

# BOARD UPDATE

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## RECOGNITION

- Galena Park ISD Trustees were recognized in honor of School Board Recognition Month with a proclamation from **Bobby Barrett**, Mayor of the City of Galena Park, and presented by **Craig Eichhorn**, director of communications.
- **Dr. Carol Booth**, program director for special education, received the Outstanding Service to the Profession of School Psychology Award from the Texas Association of School Psychologists. This award seeks to recognize a member of the profession who has devoted his or her professional life to the improvement of the profession. Nominees must have demonstrated at least twenty-five years of service to the field, and have been a member of TASP and have had service in TASP Leadership. **Dr. Mark Henry**, superintendent of schools, and **June Harris**, trustee, presented a certificate to Dr. Booth.
- **Dr. Milena Keller**, district school psychologist, received the Outstanding Dissertation in School Psychology Award from the American Psychological Association Division 16. This award is presented to a school psychologist who has completed a doctoral dissertation which merits special recognition and which has the potential to contribute to the science and practice of school psychology. **Dr. Henry** and **June Harris** presented a certificate to Dr. Keller.
- **Myra Long**, director of elementary personnel, was named as a 2008 state finalist for the Texas Association of School Personnel Administrators' (TASPA) Personnel Administrator of the Year. **Dr. Henry** and **June Harris** presented a certificate and plaque to Long.
- The Robotics Team at Galena Park High School advanced to worldwide competition last year and has qualified to do so again this year. Team KAOS, sponsored by **David Scarcella** and **Paul Johnson** will return to Atlanta in April to compete with their robot. The team won 2nd in Robot competition at Space City BEST. At the VEX competition the team won overall champion and the excellence award which qualifies them to go to the world championships in Dallas at the end of April. GE Energy is the main corporate sponsor for the Robotics Team and helps make it possible for Team KAOS to reach for their dreams. **Dr. Henry** and **June Harris** presented certificates to Scarcella and Johnson.
- Galena Park High School became a fully certified Project Lead the Way campus in May, 2008. Project Lead the Way is the premier, pre-collegiate, pre-engineering program in the country. Due to the diligent work of **Greg Ustinoff**, **David Scarcella**, and **Paul Johnson**, the program is fully certified. Project Lead the Way includes the coherent sequence of courses of Introduction to Engineering Design, Principles of Engineering, Aerospace Engineering, and Digital Electronics. Approximately 240 students are enrolled in these courses. **Dr. Henry** and **June Harris** presented certificates to Ustinoff, Scarcella and Johnson.
- **Dr. Henry** and **June Harris** recognized **Paul Drexler**, principal, and **Chris Eckford**, assistant principal, North Shore Middle School, for making the largest contribution of all campuses to the North Channel Christmas Dollar Campaign. Under Eckford's leadership, students and staff of North Shore Middle School contributed \$886.48 to assist students and community members in need. **Dr. Henry** and **June Harris** presented certificates to Drexler and Eckford.

## ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

- **Dr. Carol Booth**, program director of special education, evaluation and intervention services and **Terri Moore**, principal of Dr. Shirley J. Williamson Elementary School, presented information regarding Response to Intervention (RtI).

## REPORTS

- **David Hopkins**, deputy superintendent for operational support, presented the first reading of Policy FDA (Local) Admissions: Interdistrict Transfers.
  - **Richard Gates**, director of new facilities and planning, provided an update on bond construction projects.
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## NEW BUSINESS

### GENERAL CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved** the expedited waiver application for the bus evacuation training as specified in TEC 34.0021 B as presented.
- **Approved** the expedited waiver application for a modified schedule of classes on TAKS testing days for the 2008-2009 school year as presented.
- **Approved** the 2009 Interlocal agreement between Galena Park ISD and Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services as presented.
- **Approved** the Galena Park Independent School District's Academic Calendar for 2009-2010 school year as presented. The first day of school is August 24 and the last day of school is June 3. Thanksgiving break is November 23-27 and Winter break is December 21 through January 1. Spring Break is set for March 15-19, 2010.

### FINANCIAL CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved** the tax refund requests for overpayment of taxes as presented.
- **CSP 28-04 - Science Equipment & Supplies–Catalog Discount**  
**Approved** award of contract to Sciencelabs.com for Line Items (as indicated on tabulation) and Benz Microscope Optics Center, Inc., Capital Microscope Services, Inc. Carolina Biological Supply Co., Cynmar Corporation, DynaStudy, Inc., EAI Education, ETA/Cuisenaire, Fisher Scientific Company, LLC, Flinn Scientific, Inc., Frey Scientific, Heath Scientific, Sargent-Welch, Science Kit & Boreal Laboratories, Sciencelabs.com, and Ward's Natural Science Est., LLC, for Catalog Discounts, for one year with two annual renewal options as presented.
- **Approved** Proposed Budget Amendments for the month of December 2008, as presented.