

BOARD UPDATE

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- **Doug Dodson**, reporter for the *Houston Chronicle*, and **Bob Bartel**, reporter for the *North Channel Sentinel*, were recognized for fair and balanced reporting and providing valuable information to the community about Galena Park ISD.
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RECOGNITION

- The following new administrators were introduced: **Robin Blount**, principal at Purple Sage Elementary; **Cheri Dixon**, principal at Green Valley Elementary; **Lina Esquivel**, principal at MacArthur Elementary; **Judy Holbrook**, principal at Tice Elementary; **Fran Keal**, principal at Havard Elementary; and **Elizabeth Lalor**, director of research, district compliance and special projects.
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REPORTS

- **Darlene Lovinggood**, program director for instructional technology, presented information regarding the Bridges Software Program.
 - **Richard Gates**, director of new facilities & planning, provided an update on bond construction projects.
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NEW BUSINESS

- **Approved** the “Notice of Public Meeting to discuss budget and proposed tax rate” as presented.

GENERAL CONSENT AGENDA

- Approved the Physical Education Waiver program and authorized the Superintendent to execute letters requesting the waiver to the Texas Education Agency as presented.
- Approved the submission of the Governor’s Educator Excellence Award-Program-Texas Educator Excellence Grant application as presented.
- Approved the PDAS/GPDAS Teacher Appraisal Calendar for the 2006-2007 school year as presented.

FINANCIAL CONSENT AGENDA

- **Adopted** the 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 September 12, 2005 as presented.
- **Approved** the authorized list of investment brokers/dealers and authorize the investment officers of the District to add as needed brokers/dealers who comply with the District’s Investment policy as presented.
- **Approved** the attached interlocal contract for cooperative purchasing as provided by the Spring Branch Independent School District as presented.
- **Bid #25-18** – Monogramming, Apparel & Signage
Approved award of contract to Ace Awards, Brady Hull, EN Services, Gandy Ink, Gulf Coast Specialties, Hodges Badge, House of Ribbons, Custom Apparel, Sportdecals, and Trophies, Etc. for a period of one year with two annual renewal options as presented.
- **Bid # 26-01** – Magazines & Periodicals
Approved award of contract to Ebsco Information Services, EVA Subscriptions Services, PTP-Austin-Magazine Subscriptions, and W.T. Cox Subscriptions for a period of one year with renewal option as presented.
- **Bid #26-04** – Gasoline and Diesel Fuel for Tanks
Approved award of contract to Oil Patch-Brazos Valley, Inc. for the estimated cost of \$14,404.65 for a period of three months as presented.
- **Approved** Proposed Budget Amendments for the month of July 2006, as presented.

Trustee Spotlight

A lifelong passion for education is something that is shared by Jeff Miller, president of the Galena Park ISD Board of Trustees, and his wife, Dr. Kay Serafin, who is the district's Director of Testing.

Miller, who is entering his 10th year of service on the Board of Trustees, cites his love for education as the reason he chose to become a trustee and become involved in public education.

“Throughout my career I’ve seen how important it is to receive a quality education,” said Miller, a graduate of Baylor University who also attended Harvard Divinity School and later earned his law degree. “I can identify with the students in this district who have that desire to learn more. I wanted to do anything that I could to help support a district like Galena Park that does such a great job of educating our students.”

Miller has been an insurance agent for the past 32 years and is currently employed by Slocomb Insurance. His son, Jeffrey, and his daughter, Meredith, are both graduates of Galena Park High School.



Jeff Miller
President