

BOARD UPDATE

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RECOGNITION

- Dr. Mark Henry introduced the following new administrators: **Edith Eldridge**, support services coordinator at Galena Park High School; **Judy Elkins**, coordinator of career and technology education; and **Evelyn Mikel-Ridgeway**, coordinator of career and technology education.

ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

- **Sandra Sandoval**, program director of early childhood, and **Fran Urbanovsky**, coordinator of student support and health services, presented information on the Early Childhood programs and PEP programs offered in the district.

REPORTS

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

NEW BUSINESS

CONSTRUCTION CONSENT AGENDA

Jacinto City Elementary School – Renovations

Project No. 106-2007

- **Approved** Prozign Architects as the architectural firm of record for Jacinto City Elementary School – renovations as presented

GENERAL CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved** the Secondary Mathematics Textbook Adoption Selections for 2007-2008 as presented.
- **Authorized** Galena Park High School permission to apply for the Texas Department of Transportation Project Celebration Grant as presented.

FINANCIAL CONSENT AGENDA

- **Adopted** a resolution authorizing the Superintendent and the Director of Budget/Internal Auditor to execute banking transactions relating to a new account with Woodforest Bank as presented.
- **RFP #26-004 – Termite Treatment**
Approved the award of contract to Bugtime for a period of one year with two annual renewal options as presented.
- **Bid #26-12 – Office Furniture**
Approved the award of contract to JR. Inc, HON Company, Office Depot BSD, National Furniture, and Global Industries for a period of one year with two annual renewal options as presented.
- **Bid #26-13 – Instructional Supplies & Teaching Aids**
Approved the award of contract to School Specialty, A+ Literacy Education, ABC School Supply, Childcraft Education, Coastal Office & Teacher Supply, Demo, Discount School Supply, Discovery Toys, Educators Depot, Educators Outlet, Hatch, Highsmith, Kaplan Early Learning, Lakeshore Learning, Nasco, Renaissance Learning, S&S Worldwide, and Texas Teacher Supply for a period of two years with one annual renewal option as presented.
- **Bid #26-17 – Promotional Incentives/Service Awards Monogramming/Apparel & Signage**
Authorized the Superintendent or his designee to analyze and award the bids as presented.

The following items were removed from the consent agenda for a separate vote:

- **Adopted** a resolution extending the District's depository contract with Woodforest National Bank for an additional two year term as presented. This passed 6-0 with Jeff Miller abstaining.
- **Approved** the Proposed Budget Amendments for the month of February 2007, as presented. This item passed with a 6-0 vote with Wayne Oquin abstaining.

Trustee Spotlight

Cruz Hinojosa Jr. was active with Galena Park ISD long before his appointment to fill an unexpired term on the Board of Trustees in 2003. He was able to see how the district worked and meet key members of the administration as well as other trustees as a member of the Community Leadership Council and Hispanic Forum.

“I’ve known Wayne Oquin and Buddy Wilson for years and they kept telling me that the best way to serve the students was to serve as a Trustee,” Hinojosa said. “I honestly never thought about serving as a trustee until Dr. Shirley Neeley mentioned it in 2003.”

Hinojosa, who has been employed as a civilian supervisor for the Houston Police Department for more than 18 years, was elected to the Board in 2004 and says he has enjoyed every minute of his service as a trustee.

“The family-type atmosphere throughout the district is incredible,” he added. “You don’t see that in too many places but everybody here treats each other like family. All of our employees take such pride in their work. Every one of them puts the students first, no matter what their job responsibilities are.”

He added that the highlight of his service as a trustee are the annual commencement exercises.

“Participating in graduation is such an incredible feeling. Seeing the look on the faces of the students and their families is amazing,” he said.

Hinojosa, who has three grown children and four grandchildren, was chosen as the League of United Latin American Citizens’ (LULAC) Man of the Year for Texas in June 2004. He is also very active in several organizations including: serving as chairman of the board for SER-Jobs for Progress/The Worksource, serving as president-elect of the Mexican American School Board Association (MASBA) and also serving as founding president of the Galena Park Community Resource and Training Center. He was also honored by the Houston Dynamo soccer team and Anheuser-Busch as one of Houston’s 25 Outstanding Hispanic Leaders.



**Cruz Hinojosa Jr.
Trustee**