

# BOARD UPDATE

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## EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

- **Dr. Mark Henry**, Superintendent of Schools, and **Jeff Miller**, President of the Board of Trustees, recognized **Mike Ball**, Chief Financial Officer, and **Craig Eichhorn**, Director of Communications.

Ball was elected to the Board of Directors for the Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO). He will serve a three-year term with TASBO, which is an independent, not-for-profit professional association that is dedicated to being the trusted resource for school business and operations in Texas. Currently, TASBO has more than 5,200 members and 29 regional affiliates, representing more than 900 public school districts in Texas.

Eichhorn was elected as Vice President of the Houston/Beaumont region of the Texas School Public Relations Association (TSPRA). He will serve a two-year term as vice president with TSPRA, which is comprised of more than 1,000 public information and communications professionals who serve the public school districts and education organizations of Texas. TSPRA provides professional development, resources and networking opportunities for members and others in the education community.

## CAMPUS RECOGNITION

- Nine Galena Park ISD campuses were honored by the National Center for Educational Achievement (NCEA) in the 2009 Just for the Kids Higher Performing list. The schools honored are: Cloverleaf Elementary, Havard Elementary, Jacinto City Elementary, and Pyburn Elementary for performance in third grade math; Normandy Crossing Elementary for performance in fifth grade science; Tice Elementary for performance in third grade reading and fourth grade reading and math; Woodland Acres Elementary for performance in third grade reading; Woodland Acres Middle School for math performance, and Galena Park High School for math performance.

Honored were **Lee Brown**, principal and **Mary Dennis**, assistant principal from Cloverleaf Elementary; **Fran Keal**, principal and **Brian Keil**, assistant principal from Havard Elementary; **Jim Keal**, principal and **Rebecca Gardea**, assistant principal from Jacinto City Elementary; **Grace Devost**, principal and **Conrad Rivera**, assistant principal from Pyburn Elementary; **Dianne Edwards**, principal and **Tonia Bush**, assistant principal from Normandy Crossing Elementary; **Judy Holbrook**, principal and **Susanna Brooks**, assistant principal from Tice Elementary; **Gloria Vasquez**, principal and **Kelly Rivera**, assistant principal from Woodland Acres Elementary; **Julissa Alcantar-Martinez**, principal and **Estela Sanchez**, assistant principal from Woodland Acres Middle School; **Steve Kinney**, principal; **David Lovinggood**, associate principal; **Christopher Castillo**, assistant principal; **Patrick Hollier**, associate principal; **Vicki Rickman**, assistant principal; **James T. Patton**, assistant principal; **Ruth Yamaguchi**, Support Services Coordinator from Galena Park High School.

## STUDENT RECOGNITION

- Trustees honored students who were named to the Texas Music Educators Association All-State Choir and Band. Honored were **Taylor Surratt**, North Shore Senior High School Choir, tenor; **Cynthia Alejandre**, North Shore Senior High Band, flute; **Elizabeth Castillo**, North Shore Senior High Band, flute; and **Richard Carrasco**, Galena Park High School Band, trumpet. Choir directors, band directors and staff recognized were: NSSH Choir Directors **Enrique Collazo**, **Adam Bendorf** and **Michelle Giroir**; NSSH Band Directors **Shane Goforth**, **Andrew Hoskins**, and **Christina Martinez-Benitez**; GPHS Band Directors **Mark J. Richard** and **David Singleary** and staff members **Charlene Richard** and **Martin Quiroga**.

- Trustees honored students who received a Silver Key in the 2010 Scholastic Writing Awards competition. Honored were: **Denise Sanchez** and **Denise Galeno** from Cunningham Middle School and teacher **Sandra Salge**; **Meenu Pillai**, North Shore Middle School and teacher **Tiffany Knerr**; **Ellis Randle**, NSSH 9th Grade Center and teacher **Charlene Culpepper**; **John Mendiola**, North Shore Senior High and teacher **Roxanne Hoff**.

## STUDENT RECOGNITION

- Trustees honored students who received a Gold Key in the 2010 Scholastic Writing Awards competition. Honored were: **Phil Barker**, NSSH 9th Grade Center and teacher **Charlene Culpepper**; **Merlin Jacob** and **Victoria Richards**, North Shore Senior High and teacher **Roxanne Hoff**.

## ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

- **Stefanie Bush**, Program Director for Secondary Language Arts, and **Tammy Takeda**, Program Director for Special Education, presented information on Read 180, a reading intervention program offered in GPISD.

## REPORTS

- **Richard Gates**, Director of New Facilities and Planning, provided an update on bond construction projects.

## NEW BUSINESS

- **Approved** the Order of Election as presented calling for an election to be held in the Galena Park Independent School District on the 8th day of May 2010 for the purpose of electing two (2) trustees to the Board for regular terms for the following positions: Position 3 and Position 4.

### GENERAL CONSENT AGENDA

- **Adopted** Policy CH (LOCAL) Purchasing and Acquisition as presented by the administration.
- **Approved** the agreement between Galena Park Independent School District and the Harris County Hospital District to execute an agreement for the operation of the Almatha Clark Taylor School-Based Clinic located at 13940 Bonham in Houston, and the Southside School-Based Clinic located at the Galena Park Community Resource Center on 1721 16th Street in Galena Park as presented.
- **Approved** the revised list of PDAS Appraisers for the 2009-2010 school year as presented.
- **Approved** permission for the District to apply for the School Leadership Grant Program as presented.
- **Adopted** the list of textbooks and certified them as the official adoption for the textbooks of Galena Park ISD as presented: English and Spanish Language Arts & Reading, Grades K-5; Literature, Grades 6-8, 9-10, 11, 12; AP English Language; AP English Literature; English I for Speakers of Other Languages; English II for Speakers of Other Languages; English Language Proficiency Standards, Grades 9-12, (for teachers).

### FINANCIAL CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved** the Proposed Budget Amendments for the period of February 2010 as presented.
- **Awarded** CSP 29-11 for Electronic Supplies to Security General International (SGI) as the primary vendor and Alarmax Distributors, Inc., as the secondary vendor as presented.
- **Awarded** CSP 29-03 for Annual Contract for Automobile, Light Truck, and Bus After-Market Replacement Parts as presented to: Chalk's Truck Parts, Genuine Parts Co., Longhorn Bus Sales, O'Reilly Automotive Inc., Pearland Alternator Co., Inc., Tommie Vaughn Motors, XL Parts.