONSTRUCTION CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved** making final payment to JC Stonewall Constructors, L.P., Project No. 004-2010 for North Shore Senior High School Culinary Arts Kitchen Renovations.
- **Approved** making final payment to American Mechanical Services of Houston, Project No. LC 914-2010 for Life Cycle HVAC Renovations at various campuses.
- **Approved** making final payment to McDonald Electric, Inc., Project No. 913-2011 for generators for nine GPISD campuses.
- **Approved** making final payment to Pyramid Waterproofing, Inc., Project No. 911-105.2011 for the Green Valley Elementary School Re-Roof project.

FINANCIAL CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved** the proposed budget amendments for the period of July 2011.
- **Approved** the proposed request for purchases over \$50,000.
- **Approved** additional general pay increase based on 2% to mid-point of the respective pay grade for all employees paid through the Child Nutrition Fund for the 2011-12 fiscal year.
- **Adopted** the resolution establishing fund balances in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 54.
- **Approved** the agreement between Harris County Hospital District and Galena Park Independent School District related to the Almatha Clark Taylor Clinic located near Cloverleaf Elementary School for a term extending through August 31, 2012.
- **Awarded** CSP 10-013 for annual contract for classroom furniture and cafeteria tables to the following vendors:

Line Items:

J.R., Inc. (All items excluding F2 and K1 - K12)
South Texas School Furniture - (Item F2)
School Specialty Inc. (Items K1 - K12)

Catalog Discount:

ATD-American Co.
Educator's Depot Inc.
J.R., Inc.
Lakeshore Learning Materials
School Specialty Inc.
South Texas School Furniture

- **Awarded** CSP 10-015 for annual contract for letter jackets, blankets and letters to Graduate Sales LTD.
- **Approved** the tax refund request for overpayment of taxes to:

Pine Tree Building Group LTD	\$556.25
Pine Tree Building Group LTD	\$559.02

- **Approved** the sale and execution of the resale deed as presented - the district has received a bid from Joe & Finnessa J. White for \$6,073.49 to purchase lots 9 and 10, Block 65, located in the Fidelity Addition. Resale of Tax Sale Properties described as follows:

TRACT 1: LOTS NINE (9) AND TEN (10) BLOCK SIXTY-FIVE (65) OF FIDELITY, AN ADDITION IN HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 458, PAGE 262, OF THE DEED RECORDS OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS. (HCAD ACCOUNT NUMBER: 014-125-065-0009) (Commonly known as 0 Garcroft Street, Houston, TX 77029)

- **Approved** the resolution providing for an opening bid of \$2,351.00 as presented for the resale of Tax Sale Property described as follows:

TRACT 1: LOT 10 IN BLOCK 42B, OF INDUSTRIAL ADDITION, AN ADDITION IN HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 26, PAGE 15, OF THE MAP RECORDS OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS. (Commonly known as 10237 Fairfax Street, Houston, TX 77029)

- **Authorized** the Superintendent or designee to approve and execute a renewal of the annual contract with ARAMARK in the amount of \$1,094,842.00 as presented.
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INFORMATION

- **Mike Ball**, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Comparative Monthly Tax Collections Report for the period of September 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011, and September 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010 to the Trustees for review.
- **Wilfred J. Broussard, Jr.**, Board President, announced that there was no Early Head Start monthly update this month.