

# BOARD UPDATE

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## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- Galena Park Independent School District Board of Trustees were recognized in honor of School Board Recognition Month with a proclamation from the City of Galena Park from **Mayor Bobby Barrett** presented by **Craig Eichhorn**, director of communications.
- **Dawn Thompson-Fisher**, president of the Board of Trustees, and **Dr. Mark Henry**, superintendent of schools, recognized Galena Park High and North Shore Senior High students for their perseverance and commitment to education by completing all requirements for the high school diploma. Recognized from Galena Park High School were: **Paul Belmar- ez**, **Mario Gallegos**, **Francisca Lopez** and **Christine Pena**. Recognized from North Shore Senior High were **Raul Arroyo**, **Amy Fieramusca**, **Irma Hernandez**, **Luis Izazaga**, **Ronnitra Jackson**, **Daniel Lopez**, **Erica Minix**, **Dalia Montes**, **Stephanie Rebollar**, **Damaris Rodriguez** and **Robert Stockton**.

## ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

- **Dollie Mayeaux**, program director for mathematics, presented information regarding the mathematics programs offered in Galena Park ISD.

## REPORTS

- Representatives from CenterPoint Energy awarded Galena Park ISD \$38,473.53 during the Jan. 14 Board of Trustees meeting for the district's energy efficiency projects implemented in 2007 through the Schools Conserving Resources (SCORE) Program. The SCORE Program is a pilot program offered by CenterPoint Energy to select school districts. This program helps the district by facilitating a focused approach to using energy more efficiently.
- **Richard Gates**, director of new facilities & planning, provided an update on bond construction projects.

## NEW BUSINESS

### GENERAL CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved** the Galena Park Independent School District's Academic Calendar for 2008-2009 school year as presented. The first day of classes for 2008-2009 will be **August 25, 2008** and the last day of classes will be **June 4, 2009**. School holidays are: September 1 (Labor Day); November 24-28 (Thanksgiving); December 22 through January 2 (Mid-Winter Break); January 19 (MLK Holiday); March 16-20 (Spring Break); April 10 (Good Friday); and May 25 (Memorial Day). Teacher workdays (student holidays) are scheduled for August 21-22; January 5, April 25 and June 5. Staff development days (student holidays) are set for August 18-20, November 17 and April 13.
- **Approved** the Administration to apply to TEA for the Expedited State Waiver as presented.
- **Approved** the application for and the offering of Veterinary Medical Assistant, and Parenting for School-Age Parents I & II beginning in the 2008-2009 school year 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 81 as presented.

### FINANCIAL CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved** the Proposed Budget Amendments for the period of December 2007, as presented.