BOARD UPDATE

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION

• **David Taylor**, former editor of the North Channel Sentinel, for being named to the TASB 2010 Media Honor Roll by Galena Park ISD.
• **Joseph DeCola**, Owner/Operator of Chick-fil-A Restaurant recognized as an outstanding business partner with GPISD.
• **Matt Briggs**, Manager of Chipotle Restaurant, recognized as an outstanding business partner.

ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

• **Nancy Webster,** director of instructional measurement and accountability, presented an update on the Statewide Tools for Teaching Excellence (STTE) Grant.

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 Policy EIA (LOCAL) Academic Achievement: Grading/ Progress Reports to Parents at first reading. The District's policy has been revised to include guidelines regarding student failure criteria.

NEW BUSINESS

GENERAL CONSENT AGENDA

• **Approved** the submission of the application for the Timeline for Accelerated Instruction Waiver as presented. The District requests permission to apply for an expedited waiver to adjust the timeline for providing the accelerated instruction required for placement in/promotion to the next grade. The waiver is limited to students who fail the third administration of the grade 5 or 8 TAKS reading and/or math test. As a result, students will receive the accelerated instruction required by law during the first six weeks of school as opposed to receiving the instruction in August (prior to the beginning of school).
• **Approved** the Early Head Start Corrective Action Plan in preparation for the follow up Office of Head Start visit scheduled for September 13-14, 2010, as presented.
• **Approved** the list of High School Advanced Courses for the 2010-11 school year as presented: Pre-AP English II, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, AP English III, Pre-AP Spanish III, Pre-AP Physics, AP English IV, AP Spanish IV, AP Physics, Research/Technical Writing Honors, AP Spanish V, Dual Credit Physics, Humanities Honors, AP French IV, Dual Credit Government, Pre-AP Algebra I (8th grade), Pre-AP Music Theory, Dual Credit Economics, Pre-AP Geometry, AP Music Theory, Dual Credit Sociology, Pre-AP Algebra II, Pre-AP Art I, Dual Credit Biology, Pre-AP Pre-Calculus, Pre-AP Art II, Dual Credit Chemistry, AP Calculus AB, AP Art History, AP Economics, AP Calculus BC, AP Art Drawing Portfolio, AP US Government, AP Statistics, AP Art Two Dimensional Design Portfolio, AP Psychology, Pre-AP World Geography, AP Art Three Dimensional Design Portfolio, Pre-AP Biology, Pre-AP Special Topics in Social Studies, Dual Credit English IV, Dual Credit Calculus, AP World History, Dual Credit College Algebra, Dual Credit Statistics, AP US History, Dual Credit Pre-Calculus, Dual Credit Psychology, and Dual Credit US History.

CONSTRUCTION CONSENT AGENDA

• **Approved** award of the contract to the most qualified proposer, Comex Corporation, in the amount of $726,680.00, for Project No. 912-2000, to install a complete sound system in the auditorium at North Shore Sr. High School, Galena Park High School, and North Shore High School 9th Grade Campus as presented.
• **Approved** to make final payment to C.F. McDonald Electric, Inc., Project No. 913- 2010, for emergency generators for Jacinto City Elementary, Cloverleaf Elementary, Galena Park Elementary and Normandy Crossing Elementary as presented.

FINANCIAL CONSENT AGENDA

• Accepted the renewal proposal from Texas Political Subdivisions Joint Self- Insurance Fund to provide Workers' Compensation Guaranteed Cost Coverage for the coverage year of October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011 at the net cost of $850,756 as presented.
• Approvde supplemental pay changes to the 2010-2011 Employee Supplement List as presented. These supplemental assignments would be reviewed and evaluated for continuation on an annual basis. These supplements apply to high school band assistants, high school band directors, high school debate coach, high school speech coach, high school speech & debate summer school coordinator, and Saturday school coodinator.