

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

## Program/Presentation

- **Tarrant County College proclamation** - Dr. Judith Carrier, campus president of Tarrant County College Southeast, presented the Board and the district with a proclamation acknowledging the partnership and collaboration of the AISD and Tarrant County College, specifically with regard to the dual-credit program.
- **Arlington High School Air Force Junior ROTC Unit TX-031 award presentation** - The Arlington High School Air Force Junior ROTC Unit Texas-031 has been selected as one of 393 units to receive the Distinguished Unit Award for 2008-2009. The award recognizes units that have performed above and beyond normal expectations and that have distinguished themselves through outstanding service to their school and community.

## Open Forum/Agenda Items

- **Richard Weber** shared with the Board that he was disappointed by the recent decisions that lawmakers in Austin had made. He also asked the Board to re-evaluate the current contract with the Arlington Chamber of Commerce and consider not renewing the contract to save on expenses.

## Superintendent's Report

McCullough began by sharing the preliminary TAKS findings and **preliminary campus and district ratings**, noting the remarkable strides and improvements we have made on ratings. The AISD testing office expects an increase in the number of Exemplary campuses from three to five and of Recognized campuses from 15 to 30. That means that more than half of all AISD schools that are eligible for an accountability rating will be Recognized or Exemplary! McCullough said that this has been an amazing year with everyone working together toward set goals and staying focused on the one thing that is going to make the biggest impact on our students – instruction. He said he was proud of the improvements made this year.

The AWARE Foundation recently recognized outstanding AISD classroom teachers at the annual awards banquet. All nominees for the **AWARE Foundation Award of Excellence** were honored, and winners and runners-up received monetary awards. McCullough congratulated all of the nominees and winners!

Berry Elementary fourth-grade students in the **"I AM!" program** performed their spring concert last night and earlier today. Sponsored by Dance Theatre of Arlington, "I AM!" is a motivational program based on dance movement and interaction with arts professionals. The students attend weekly classes within the school day and perform at various games, festivals and events throughout the year. Started by Persis and Persis Ann Forster in 1994, this program has served hundreds of students and has been recognized by the city and America's Promise, the Alliance for Youth.

Dunn Elementary participated in their second **Lone Star Challenge** competition. Lone Star Challenge is a program designed for fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade students to compete in an elementary version of the Texas Academic Decathlon. Teams are ranked statewide, and competitors can win team and individual medals for their efforts. Coached by fourth-grade teachers Dara Hiremath and Tammy Klett, the Dunn team placed second in the district with an overall team score of 19,740 points.

Martin High School students recently received the results from their participation in the **American Association of Physics Teachers Physics Bowl**. The first-year students did well but did not place. The students in their second year of physics won the region and finished third in the nation. Senior Austin B. tied for first place as an individual. McCullough congratulated the students on their amazing job representing Martin and the AISD under the leadership of Mr. Jay Atman.

The Texas Rangers sponsored the April paper recycling drive, **Recycle with the Rangers**. AISD students recycled 155.9 tons of paper in April alone! The five schools with the greatest percentage increase from their April 2008 drive won vouchers to a Rangers game. With a 215 percent increase, Bowie High School won the competition and was entitled to a special assembly with a former Texas Ranger. They graciously passed the top prize on to the second-place winner, Ferguson Junior High. Mark McLemore visited Ferguson students last week.

McCullough invited the representatives from the **Pantego Lions Club** to the podium. The Pantego Lions Club gives

generously to AISD campuses. They have presented more than \$6,000 to Duff, Hill and South Davis elementaries, Bailey Junior High, and Arlington and Sam Houston high schools this year. In addition, they have allowed student groups the free use of their facility and complimentary admission to the pancake breakfast. McCullough, President O'Donnell and campus principals thanked the Pantego Lions Club for their tremendous commitment to the students of the AISD and presented the Pantego Lions Club with a token of appreciation.

## Action Items

*The board approved the following:*

- **2009-2010 Student Code of Conduct** - Copies will be available later in the summer and distributed to the campuses for registration.
- **Revisions to Board Policies DCB Local, Educator Term Contracts, and DCE Local, Other Types of Contracts**
- **2009-2010 School Lunch Prices** - Inflation in food costs and other operating costs have made it necessary to raise lunch prices by 25 cents. Lunch prices will be \$2 for elementary students and \$2.25 for secondary students beginning Aug. 24, the first day of the 2009-2010 school year. The increase does not affect prices for breakfast or reduced-priced lunch.

## Discussion/Action Items

- **Legislative Update** - Associate Superintendent of Finance Cindy Powell presented an update on legislation being considered in Austin. [Click here](#) to view the presentation.