

BOARD UPDATE

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NEW BOARD OFFICERS

- **Dr. Angi Williams, Superintendent**, presented the new board officers for the 2012-13 school year: Joe Stephens, President; Jeff Miller, Vice President; and Wanda Heath Johnson, Secretary. Dr. Williams presented Immediate Past Board President, Wilfred Broussard, Jr. with an engraved gavel plaque for his dedicated service during the past year.

OATH OF OFFICE

- **Judge Mike Parrott**, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3, administered the Oath of Office to **Joe Stephens**, Trustee, Position 1.
- **Reverend Dennis Jones** of Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church administered the Oath of Office to **Wanda Heath Johnson**, Trustee, Position 2.

RECOGNITION

- **Yolanda Green**, Community Investment Manager for Comcast Houston Region, recognized Galena Park ISD for the district's outstanding participation in the Comcast Internet Essentials Program.
- **21st Century Community Learning Center Site Coordinators**
 - **Mario Garcia**, 21st CCLC Site Coordinator at Galena Park High School
 - **Yvette Cortez**, 21st CCLC Site Coordinator at North Shore Elementary School
- **The Galena Park High School Speech Team** was recognized for competing in the Education Drama-Speech State Contest held at Lamar State College, Port Arthur. The team consists of: Ammy Deleon, Danielle Galvan, Delmy Escobar, Delia Gonzales, Itzel Gonzalez, Dylan Kellner, Tommy Lamas, Raymond Medellin, and Elias Vega. The team is coached by James Kingsmill, GPHS speech teacher.
- **Joshua Matheny**, a North Shore Senior High School 2012 graduate, was recognized for being a member of the North Shore FFA program for the past 12 years.
- **The Galena Park High School Robotics Program** was recognized for winning the Best Website Award at the US FIRST West Dallas Regional competition and also at the Lone Star Regional competition. The website was authored by senior team president, Sergio Silva. Paul Johnson is the sponsor.

REPORTS

- **Arnold Ramirez**, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resource and Communication Services, presented a review of Policy FMH (LOCAL) Student Activities: Commencement at first reading.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Approved** the resolution authorizing the payment of a one-time net retention supplement of \$650.00 in the 2012-2013 fiscal year as presented.
- **Approved** the proposed tax rate of \$1.5134 per \$100 of valuation (\$1.2433 M & O – General Operating Fund and \$0.2701 I&S – Debt Service Fund) that will be published in the "Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Proposed Tax Rate" as presented.
- **Approved** an order authorizing the issuance of Galena Park Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2012; establishing parameters and procedures for the sale and delivery of the bonds; levying an annual ad valorem tax for the payment of said bonds; approving execution of a bond purchase agreement and escrow agreement; approving an official statement; and enacting other provisions relating to the subject as presented.
- **Approved** the resolution authorizing the transfer of surplus investment earnings into the Debt Service Fund and providing other provisions relating thereto as presented.
- **Approved** the resolution related to continuation of residence homestead exemptions for individuals residing in the Galena Park Independent School District for tax year 2012 as presented.
- **Approved** the hiring schedules for teachers, nurses, counselors, and librarians for the 2012-2013 school year as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

GENERAL CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved** the minutes of the Board Workshop held on Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at 5:30 p.m., the Board Workshop held on Monday, May 14, 2012 at 5:15 p.m. and the Regular Meeting held on Monday, May 14, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
- **Approved the Addition, Revision or Deletion of (LOCAL) policies** as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 93 with changes to the following policies.
 - FFH (LOCAL) Student Welfare: Freedom from Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation to designate Mechelle Epps as Title IX and ADA Section 504 Coordinator.
 - FFI (LOCAL) Student Welfare: Freedom from Bullying to address Special Education students.
- **Adopted** Policy DIA (LOCAL) Employee Welfare: Freedom from Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation at second reading.
- **Approved** the Harris County Department of Education 2012-13 Annual Contract for the purpose of providing educational and related services for eligible Galena Park ISD student(s) with disabilities.
- **Approved** the Avondale House 2012-13 Annual Contracts for the purpose of providing educational and related services for eligible Galena Park ISD student(s) with disabilities.
- **Permitted** the District to apply for the Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Program Grant.
- **Permitted** the District to apply for the Learning Labs in Libraries and Museums Program Grant.

CONSTRUCTION CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved** final payment to Montgomery Building Services LLC, Project No. 913.1-2011, for Stadium Generator/Administration Building Data Center as presented.

FINANCIAL CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved** the Proposed Budget Amendments for the period of May 2012 as presented.
- **Approved** the Proposed Request for Purchases over \$50,000 as presented.
- **Approved** the tax refund requests for overpayment of taxes as presented below.

INFORMATION

- **Vikas Chaphekar**, CFO/Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Compliance, presented the Comparative Monthly Tax Collections Report for the period of September 1, 2011 – April 30, 2012, and September 1, 2010 – April 30, 2011.
- **Ken Wallace**, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Support and School Administration, presented the Early Head Start monthly update (April 2012).