

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
AGENDA

Workshop

Regular

Special

(A)  Report Only

Recognition

Presenter(s):

Briefly describe the subject of the report or recognition presentation.

(B)  Action Item

Presenter(s): SAMUEL MIJARES, DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT FOR C & I  
AMALIA RIOJAS, SAM HOUSTON PRINCIPAL

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**CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE REQUEST TO ACCEPT A MONETARY DONATION FROM GILBANE BUILDING COMPANY FOR SAM HOUSTON ELEMENTARY.**

(C) Funding Source: Identify the course of funds if any are required

(D) Clarification: Explain any question or issues that might be raised regarding this item.

# Sam Houston Elementary

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To: Gilberto Gonzalez, Superintendent of Schools  
From: Amalia Riojas, Principal   
CC: Samuel Mijares, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction  
Date: February 27, 2018  
Re: Gilbane Building Co.-Donation

I have been advised by a representative, Mr. Omar Garcia, from Gilbane Building Company that our school has been selected to receive a \$2,500.00 donation for our campus. I am submitting the request and attachment for your review and for possible placement as an item on the next board agenda.

Please advise if additional information is needed. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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## RE: Builder of the Year (BOTY) Donation - Gilbane Building Company

1 message

**Bransom, James** <JBransom@gilbaneco.com>  
To: Amalia Riojas <ariojas@eaglepassisd.net>  
Cc: "Garcia, Omar" <OGarcia@gilbaneco.com>

Wed, Mar 7, 2018 at 9:18 AM

I have been verbally informed that my overall award value is \$5,000, but I am splitting it between the Mexico school and the US school we have supported, so it should be \$2,500 for your school to invest in the future of our children.

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**From:** Amalia Riojas [mailto:ariojas@eaglepassisd.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 7, 2018 8:43 AM  
**To:** Bransom, James <JBransom@GilbaneCo.com>  
**Cc:** Garcia, Omar <OGarcia@GilbaneCo.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Builder of the Year (BOTY) Donation - Gilbane Building Company

We are very grateful and honored to be considered for this donation! In order for us to accept this wonderful donation, I have to submit a request from our school district so that we can accept these funds. I will use this email as the notification of the donation if that is okay with your business/entity; also could you please include the amount to be awarded ?

On behalf of our students, teachers, and staff, thank you!

On Tue, Mar 6, 2018 at 8:28 AM, Bransom, James <JBransom@gilbaneco.com> wrote:

Ms. Riojas,

I am a Project Executive for Gilbane Building Company and our project in Nava recently won a prestigious honor within my company, our annual Builder of the Year award. As part of the award, I am allowed to designate one or two local charities for a donation. Due to the fact that my employees reside in Eagle Pass and work in Nava, I have chosen to split the donation to charities on either side of the border. I know that Omar Garcia and several other of my employees have worked with your school and so naturally, I would like for the donation in Eagle Pass to go to a known entity, particularly one that invests in the future or our children. Having worked for 4 years in this region, I understand concerns regarding donations, so please let me know what I can do to reassure you and the administration of our intent. We have been in business since 1873 and are a family owned company, in fact I work for Dan Gilbane a 5<sup>th</sup> generation descendant. You can research Gilbane Building Company and you will find that we are a prestigious firm that closely guards our reputation. Our core values are integrity, toughmindedness, teamwork, dedication to excellence, loyalty, discipline, and caring. It is in the nature of the last that we would like to donate to your school. Omar has even mentioned how we can expand on the donation, by working with the school to build something of use for the school. I leave that to your discretion and further discussion.

Sincerely,

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