

BOARD UPDATE

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **Dr. Angi Williams**, deputy superintendent for educational support, conducted a public hearing on the school improvement plan for Normandy Crossing Elementary.
- **Mike Ball**, chief financial officer, conducted two public hearings, the first was regarding the discussion of the proposed budget and tax rate while the second was regarding the Schools FIRST financial rating report.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

- **Lynn Nutt**, Warehouse Services in the Administration Building, was recognized for earning the designation of Certified Texas School Business Official certification (CTSBO) from the Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO). TASBO certification is earned through a combination of specified coursework, school business experience, and training in the area of specialization. Once certification is awarded, individuals are required to complete 60 hours of continuing education every three years in order to maintain their certification.

ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

- **Gloria Vasquez**, principal of Woodland Acres Elementary School, presented information regarding the programs offered at her campus.

REPORTS

- **Richard Gates**, director of new facilities and planning, provided an update on bond construction projects.
- **Bourke Meagher**, associate superintendent of human resource and communication services, presented TASB Localized Policy 88 at first reading. This update incorporates rule changes from the Administrative Code, with topics including curriculum requirements, student assessments, retention and promotion, district awards for teacher excellence, and performance appraisals. Changes not originating from Administrative Code revisions include local policy text addressing use of electronic media and notification requirements in the event of a security breach of electronic data.
- **Mike Ball**, chief financial officer, presented the Annual Investment Report for the period 9-1-09 through 8-31-10.

NEW BUSINESS

GENERAL CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved** the minutes of regular meeting on Monday, September 13, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.
- **Adopted** Policy EIA (LOCAL) Academic Achievement: Grading/Progress Reports to parents at second reading as presented. The District's policy has been revised to include guidelines regarding student failure criteria.
- **Approved** the updated 2010-11 PDAS/GPDAS Certified Appraiser List as presented.
- **Approved** the Normandy Crossing Elementary School Improvement Plan (SIP) as presented. In accordance with the requirements of the Texas Education Agency and the Texas Education Code 39.106, the Galena Park Independent School District is required to submit the School Improvement Plan to the Board of Trustees for approval. The plan is a required intervention due to the Academically Unacceptable Performance rating received by Normandy Crossing Elementary School.
- **Authorized** the drafting of the contracts for the 2011 Contract Deputy Program for Precinct 2 and Precinct 3 as presented. The Deputy Program includes one Lieutenant, two Sergeants, and nineteen Deputies.
- **Reviewed and approved** Early Head Start Program Planning and Improvement Measures for Program Year 2010-2011 as presented.
- **Approved** Early Head Start By-Laws on Policy Council Governance Responsibilities as presented.
- **Approved** the Early Head Start budget award for 2010-2011 program expenditures as presented.
- **Review and approved** the 2009-2010 Early Head Start Program Information Report (PIR) as presented.
- **Review and approved** the 2008-2009 Official Early Head Start Program Information Report as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSTRUCTION CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved** to make final payment to Rex Mechanical, Inc., Project No. 911.105-2009, for Green Valley Elementary School rooftop HVAC piping replacement, as presented.
- **Approved** granting approval to delegate authority to the Superintendent or his designee to employ qualified project inspectors as District personnel and/or consultants as needed for future capital improvement projects, not to exceed the amounts on the table as presented.

FINANCIAL CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved** the Proposed Request for Purchases over \$50,000 as presented.
- **Approved** the Proposed Budget Amendments for the period of September 2010 as presented.
- **Approved** the resolution establishing a Maintenance and Operations tax rate of \$1.1834 and a Debt Service tax rate of \$0.3300 for the 2010-2011 fiscal year as presented.
- **Adopted** the 2010 Tax Roll Resolution with a total taxable value of \$4,216,285,343 with an anticipated tax collection rate of 100% for the year 2010 as presented.
- **Approved** the tax refund request for overpayment as presented - Interstate Motor-Lodge, in the amount of \$7,261.07.