

BOARD UPDATE

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RECOGNITION

The Superintendent recognized students and staff members for honors and achievements earned. Congratulations were extended to the following:

- **Michael Serrano**, licensed specialist in school psychology, was recognized for receiving the Texas Outstanding School Psychologist 2010 Award by the Texas Association of School Psychologists. The Texas Association of School Psychologists (TASP) is a state affiliate of the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP). TASP was formed in 1993 to advance school psychology as both a science and a profession with the ultimate goal of providing and promoting learning, emotional and social development, and mental health of all children in Texas.

- The North Shore Senior High School Marching Band was recognized for advancing to the University Interscholastic League (UIL) Class 5A State Marching Contest held in San Antonio, Texas. The band directors include **Shane Goforth**, **Andrew Hoskins**, and **Joseph Eck**. The drum majors include **Samantha Flores**, **Anthony Hernandez** and **Roy Flores**. The color guard captain is **Fernando Rodriguez**. This marks the second consecutive trip for NSSH students who marched in the UIL State Marching Contest in 2008. The State Contest is held every other year for each classification. In San Antonio, the NSSH Band competed with 36 of the very best high school marching bands from across the state of Texas.

REPORTS

- **June Harris**, President of the Board of Trustees, presented information on Board Member Continuing Education Hours.

- **Richard Gates**, director of new facilities and planning, provided an update on bond construction projects.

- **Elizabeth Lalor**, director of district compliance, college prep and high school instructional leadership, reported on the progress Galena Park ISD made with regards to meeting the Highly Qualified Teacher Requirements for the 2010 – 2011 school year. This report is required by the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) law.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Approved** naming the Galena Park ISD Athletic Stadium Press Box in honor of former GPISD Board of Trustee members, Mr. Wayne Oquin and Mr. C.C. “Buddy” Wilson. Both Mr. Oquin and Mr. Wilson served on the Galena Park ISD Board of Trustees for 14 years. During this period of time the Board of Trustees presided over three bond construction programs, totalling \$285 million dollars, including the new stadium and press box.

- **Adopted** the Make Education a Priority Resolution. The 2007 and 2009 legislative sessions failed to address the education funding system’s shortcomings, and an alarming number of Texas school districts are facing a growing financial crisis. With a projected \$25 billion deficit, combined with a weakened economy and the issue of redistricting, a very difficult Legislative Session is in store in 2011. The goal of the Make Education a Priority Campaign’s is to unite school districts to support our legislators in making education a priority during the 2011 82nd Legislative Session. We are asking our legislators to work with the education community to find a solution that does not incur significant cost. The campaign calls for a commitment to fix the broken system of school finance and to properly fund education.

GENERAL CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved** the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on November 8, 2010 and the Special Board Meeting on Monday, November 15, 2010 as presented.

- **Approved** the Expedited Waiver of Modified Schedule/TAKS Testing Days Application for the Current School Year as presented.

- **Approved** the agreement between the Galena Park Independent School District and the Harris County Hospital District for the operation of two school-based community health clinics as presented.

CONSTRUCTION CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved** final payment to Comex Corporation, Project No. 912-2010, for Auditorium Sound Systems for North Shore Senior High School, North Shore 9th Grade Campus and Galena Park High School as presented .

- **Approved** award of the contract to Martin-Harris Construction, in the amount of \$ 6,958,000.00 for Cunningham Middle School, Project No. 044-2009, to replace the existing HVAC System, general renovations to Science Classrooms, Administration Area, Classrooms, Support Areas and Construct a new Entrance as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSTRUCTION CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved** 2005 Bond Projects as presented:
 - A. Priority One Deficiencies \$ 2.6 million
 - B. Technology \$ 2 million
 - C. Athletics \$ 1 million
 - D. NSSHS Culinary Arts Kitchen \$.4 million
- \$ 6 million

FINANCIAL CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved** the Proposed Budget Amendments for the period of November 2010 as presented.
- **Approved** the Proposed Request for Purchases over \$50,000 as presented.