

BOARD UPDATE

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Considered Board Member responsibilities.
- Considered Superintendent responsibilities.
- **Approved** the Superintendent's Evaluation.
- Discussed the Superintendent's employment contract.

RECOGNITION

- Galena Park ISD recognized United Community Credit Union for its generous donation that benefited twenty at-risk families.
- Galena Park ISD recognized Galena Park High School 11th graders Brian Piedra and Bryan Aguilera for their courageous intervention on behalf of a Galena Park High School Teacher.
- Galena Park ISD recognized the Superintendent's Student Advisory Board for their leadership and dedicated service to their schools and community. Members of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Board include:
 - CTE Early College High School - Alonso Castañeda, Rogelio Hinojosa, Frida Ortiz, Jose Padron Jr., Mia Peña, Melanie Perez, Priscilla Piña, and Jeshua Puente
 - Galena Park High School - Adam Alvarado, Mia Balderas, Lorenzo Delgadillo, Alizay Fuentes, Vania Munoz, Cairo Nieto, Kayla Ramirez, and Richey Vazquez
 - North Shore Senior High Ninth Grade Center - Aniya Brown and Angel Gutierrez
 - North Shore Senior High 10th Grade Center - Joslynn Cisneros and Lynel Hunter III
 - North Shore Senior High School - Dulce Bonilla, Kylah Eckford, Luke Melendez, and Jase Tapiz
- Galena Park ISD recognized Alex Sauz, a Pyburn Elementary School 5th grader, and Evelyn Gomez, a North Shore Middle School 8th grader, for their inclusion in the 2024 Texas Art Education Association's Youth Art Month Exhibition.
- Galena Park ISD will recognize North Shore Senior High Ninth Grade Center student Jorge Guerra for being the first male swimmer to qualify for the University Interscholastic League Swim and Dive State Meet in 35 years.

ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

- Dr. Karen Haynes, Director of Fine Arts & Academic Enrichment, presented the Academic Spotlight where she highlighted some of the outstanding programs and initiatives from the Mental Health & Social Services Department. The presentation was in video format.

FINE ARTS SPOTLIGHT

- Sam Harris, Director of Fine Arts & Academic Enrichment, presented the Fine Arts Spotlight where he highlighted the Galena

REPORT

NEW BUSINESS

GENERAL CONSENT

CONSTRUCTION CONSENT

FINANCIAL CONSENT

Park High School Banda and the North Shore Senior High School Folklórico dancers. It was a live performance.

- Norma Hernandez, Board President, reported on Galena Park Independent School District Board Members' continuing education credits.
 - Ed Martir, Director for Facility Planning & Construction, provided a 2016 and 2024 Bond Program and Facilities construction update.
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- **Approved** the 2025 summer school pay rates.
 - **Approved** the Schematic Design for Cimarron Elementary School replacement, as presented by S. Chu Architects, Inc.
 - **Approved** the Schematic Design for Galena Park High School Phase 3-5, as presented by PBK Architects, Inc.
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- **Approved** the minutes minutes for the Regular Meeting held on March 10.
 - **Approved** the On-Campus Compensatory Education Home Instruction waiver for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years.
 - **Approved** the Allotment and Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills Certification, 2025-2026.
 - **Approved** the submission of waiver request to the Texas Education Agency for the following: Modified State Assessment Testing Days. Waiver application will be submitted to the TEA upon Board approval.
 - **Approved** the submission of a waiver request to the Texas Education Agency for the following: Staff Development Minutes Waiver. Waiver application will be submitted to the TEA upon Board approval.
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- **Approved** the selection of Salas O'Brien, as the Architect Engineer Assignment firm for the Havard Elementary School HVAC Modifications, and delegate authority to the Superintendent, or designee, to negotiate and execute a contract with the selected firm.
 - **Approved** the selection of VLK Architects Inc., as the Architect Engineer Assignment firm for the Galena Park ISD Multi-Use Facility, and delegate authority to the Superintendent, or designee, to negotiate and execute a contract with the selected firm.
 - **Approved** the LED Lighting Upgrade at Normandy Crossing Elementary School by Excel Energy Group, Inc., via BuyBoard contract #681-23 for an estimated amount of \$195,000.
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- **Approved** to ratify the alternative transportation services through July 31, 2025, from HopSkipDrive, Inc. via Choice Partners Contract No. 23/014MR-03, at an estimated amount of \$125,000, and delegate authority to the Superintendent, or designee, to negotiate and execute a contract.
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INFORMATION

- **Approved** to ratify the purchases of Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning and Air Purification Filters through August 31, 2025, from Joe W. Fly Co., Inc., via Buyboard contract #720-23 at an estimated annual expenditure of \$200,000.
 - **Approved** to renew RFP 23-015 Garbage Collection Services, for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, from Frontier Waste K2, LLC., at an estimated annual expenditure of \$800,000.
 - **Approved** the extension and amendment agreement for RFP 22-012 Armored Courier Services with Loomis US and delegate authority to the Superintendent or designee to execute the amendment through December 31, 2025, for an estimated annual expenditure of \$195,000.
 - **Approved** to renew RFP 22-006 Fire Alarm Systems from May 1, 2025, through April 30, 2026, for renewal with Koetter Fire Protection of Houston for an estimated expenditure of \$250,000.
 - **Approved** to renew RFP 21-003 Concrete Work for the period of May 1, 2025, through April 31, 2026, with Brooks Concrete, Inc. at an estimated annual amount of \$250,000.
 - **Approved** the award of RFP 25-007 Large Kitchen Equipment for the period of April 15, 2025, through March 31, 2026, for an estimated expenditure of \$500,000 to vendors listed below:
Ace Mart Restaurant Supply Co
A-Tex Restaurant Supply, Inc
Jean's Restaurant Supply
Kijero LLC
Kommercial Kitchens
Mission Restaurant Supply
Oswalt Restaurant Supply
Stafford-Smith, Inc.
 - **Approved** the RFP 25-004 Addendum 1 Athletic Field Maintenance Services for the period of May 1, 2025, through April 30, 2026, to Greenscapes Six, LLC, and Rotolo Consultants, Inc., at an estimated annual expenditure of \$85,000.
 - **Approved** the proposed Budget Amendments for the month of March 2025.
 - **Approved** the purchase of four 78-passenger school buses and five special needs buses for student transportation from Thomas Bus Gulf Coast GP, Inc., for an estimated amount of \$1,176,000 via BuyBoard Contract #722-23.
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- Dr. Wanna Giacona, Chief Administrative Officer, presented:
 - Early Head Start Policy Council Meeting Minutes – February 2025
 - Early Head Start Update and Fund 205 Expenditure Report Summary – February 2025
 - Ben Pape, Chief Financial Officer, presented:
 - Tax Collection Report – February 2025
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- 2016 Bond Program Financial Report as of February 28, 2025
 - 2024 Bond Program Financial Report as of February 28, 2025
 - General Fund Budget Summary Report for the period of September 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025
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