

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

- **Perinza Reddic**, a district employee, encouraged the Board to consider approving out-of-district transfers.
- **Ayesha Ramos**, a district employee, encouraged the Board to consider approving out-of-district transfers.

Appointments

The board approved the following:

- **Jimmy Walker as Assistant Superintendent of Administration.** Walker started his teaching career in the Taft ISD as the head girls basketball coach and social studies teacher in 1976. He then became elementary principal and head basketball coach in 1979 and high school principal and head basketball coach in 1980. In 1985 he moved to Muskogee ISD in Oklahoma as the head basketball coach and psychology and sociology teacher. He was named assistant principal in 1991. Walker came to the AISD in 1993 as assistant principal at Carter Junior High. He moved to Martin High School as assistant principal in 1996, and in 2000 he was named principal of Bailey Junior High. He holds a bachelor's from East Central University and a master's from Northeastern State University. Walker has received numerous coaching honors, including Region 3 Coach of the Year, Region 3 All-State Coach, Texas vs. Oklahoma All-State Coach and the Coaches Association 200th Victory Award. In 2001 he was awarded a PTA Life Membership Award.

- **Kelvin Stroy as Assistant Principal at Sam Houston HS.** Stroy started his teaching career in 1998 as a teacher and coach in the Mansfield ISD. He also taught and coached in the Fort Worth and Grand Prairie school districts before coming to the AISD in 2003 as an assistant principal at Gunn Junior High. Beginning in 2006, he served as principal at Clay Academy in Dallas. He returned to the AISD as a substitute administrator last fall. Stroy holds a bachelor's and a master's from Louisiana Tech University. He is a member of the International Association of Christian School Administrators and Board Members and has served as an Association of Christian Schools International Accreditation Team Member.

Superintendent's Report

The National Science Foundation recently awarded a \$2.8 million grant to fund our multi-year collaboration effort with the UTA mathematics department. Through this partnership, eight graduate-level mathematics students will be paired with eight AISD math teachers. The teachers will be from Sam Houston High School and the junior highs in the Sam Houston network. They will form vertical teams consisting of one junior high teacher, one high school teacher and their graduate fellows. The teams will begin working together over the summer to plan instruction that will emphasize good mathematical habits such as visual thinking, recursive thinking, reasoning with multiple representations and providing convincing arguments. The graduate students will spend 10 hours per week working with the teachers and students and will help develop lessons connecting their math research to junior high and high school concepts. Jerry McCullough said that he was excited about this innovative partnership and looks forward to the exciting results the math department will have to share!

This week is **National Library Week**, and yesterday we celebrated **School Librarians' Day**. Our librarians make significant contributions to the instructional program. They are instrumental in helping students achieve success in school. McCullough thanked librarians for their dedication to students! He also thanked **Director of Library Services Lorie Bruns** for all she does for the students of the AISD!

West Elementary Librarian Jacqueline Bridges-Shepherd received the Siddie Joe Johnson Award for outstanding achievement in children's library service at the Children's Roundtable Breakfast during the Texas Library Convention Annual Conference. She won the award based on her innovative programs, community involvement, and cooperation with parents and other libraries. Congratulations Jacqueline!

Each year the Safe City Commission of Tarrant County sponsors the Imagine No Violence Art Contest encouraging students to use their creativity to help spread a culture of nonviolence in Tarrant County. Every school that participated had awards given to the first, second and third place winners from each campus. This year, Arlington was invited, and we had winners from Bailey, Gunn, Ousley, Workman, and Young junior highs, and Arlington, Bowie, Martin, and Sam Houston high

schools. A banquet was held this past Tuesday recognizing all the winning students.

Arlington High School has the largest chapter of Texas Future Music Educators in the State of Texas with a charter membership of 40. New members join the group weekly. **Bowie** and **Lamar** high schools also have chapters. TFME is an organization of music students with the purpose of exploring music education as an occupation and recruiting members into the profession. Members must be academically eligible and participate in a minimum of four meetings each year. McCullough thanked sponsors **Toby Jones** and **Linda Keefer** for all they do to prepare our future educators!

Four **Sam Houston High School** students competed at the Business Professionals of America State competition in Austin last month. Two students placed as National Qualifiers and will now compete at the National Conference in Dallas in May. Good luck!

McCullough shared that he was excited about a new program in the district, Curb Appeal Partners. Bowie Hogg later shared more information about the Curb Appeal Partners initiative in his report, and McCullough shared information about the kickoff event. **Bailey Junior High** is hosting a basketball game between First Rate Software and SCM Real Estate tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. The event is free to the public. Bailey's facility improvement project will be the first of many projects sponsored by Curb Appeal Partners. Both First Rate and SCM have donated \$5,000 for Bailey's project; the losing basketball team will donate an additional \$2,000. Civil engineering and landscape architectural firm mycoskie+mcinnis+associates Inc. is providing the design consulting services. You won't want to miss this exciting four-on-four half court game! Hogg and Jimmy Walker will referee.

Carter Junior High is celebrating a milestone. They have organized a **50th Anniversary Community Carnival** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. There will be fun activities for all ages, musical entertainment, and Mayor Pro Tem Lana Wolff will read the Carter Junior High Day proclamation.

Global Youth Service Day is the largest youth service event in the world. The Arlington celebration is Saturday, April 25 and highlights the remarkable contributions young people make in community service throughout the year. More than 200 youth groups will participate in the day's activities. After working on their service projects, the groups will attend the city celebration at Founders Plaza.

Becky Harrell and **Christy Harris** from the **South Davis Neighbors Association** were invited to the podium. The South Davis Neighbors Association gives generously to AISD campuses. They presented a \$10,000 check to **South Davis Elementary** during a school program earlier this year, which will be used to provide scholarships for South Davis students to attend academic, fine arts and leadership camps during the summer. They also presented \$15,000 to the **Arlington High School** fine arts department. That donation was divided among the band, choir, orchestra and theater programs. McCullough thanked South Davis Neighbors Association for their tremendous commitment to the students of the AISD! McCullough, President Ash and South Davis Principal Erma Nichols presented Harrell and Harris with a token of their appreciation.

Action Items

- The Board nominated former AISD Board of Trustee **Michael Glaspie** to fill the unexpired vacant position on the Tarrant Appraisal District board of directors that expires December 31, 2009.
- The Board appointed a Dr. David Mack and Michael Buckman as facilitators for the **2009 Financial Futures Committee** and the **2009 Bond Advisory Committee**.

Discussion/Action Item

Consider Change to Interdistrict Transfers Board Policy

After a lengthy discussion, the Board decided to take the discussion into closed session in order to garner legal direction from the school attorney. No action was taken.

Open Forum/Non-Agenda Items

- **Larry Shaw**, UEA, shared salary information from other school districts in the area with the Board and asked the Board to keep in mind that AISD has dropped in ranking on the list of districts and their salary compensations. He asked the Board to be more competitive with teacher salaries in order to attract the most talented. In addition, Shaw thanked the Board for implementing the incentive for early notification of intent to resign.