

BOARD UPDATE

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RECOGNITION

- **Andrew Henley**, North Shore Senior High, will be recognized for being elected as a member of the state Texas Energy Education Development (TEED) Project which is a component of Student Council. He will work in conjunction with four other members of other Student Councils from around the state to provide energy awareness programs. **Ann Semler** is his student council advisor at North Shore Senior High. A medallion was presented to Andrew and a certificate to Ann Semler on behalf of the Board of Trustees and **Dr. Mark Henry**.
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ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

- **Amy Cole**, principal at Cimarron Elementary, presented information on her campus.
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REPORTS

- **Bourke Meagher**, assistant superintendent for human resources, communications and business services, presented the first reading of Policy DMC (Local) that addresses state and local professional development requirements.
 - **Randy Burchfield**, executive director of school operations, presented information on the district's energy consumption resolution.
 - **Richard Gates**, director of new facilities and planning, provided an update on bond construction projects.
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NEW BUSINESS

CONSTRUCTION CONSENT AGENDA

- **Project No. 043-2007 - Woodland Acres Middle School – Addition & Renovations**

Approved award of contract as presented.

- **Project No. 003-2007 North Shore High School – Track & Field Event – Resurfacing**

Approve award of contract as presented.

- **Approved** a budget of \$5,000 for a Spark Park at Cimarron Elementary as presented. The Spark Park is in partnership with the City of Houston's SPARK, School Park Program. This contract provides for \$50,000 of federal Housing & community Development funds to be spent for park improvements at Cimarron Elementary.

GENERAL CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved** the updated 2007-2008 PDAS/GPDAS Certified Appraisers' List as presented.
- **Approved** the District to apply to TEA for the class size waiver request as presented.
- **Added, revised, or deleted** (LOCAL) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 79 as presented.
- **Added, revised, or deleted** (LOCAL) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 80 as presented.
- **Approved** the 2008 Law Enforcement Agreements with Precinct 2 as presented.
- **Approved** the 2007-2008 Inter-Agency Agreement with Spring Branch Independent School District's Cooperative Purchasing Program as presented.
- **Approved** the submission of the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Program (GEAR-UP) Grant as presented.
- **Approved** the District to apply for the Texas Fitness Now Grant for Galena Park Middle and Woodland Acres Middle Schools as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

FINANCIAL CONSENT AGENDA

- **Adopted** a resolution to continue taxing goods in transit as presented. This resolution is made possible by House Bill 621 enacted by the 80th Texas Legislature.
- **Approved** a Health, Dental, and Life Insurance RFP as presented. This means that the district will stay with United Healthcare for its health, dental and life insurance.
- **Adopted** an “Energy Consumption Reduction Plan” resolution as presented in response to Senate Bill 12 and House Bill 3693. The goal of this resolution is to reduce annual electric consumption by 5 percent each fiscal year for the next six years.
- **Approved** the Proposed Budget Amendments for the period of September 2007, as presented.