

# BOARD UPDATE

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## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

**Dr. Mark Henry**, superintendent of schools, was honored by **Jeff Miller**, president of the Board of Trustees, for being elected as Chairman of the UIL Legislative Council. Dr. Henry served as the Region III 4A representative from 2000-2004 when he was in Sulphur Springs ISD and became the Region III 5A representative in 2005. He also serves on the Region IV Educational Service Center Regional Advisory Executive Committee and has been a member of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) Board of Trustees since 2004.

**Grace Devost**, principal representative for elementary schools, and **Paul Drexler**, principal representative for secondary schools, were honored by **Dr. Henry** and **Jeff Miller** for their service to the Board of Trustees for the 2006-2007 school year.

## RECOGNITION

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• **Yvonne Johnson**, who recently accepted the position as accounting manager, was honored by Dr. Henry and Jeff Miller. Johnson previously worked in Spring Branch ISD.

• **Orphalinda Bazan**, executive director of middle schools and staff development, presented the participants in the 2006-2007 Leadership Academy. Those participants include: **Lindy Robertson**, Cimarron Elementary; **Gloria Vásquez**, Cimarron Elementary; **Mary Dennis**, Cloverleaf Elementary; **Dorsey Cazenave**, Freedom Elementary; **Dolores Perez**, Galena Park Elementary; **Aletra Cameron**, Green Valley Elementary; **Joel Leal**, Green Valley Elementary; **Tammy Galilee**, Havard Elementary; **Brooke Lyles**, Havard Elementary; **Cynthia Bazan**, Jacinto City Elementary; **Alex Garcia**, Normandy Crossing Elementary; **Vanessa Rios**, Normandy Crossing Elementary; **Francisca Garcia**, North Shore Elementary; **Toshia Gouard**, Purple Sage Elementary; **Linda Guerrero**, Purple Sage Elementary; **Charlene Espinoza**, Pyburn Elementary; **Rebecca Eden**, Tice Elementary; **Christina Gomez**, Woodland Acres Elementary; **Seretha Augustine**, Cobb 6th Grade Campus; **Ira Johnson**, Cunningham Middle; **Tracy Walker**, Cunningham Middle; **Brandon Hernandez**, Galena Park Middle; **Crystal Blanchard**, North Shore Middle; **Fred Steubing**, North Shore Middle; **Sandra Rios**, Woodland Acres Middle; **Donnayvette Williams**, Woodland Acres Middle; **Jennifer Emshoff**, Galena Park High School; **Phylicia Hill**, North Shore High School; **Shandra Adams**, North Shore Senior High; **Travis Fanning**, Administration Building and **Veronica Martinez**, Administration Building.

• The North Shore Teens of Praise (TOPs) were recognized for winning the 18th Annual "Say No 2 Drugs" National High School Gospel Choir Competition. The national package includes: \$1,000, a summer singing tour, a CD recording session, t-shirts, certificates and trophies. Members of the choir include: sopranos **Lauren Arnic**, **Lynette Godfrey**, **Christian Goudeau**, **Paula Haynes**, **Tia Jackson**, **Jazmyne Johns**, **Bianca Mitchell**, **Kendra Murray**, **Jordanne Nemons**, **Andreka Provoste**, **Luvenia Williams** and **LaSara Young**; altos **Janai Clayton**, **Cherrell Davis**, **Victoria Domenech**, **Kristina Fields**, **Shara Francis**, **Tiffany Gipson**, **Jessica Heard**, **Yasmin Lenzy**, **Alexundria Malone**, **Tiffany Payne**, **Clinique'tra Shanks**, **Phaleah Watkins**, **Tashema Windon**, **Allyse Woods** and **Dominique Young**; tenors **Garland Alexander**, **Vernon Brown**, **Alex Crawford**, **Dillon Dickson**, **Myron Floyd**, **Shelton Ford**, **Anthony Gardner**, **Todric Guillory**, **Jamal Haynes** – Choir President, **Torreion Jones**, **Ralston Lockett**, **Vincent Partida**, **Marcus Randall** and **Whikeith Thomas**; bass **Terrance McClain**, **Victor McGee** and **Joshua Winn**; musician **Christen Myers**, **Desmon Bryant**, **Jeremy Gates** and **John Riddle**. **Major Jeanette Young** is the sponsor and choir director, and **Cheryl Jacobs** is also a sponsor.

## ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

## REPORTS

## NEW BUSINESS

- **Wanna Giacona**, director of Bilingual/ESL, presented information on the Bilingual/ESL programs offered in the district.

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

- **Bob Campbell**, director of maintenance, presented the Aramark Annual Performance Report.

### CONSTRUCTION CONSENT AGENDA

- **Project No.043-2007**

**Approved** the Design Development submittals and authorized SHW Group, LLP to proceed with the construction documents for the additions and renovations at Woodland Acres Middle School as presented.

- **Project No. 822-2007**

**Approved** Bay Architects, Inc. as the architectural firm of record for the new Almatha C. Taylor Health Clinic, all-new, free-standing community health clinic, to replace the existing clinic at Cloverleaf.

### GENERAL CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved** the 2007-2008 Galena Park Independent School District Student Handbook draft as presented.

- **Adopted** Policy FNCE (LOCAL) Student Conduct: Telecommunication Devices with the suggested changes from Trustee Buddy Wilson.

- **Authorized** the District to apply for the Mentoring Program Grant for 15 elementary and five middle schools as presented.

- **Approved** the submission of the Tobacco Compliance Grant for School-Based Police as presented.

- **Authorized** the District to apply for the STAR Grant for 15 elementary and five middle schools as presented.

- **Approved** the submission of the Emergency Response and Crisis Management grant as presented.

- **Authorized** the District to apply for the Children's Defense Fund Grant as presented.

- **Authorized** the District to apply for the Governor's Educator Excellence Award Program-Texas Educator Excellence Grant, Cycle 2 funding on behalf of the 12 campuses designated as presented.

- **Approved** the submission of the security audits as presented.

### FINANCIAL CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved** the Property-Casualty Insurance coverage as presented.

- **Bid #26-16 – Warehouse Supplies**

**Approved** award of contract to various vendors, depending on section of bid for a period of one year with two year renewal options as presented.

- **Approved** Budget Amendments for the month of April 2007, as presented.