

BOARD UPDATE

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Jerry Bowman was presented an honorary diploma on behalf of the Board of Trustees and Dr. Mark Henry, Superintendent of Schools. Bowman transferred to Galena Park High School in 1956 and left later that same year for the U.S. Army, where he served from 1956-59 as a helicopter mechanic. Jerry would have graduated from Galena Park High School in 1957. He and his wife, Ladean, raised three sons, all who attended GPISD schools.

RECOGNITION

• Pyburn Elementary students **Claudy Bamba** and **Marisol Beltran**, along with Woodland Acres Elementary students **Carolina Gomez** and **Hector Marquez** were chosen as finalists for the 2006 cover design for the Region 4 Education Service Center Holiday Card. More than 800 student entries were received from 65 campuses in 28 different school districts. The artwork of the winner and finalists were displayed at the service center for the month of December. Jeff Miller, President of the Board of Trustees presented a medallion to each student on behalf of the Board of Trustees and Dr. Mark Henry, Superintendent of Schools.

• Cadets from North Shore Senior High School and North Shore High School were recognized for being educated about the hazards they face in the community and are trained in lifesaving skills as members of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). North Shore Senior High - **Cadet Captain Elias Duran, Cadet Captain Reyna Sierra, Cadet Lieutenant Trey Metcalf, Cadet Lieutenant Elizabeth Perez, Cadet Maria Vasquez, Cadet Andrew Flores, Cadet Martin Jones, Cadet Lt Cesar Moyeda** - CERT Commander; **Cadet SMSgt Michael Leclair, Cadet Staff Sgt Adrian Garcia**; North Shore High School - **Cadet Lt Ricky Turman, Cadet Master Sgt Robert Russell, Cadet Senior Airman Raven Bennett, Cadet Christopher Fuentes, Cadet Michael Verot, Cadet Samuel Juarez, Major Jeanette Young** - Air Force JROTC Instructor. Jeff Miller, President of the Board of Trustees presented a medallion to each student on behalf of the Board of Trustees and Dr. Mark Henry, Superintendent of Schools.

ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

• **Wanna Giacona**, Director of Bilingual/ESL and **Rebecca Hampton**, Coordinator for Secondary Bilingual/ESL, presented information on the New Arrival Center programs offered in the district.

REPORTS

• **Jeff Miller**, president of the Board of Trustees, provided an update on the continuing education hours earned by each trustee.
• **Richard Gates**, director of new facilities and planning, provided an update on bond construction projects.

NEW BUSINESS

• Trustees approved a Resolution and Order to hold joint elections with the City of Galena Park on May 12, 2007 as presented.
• Trustees approved a Resolution ordering that the Galena Park Independent School District Board of Trustee Election for Position No. 3, currently held by Jeff Miller, and Position 4, currently held by Cruz Hinojosa Jr., be called for Saturday, May 12, 2007, as presented.

CONSTRUCTION CONSENT AGENDA

• Project No. 004-2006

Approved the awarding of a contract to Drymalla Construction Co. in the amount of \$14,312,000 for the 10th Grade Addition at North Shore Senior High as presented.

• Project No. 043-2007

Approved SHW Architects as the architectural firm of record for Woodland Acres Middle School-Classroom Addition as presented.

GENERAL CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved** the application for and the offering of Robotics I, Canine Science, and Veterinary Technician beginning in the 2007-2008 school year as presented.
- **Approved** the agreement between Galena Park Independent School District and Harris County Hospital District for the operation of a school-based community health clinic located at Cloverleaf Elementary School as presented.
- **Authorized** the Administration to apply to TEA for the Class Size Waiver Request as presented.

FINANCIAL CONSENT AGENDA

• RFP #26-009 – Hardware Supplies

Approved award of contract to Primary Vendor, Acme Architectural; and Secondary Vendors, Best Access Systems and Chapman Smidt for a period of one year with two years renewal options as presented.

Approved Proposed Budget Amendments for the month of January 2007, as presented.

Trustee Spotlight

Involving himself in community service is nothing new to C.C. “Buddy” Wilson. He was an active supporter of Galena Park ISD for years, even before his election to the Board of Trustees in 1996. Wilson cites his friendship with two mainstays in Galena Park ISD history - James Havard and Johnnie Rountree - as the reason why he agreed to serve on the school board.

“I had always been around folks like Mr. Havard and Mr. Rountree that, like me, tried to give something back to the community. I had a great amount of respect for the district and the more I learned about the district the more I wanted to become involved,” he said.

While he thoroughly enjoys his service as a trustee he says it does come with a great deal of responsibility.

“It’s a fine balance between doing the very best for kids at all times and being a good steward of taxpayers dollars. We want to provide our students with the finest facilities and educational materials that they need without being frivolous,” he said.

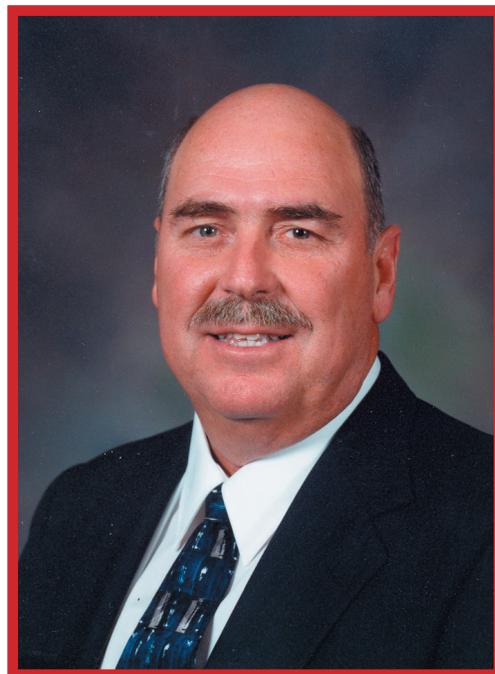
Wilson, who graduated from Lamar University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, has been employed as an engineer with Albemarle for 36 years. He brings a strong business and analytical sense to the Board. He and his wife, Jan, have three adult children and two grandchildren.

His oldest daughter, Megan, graduated from Texas Christian University with a degree in Education and she is currently teaching in Goose Creek CISD. His son, Clif, graduated from Mercer University in Atlanta, Georgia with a Mechanical Engineering degree and also played soccer for the Bears. He is currently employed by FMC Technologies in Houston. Katie graduated from San Jacinto College with an associate’s degree in the Physical Therapist Assistant program. She is currently employed by a physical rehabilitation program in Deer Park.

The district had undergone tremendous changes during Wilson’s tenure and he takes a great deal of pride in many of the district’s accomplishments during that time span.

He cited the success of the 1999 Bond Referendum (which provided funding for the Galena Park ISD Stadium and Natatorium as well as renovations to many other campuses) and the 10-Step TAAS Plan, implemented by Dr. Shirley Neeley, in the late 1990s as turning points for the district.

“The 10-Step TAAS Plan was a bold move at the time, but it delivered strong results. That plan and the dedicated work by teachers and campus administrators helped Cloverleaf Elementary become our first Exemplary campus and also led the district to an Exemplary rating,” he said. “That bond referendum provided funding for many necessary renovations and allowed us to build and maintain our excellent facilities across the district.”



Buddy Wilson
Trustee