



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

## Program/Presentation

### *Texas Health Resources Automated External Defibrillator (AED)*

Michelle Provence, director of health services, welcomed Texas Health Resources Arlington Memorial COO Sandra Harris, who presented the district with six AEDs. The devices, credited with saving thousands of lives every year, will be distributed throughout the district. Almost every annex and facility, and every school has at least one AED. The Board thanked Harris for all of the support Arlington Memorial Hospital and Texas Health Resources have shown to the AISD.

## Appointments

*The board approved the following:*

- **Robert Carlisle** as executive director of plant services. Carlisle began his career in 1972 as operations officer for City National Bank in Fort Worth. In 1975 he started a small general construction company, Carlisle Construction Co., specializing in educational and commercial construction. He began working for school districts in 1987 as Killeen ISD's executive director for facilities, a post he has held since. He holds a bachelor's degree from Texas Christian University. His professional organizations include the Council of Educational Facility Planners, International and the Texas Association of School Business Officials.

## Superintendent's Report

Under the authority of Texas Education Code §39.071 and 19 Texas Administrative Code §97.1055, the TEA has assigned accreditation statuses to all districts in the state for the 2008-2009 school year. **The Arlington ISD has received an accreditation status of Accredited.**

This week we have been celebrating **Texas Public Schools Week**. The theme for the week is "Growing Graduates: Texas Public Schools Plant Seeds for Success". High school open houses were held Monday, junior highs Tuesday, and elementary open houses are tonight.

March is **National Youth Art Month**. Schools across the nation display artwork throughout their campuses and community. Student artwork is currently displayed at the administration building, the Mac Bernd Professional Development Center and the Arlington Museum of Art. McCullough thanked **Visual Arts Coordinator Linh Nguyen** for all of his work putting these shows together!

**Key Elementary** student **Elyssa Schneider** won third place in the fourth-grade category of the City of Arlington's Animal Essay Contest for her essay about animals' feelings. She received a \$150 savings bond and will be recognized at the Arlington City Council meeting on March 24. McCullough congratulated Schneider.

**The Vision Van** sponsored by **LensCrafters** and **Prevent Blindness Texas** was recently at Speer Elementary for two days. Two doctors put glasses on 191 students from Crouch, Crow, Ellis, Johns, Larson, Pope, Starrett, Thornton, Webb and Wimbish elementaries; Nichols and Shackelford junior highs; and Arlington and Lamar high schools. The children selected the frames they wanted and everything was done on site.

The **Sam Houston High School mariachi band** recently traveled to Austin to compete in the **SchoolJam Texas Battle of the Bands**. They were up against five non-mariachi student bands, and two of the members beat out the rockers for individual honors and prizes. Greg Chavez was named best vocalist, and trumpet player Marissa Ocampo won best overall performer. Congratulations on a great performance!

Last week was **Educational Diagnosticians' Week**. Diagnosticians are a valuable resource for students and parents and a tremendous support for staff. This month is **Social Work Month**. We have many schools and departments that have social workers who provide a variety of services for students in order to better equip them to meet their own needs. McCullough thanked diagnosticians and social workers for their dedication to our students! He also said that they play instrumental roles in helping students achieve success in school.



## Action Items

*The board approved the following:*

- **2009-2010 Financial Futures Committee and Charge** - The Board appointed a Board subcommittee to select and approve members of the Financial Futures Committee from the submitted applications. Sherri Wade, Bowie Hogg and Peter Baron volunteered to serve on the committee. [Click here to view the committee charge.](#)
- **Bond Advisory Committee and Charge** - The Board appointed a Board subcommittee to select and approve members of the Bond Advisory Committee from the submitted applications. Sherri Wade, Bowie Hogg and Peter Baron volunteered to serve on the committee. [Click here to view the committee charge.](#)
- **Order authorizing the issuance of Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds** - The Board approved the order delegating to the superintendent certain matters with respect to the sale of the bonds; establishing parameters for the approval of such delegated matters; approving the form of an escrow agreement and paying agent/registrars agreement; ordering the levy of an annual and valorem tax for the payment of the bonds; and enacting other provisions relating to the issuance and sale of the bonds.
- **Non-renewal of term contract of Theresa Crichton.**



## Open Forum/Non-Agenda Items

- **Larry Shaw**, UEA, commented on the budget process and the history of the projections from previous years. He went on to say the Board was sending mixed messages to the employees by indicating that the district would be going out for a bond election while at the same time telling employees that there is not enough money to fund positions. Shaw said the Employee Transfer Procedures are unfair and that the Board should review the policy. In addition, he asked the Board to consider early notification incentives.