



President Jim Ash, convened the meeting with Peter Baron, Bowie Hogg, Mike O'Donnell, Wayne Ogle, Gloria Peña, Sherri Wade and Jerry McCullough present.

Open Forum/Agenda Items

- **Tenia Nelson-Cobb** encouraged the Board to vote against any proposed changes to the current dress code.
- **Derrick Gordon** voiced his opposition to a districtwide standardized dress policy.
- **Karen Ellen Anderson** spoke out against the Board pursuing a standardized dress policy.
- **Hailey Jumper** shared her opposition to standardized dress. Jumper is currently an AISD high school senior.
- **Polly Walton**, UEA, presented certificates of appreciation to the Board in recognition of their many hours of service and dedication to the AISD. January is Board Appreciation Month.
- **Trisha Huck-Rendsland** did not wish to speak but submitted comments opposing dress policy.

Appointments

The board approved the following:

- **Brent West as director of accounting** - West began his career in 1998 teaching ESL at a school in Taiwan. In 1999, he came back to the states and taught at Mitchell Boulevard Elementary in the Fort Worth ISD, and then in 2000, he returned to teach ESL in Taiwan. He started with Pickens Snodgrass Koch LLP on the audit and accounting services staff in 2002 and was promoted to audit senior in 2005.

West holds a bachelor's degree from Ouachita Baptist University and a master's degree from the University of Texas at Arlington. He is a member of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants, the Institute for Management Accountants, the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners and the Institute for Internal Controls.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Marcelo Cavazos, interim deputy superintendent and associate superintendent of instruction, recently received the 2009 "Sharing the Dream" Award in Education. He was honored at the Awards Banquet for the 20th Anniversary Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration.

Nichols JH eighth graders **Josh Offill** and **Patrick McNeely** attended the inauguration ceremony Tuesday. They were among 3,000 middle school students selected for the Junior Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference. On Sunday, Patrick was notified that a video he submitted about the challenges facing teens today was chosen as one of the top 10. As a result, he was invited to be a VIP at a dinner for General Colin Powell. Patrick met Gen. Powell at a private reception. Key ES fifth grader **Ryan Broadnax Jackson** had a weekend full of firsts at the inauguration. He traveled with his mother, Shandra Jackson, who was chosen to accompany then President-elect Barack Obama on his historic train trip. During the train ride, Ryan played with the Obama girls and helped surprise Michelle Obama with a birthday party. Ryan's weekend of firsts – from first plane ride, to first train trip, to first visit to D.C., to first tux – was complete when he and the Obama daughters danced on stage with the first lady at the Neighborhood Ball.

McCullough congratulated the 10 band students from **Bowie, Martin, Sam Houston** and **Seguin** high schools who have been selected to the All-State Band. He also congratulated all the students and **Band Directors Larry Brown, Gordon Hart, Jeffrey Barge** and **Robert Poulin**.

McCullough proudly announced that **18 choir students** from **Arlington, Martin** and **Seguin** high schools were selected to the All-State Choir. Martin HS had a school record 13 students chosen. This marks the second consecutive year that Martin has had the most All-State students in the state. Congratulations to all the students and **Choir Directors Dinah Menger, Kay Owens** and **Thomas Rinn**.

Director of Fine Arts Bill Huff was also thanked for helping these band and choir students and directors achieve these honors.



Action Items

- **Approval of fiscal year 2007-2008 independent audit** - The independent accounting firm of Pickens, Snodgrass, Koch & Company PC presented their findings to the Board. The AISD earned an unqualified opinion, which indicates that the district is in good financial standing.



Action/Discussion Items

Standardized Dress

The Board opened discussion with a thanks to the community for the input the Board members received during the last few weeks. Members went on to express their opinions and position on whether or not to pursue a districtwide standardized dress policy. The Board voted 4-3 to discontinue discussion of standardized dress.