

BOARD UPDATE

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION

GPISD Trustee **Cruz R. Hinojosa, Jr.** was selected to receive the Hispanic Heritage Outstanding Community Leader recognition. He was honored by the Houston Dynamo before the team's game on Sept. 17. **Jeff Miller**, president of the Board of Trustees, presented a certificate to Hinojosa on behalf of the Board and **Dr. Mark Henry**, superintendent of schools.

RECOGNITION

• The following new administrators were introduced: **Brandon Garza**, assistant principal at Galena Park High School; **Vicki Johnson**, director of career and technology education; and **Stacy Daugherty**, coordinator of testing.

ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

• **Vicki Johnson**, director of career and technology education, presented information regarding the various CATE (Career and Technology Education) programs.

REPORTS

- **Elizabeth Lalor**, director of research, district compliance and special projects, presented information regarding the district's college prep plan.
 - **Linda Sherrard**, director of community education and grants, presented information regarding the incentive plans developed for the Texas Educator Excellence Grant.
 - **Richard Gates**, director of new facilities and planning, provided an update on bond construction projects.
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NEW BUSINESS

TAX RATE FOR 2006-2007 FISCAL YEAR

• **Approved** the ordinance establishing a Maintenance and Operation tax rate of \$1.4675 per \$100 of assessed valuation and a Debt Service tax rate of \$.2475 per \$100 of assessed valuation for the 2006-2007 fiscal year as presented. The total rate of \$1.715 is 10 cents lower than the 2005-2006 rate of \$1.815.

FINANCIAL CONSENT AGENDA

- **Adopted** the 2006 Tax Roll Resolution with a total taxable value of \$3,312,432,145 with an anticipated tax collection rate of 100% for the year 2006 as presented.
- **Accepted** and approved the United Health Care Proposal with the variable rates as presented. The new United Health Care plan will go into effect on January 1, 2007.
- **Bid No. 26-03 – Bilingual Educational & Teaching Materials**
Approved award of contract to ABC School Supply, Attanasio & Associates, Inc., Childcraft Education Corp., Delta Systems Co., Inc., Harcourt School Publishers, Jade Distributing/Publishing, Juniper Learning Resource, Kamico Instructional Media, Lectorum Publications, Inc., Los Andes Publishing Inc., Makin Library Media, National Educational Systems, Overlooked Books, Renaissance Learning, Inc., Santillana USA Publishing Co. Scholastic, Inc., Sol Solecito Bilingual Educational Materials for a period of two years with a one year annual renewal option as presented.
- **Bid No. 26-06 – Office Supplies**
Approved award of contract to Tejas Office Products as the Primary Vendor and Office Depot BSD as the Secondary Vendor for a period of two years with a one year annual renewal option as presented.
- **Approved** proposed budget amendments for the month of September 2006, as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

GENERAL CONSENT AGENDA

- **Adopted** Policy DEC (LOCAL) Compensation and Benefits: Leaves and Absences as presented.
- **Adopted** Policy EIE (LOCAL) Academic Achievement: Retention and Promotion as presented.
- **Adopted** Policy FJ (LOCAL) Gifts and Solicitations 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 78 with the exception of the following policies: Policy BQA (LOCAL) (with revisions) and Policy CDA (LOCAL) (Do not adopt-retain existing policy) as presented.
- **Approved** the 2007 Law Enforcement agreements for Precinct 2 and Precinct 3 Constables as presented.
- **Approved** Galena Park ISD to apply for the Investment Capital Fund Grant for Cobb Sixth Grade Campus, Galena Park High and North Shore Senior High schools as presented.

CONSTRUCTION CONSENT AGENDA

New Elementary School #116

• **Project No. 116-2005 – Change Order**

Approved the change order in the amount of \$64,825 to the contract with Dyad Constructors as presented.

- **Approved** the Storm Sewer Hold Harmless Agreement between Galena Park Independent School District and the City of Galena Park.

Trustee Spotlight

Wayne Oquin has been involved in community activities for almost 40 years, dating back to his days as a student at North Shore High School. Oquin, who was born and raised in the North Shore area, graduated from North Shore High School in 1968 and has stayed active in the community ever since.

“I’m so blessed to have been able to raise my family and make my career in the same area that I grew up in,” he said. “This wonderful community is home to me and our excellent schools, employees and facilities are such a big part of the community.”

Oquin, who is currently the President of the North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce, was first elected to the GPISD Board of Trustees in 1996.

His two sons, Wayne Jr., and David, are also graduates of North Shore High School. His daughter, Melanie Bartsch, is a sophomore at North Shore High School and is on the varsity golf team and is active in the “Sound of Thunder” marching band.

Wayne Jr. earned his Master of Music from The Juilliard School of Music and is currently serving as a Teaching Fellow while nearing the completion of his Doctorate of Musical Arts.

David is a graduate of Southwest Texas State University and is currently an assistant principal at Santa Fe High School.

Wayne Oquin is an avid supporter of district programs and has missed only one North Shore football game in 10 years. He regularly attends marching band competitions and theatre arts productions in addition to athletic events.

He is very proud of the student and district accomplishments during his tenure as Trustee and said that he is most proud of the facilities that serve both the district and community such as schools, the Stadium and the Natatorium.

“Schools are among the most prominent facilities in a community and we certainly utilize our schools and facilities to the fullest,” he added. “So many different community events are held in our schools and in the Natatorium, and the Stadium is home to not only football and marching band competitions but has also hosted Veteran’s Day ceremonies and other community events. I’m very proud to have been a member of the Board for so long and to have my name on the plaques in all of these great facilities.”



Wayne Oquin
Trustee