

BOARD UPDATE

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RECOGNITION

• North Shore Senior High School students **Alan Alvarez**, **Drew Lyles**, and **Hector Salazar** teamed up with Galena Park Elementary Principal **Lance Lyles** (Drew's older brother) to help others in need immediately after Hurricane Ike. The team combined efforts to clear downed trees, limbs, broken fences and other debris from 13 houses and one church in just 5 days. They refused to accept money for their efforts, saying they weren't looking to turn a profit they were just helping those who needed assistance.

• **Phyllis Hyden**, district registration officer, was recognized for her exemplary leadership as President of the Texas Educational Support Staff Association (TESA) for 2007-08. TESA is the only professional association for educational support personnel in public schools, educational service centers, private schools, colleges and universities in Texas.

ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

• **Grace Devost**, principal of Pyburn Elementary, presented information regarding the programs offered at Pyburn.

REPORTS

• **Elizabeth Lalor**, director of research, district compliance and special projects, presented information on the AYP and PBMAS reports.

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

NEW BUSINESS

GENERAL CONSENT AGENDA

• **Adopted** the resolution authorizing the Superintendent of Schools to excuse the days of absence of District employees for school closure necessitated by the hurricane, and pay all employees full compensation for these days; **authorized** the Superintendent to pay additional compensation to employees in accordance with Section 3 of the Resolution; and **approved** the recommendation that the school calendar be revised to provide for two additional instructional days (11/17/08) and 01/05/09) as presented.

• **Approved** the resolution for the Master Service Interlocal Agreement between Galena Park ISD and Harris County Department of Education as presented.

• **Approved** the District to apply for the STTE Pilot Project Grant as presented.

• **Approved** the submission of the Application for Missed Instructional Days as presented.

• **Approved** the 2008-09 PDAS/GPDAS Certified Appraisers List as presented.

FINANCIAL CONSENT AGENDA

• **Approved** and pass the Tax Roll Resolution with a total taxable value of \$4,365,289,652 with an anticipated tax collection rate of 100% for the year 2008 as presented.

• **Approved** the proposed Disaster Relief Fund as presented.

• **Adopted** the resolution authorizing the Superintendent, Director of Budget/Internal Auditor and the Business Manager to execute banking transactions relating to the Payroll Sweep account as presented.

• **CSP 28-01 – Letter Jackets/Blankets/Letters**

Approved the award of contract to Graduate Sales for a period of one year with two years renewal options as presented.

• **Approved** Proposed Budget Amendments for the month of September 2008, as presented.