

BOARD UPDATE

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RECOGNITION

- **Miguel Rodriguez**, a student at Galena Park High School, was recognized for advancing to the UIL State Cross Country Meet after placing 9th at the Regional II Cross Country Meet.
- Galena Park High School Band of Gold was recognized for earning top ratings at the University Interscholastic League (UIL) Region XIX Marching Contest.
- North Shore Senior High School “Sound of Thunder” Marching Band was recognized for competing in the University Interscholastic League (UIL) State Marching Contest.

ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

- **Sam Harris**, program director for fine arts presented information on the many fine arts programs offered in the Galena Park Independent School District.

REPORTS

- **Wayne Oquin**, school board president, presented information on the Board member continuing education hours.
- **Arnold Ramirez**, executive director of human resource services, presented a progress report on Meeting Highly Qualified Teacher Requirements for 2008-2009
- **Richard Gates**, director of new facilities and planning, provided an update on bond construction projects.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Approved** the Board of Trustees/Superintendent’s Goals for the 2008-2009 school year as presented.
- **Authorized** the Superintendent to sign the engagement letter with Thompson & Horton LLP, and enter into any agreements regarding the transfer of files between Thompson & Horton LLP and Bracewell & Giuliani LLP as presented.

CONSTRUCTION CONSENT AGENDA

- **Project No. 101.SP-2007** - Cimarron Elementary – Spark Park
Approved final payment to Miracle Recreation Equipment Company as presented.
- **Project No. 004-2006** North Shore Senior High School – 10th Grade Addition
Approved final payment to Drymalla Construction Company as presented.

GENERAL CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved** the submission of the Texas Support for Homeless Education Program (TEXSHEP) Grant as presented.
- **Approved** the submission of the 2008-2011 Collaborative Dropout Reduction Program-Cycle 2 Republished 11-12-2008 Program Grant as presented.

FINANCIAL CONSENT AGENDA

- **Authorized** the superintendent to provide a letter of non-objection with an assurance from Equistar Chemicals, L.P. to reimburse the District from any potential revenue loss as presented.
- **Approved** and **secured** services with JEM Resource Partners for 403(b) Administrative Services through an Inter-local agreement with Region 10 Educational Service Center as presented.
- **CSP 28-02 Portable Building Relocation**
Approvde award of contract to Cherry House Moving for one year with two annual renewal options as presented.
- **Approved** Proposed Budget Amendments for the month of November 2008, as presented.