



Vice President Mike O'Donnell convened the meeting with Peter Baron, Bowie Hogg, Gloria Peña, Dr. Aaron D. Reich and Jerry McCullough present. President Jim Ash joined the meeting after the work session.



Oath of Office

Judge John P. Chupp was on hand to administer the oath of office to the newly elected trustees. **Gloria Peña** will continue to serve as Place 1 trustee, and **Peter Baron** will continue to serve as Place 2 trustee. **Dr. Aaron D. Reich** was sworn in to serve as Place 3 trustee.



Reception

President Jim Ash presented retiring trustee Sherri Wade with a token of appreciation and thanks before she said a few words to thank attendees and the current board. A reception was held outside of the boardroom in her honor.



Organization - Board of Trustees

President	Mike O'Donnell
Vice President	Gloria Peña
Secretary	Wayne Ogle
Assistant Secretary	Jim Ash



Appointments

The board approved the following:

- **Debbie Gonzales-Roybal** as director of special education. Gonzales-Roybal has served as the coordinator of instructional support and accountability at the Education Service Center Region 11 since 2000. Prior to that she was at the Education Service Center Region 18 as special populations instructional consultant from 1993 to 1996 and then as director of special populations. Before moving to the service center, she taught content mastery and special education English, math and resource. Gonzales-Roybal holds a bachelor's degree from Eastern New Mexico University and a master's degree from the University of New Mexico.

- **Tiffany Benavides** as principal of Bailey Junior High. Benavides started her teaching career in 1999 as a pre-AP biology teacher in the Mansfield ISD. While there, she received the Paws and Pride Teacher Award and the MISD Top 60 Distinguished Educators Award and was named to the Who's Who of America's Teachers. In 2006, Benavides came to the Arlington ISD as an assistant principal at Arlington High School. She holds a bachelor's degree from Texas A & M University and a master's degree from the University of North Texas. A welcome reception will be held in Benavides' honor on Friday, May 29, 2009 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Bailey Junior High.

- **Rhonda Greer** as principal of Ashworth Elementary. Greer started her teaching career in 1994 as a fifth- and sixth-grade teacher in the Keller ISD. While there, she was named Teacher of the Year. In 2002, Greer came to the Arlington ISD as the instructional facilitator at Burgin Elementary. She was named assistant principal at Foster Elementary in 2004. This school year, she has served as principal at the Chapel Hill Academy Charter School operated by the Lena Pope Home. Greer holds a bachelor's degree from Texas Woman's University and a master's degree from Texas Christian University. A welcome reception will be held in Greer's honor on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Ashworth Elementary.

- **Adam Bramlett** as assistant principal of Amos Elementary. Bramlett started his teaching career in 1998 as a teacher in the Hurst-Euless-Bedford ISD. Since 2004, he has been a teacher and coach in the Birdville ISD. Bramlett holds a bachelor's degree from Oklahoma Christian University and a master's degree from the University of North Texas.



Superintendent's Report

McCullough began by congratulating Short Elementary student Manny B. on his win at the District Final competition of the **Optimist Oratorical Contest**. For his prize, he received a \$1,500 scholarship. His teachers and coaches, Karla Fouts and Lisa Pickens, are very proud!

The AISD is proud to be home to a **2009 Dell Scholar** – Elecia M., Bowie High School. The Dell Scholars college scholarship program recognizes students who have overcome significant obstacles to pursue their education. Most are first-

generation college students and are chosen because they participate in an approved college-readiness program and maintain at least a 2.4 GPA on a 4.0 scale while dealing with personal responsibilities at home or in their communities. Students receive \$20,000 in scholarship funds over the course of six years.

Lamar High School **Ready, Set, Teach! Family, Career and Community Leaders of America** students attended the state FCCLA conference in Corpus Christi. Shelly K. won second place in Teach and Train, and Syrenna A. and Brodricka J. won second place in Promote and Publicize FCCLA.

McCullough announced a new recognition opportunity on the AISD Web site. **Remarkable Stars** was launched to celebrate the outstanding students, teachers and staff of the AISD. This program relies on submissions, which anyone can submit via the [online form](#). He encouraged everyone to help recognize students and employees!

McCullough closed by sharing a [video](#) that was created by AISD-TV and the finance department to explain the basics of school funding. **“AISD Finances – Plain and Simple”** is helping people throughout the state, and even as far away as Mississippi, better understand the challenges faced by the AISD. He thanked Spence, McKenzie Stokes, Cindy Powell and Tony Drollinger for their work on the video.



Discussion Items

- **Student Code of Conduct 2009-2010** - Dr. Malcolm Turner introduced the Student Code of Conduct committee members who were in attendance. He shared information with the Board regarding the recommended updates to the code of conduct and answered questions regarding minor changes. The item will be brought back as an action item at a future board meeting.
- **Proposed Increase to School Lunch Prices** - Jackie Anderson, director of food services, presented information to the Board regarding the current program. She shared information regarding the increases in food expenditures and the need for the district to increase the price of lunch by \$.25. The administration's recommendation does not include an increase for breakfast, and there would be no changes to the free federal and reduced lunch program.
- **Revisions to Board Policies DCB Local, Educator Term Contracts, and DCE Local, Other Types of Contracts** - Superintendent McCullough shared with the Board a draft of the revised policies as they pertain to employee contracts. The Board made several recommendations and suggestions. The item will be brought back at a future board meeting for action.
- **Administrative Appraisal Process and Performance Criteria** - Superintendent McCullough also shared with the Board a draft of the proposed administrative appraisal process and performance criteria for discussion. The Board asked questions and offered suggestions on how to modify the appraisal instruments.



Discussion/Action Items

- **Legislative Update** - Associate Superintendent of Finance Cindy Powell presented information to the Board regarding the Senate Education Committee substitute for HB 3646. Moak, Casey & Associates had just informed the district about the changes and amendments being considered. At the time of publication, the bill had been voted out of committee and would move to the senate floor for discussion.