

## Boardroom Notes

December 6, 2007

President Jim Ash convened the meeting with Michael Glaspie, Mike O'Donnell, Wayne Ogle, Gloria Peña, Erich Ramsey, Sherri Wade and Dr. Mac Bernd present.

### Program/Presentation

#### *MLK Celebration Art Contest Winners*

James Rose, director of student affairs, congratulated the MLK art contest winners. They are as follows:

First place - \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond - **Garrett Lawrence**, Lamar HS

Second place - \$750 U.S. Savings Bond - **Dallin Poole**, Ferguson JH

Third place - \$500 U.S. Savings Bond - **Megan K. Miller**, Barnett JH

To learn more about dates and view a complete list of activities for the 2008 MLK Sharing the Dream Celebration, please visit [www.arlingtonMLK.com](http://www.arlingtonMLK.com).

#### *Score-A-Goal in the Classroom Reading Bee*

Teresa Cook and Amy Harsha announced the winners of the **2007 AISD Reading Bee**. Students were given a certificate and T-shirt to recognize their accomplishment. In addition, Cook thanked Ernie Horn, Score-A-Goal in the Classroom, for his organization's commitment to the success of the Reading Bee. Sam Creed from Key Elementary was the AISD Reading Bee winner.

#### *Score-A-Goal in the Classroom Friedman Hummer Hero Award*

Ernie Horn, Score-A-Goal in the Classroom, was on hand to award **Emily Miller**, Arlington HS, journalism teacher, with a special recognition. Miller received the Score-A-Goal in the Classroom Hummer Hero Award. Congratulations to Miller, who received the use of a 2008 Hummer!

#### *Agreement Between the AISD and TCU on Guaranteed Admission to the TCU Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences*

Dr. Marcelo Cavazos, associate superintendent for curriculum, introduced Dr. Paulette Burns and Dr. Donna Tillie from the TCU Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences. The AISD and TCU have teamed up to strengthen the area's future nursing professionals. Qualifying AISD students are now guaranteed admission status to TCU and the Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences. For more information regarding the program details and requirements, contact Career and Technical Education at 682-867-7400.

### Superintendent's Report

Dr. Bernd shared that the district is applying for the **District Awards for Teacher Excellence** grant for the 2008-2009 school year. The purpose of this program is to provide incentive awards for teachers, principals and other school staff who improve student achievement.

A committee of teachers and principals will develop the plan used to award funds to teachers and other staff. This committee will hold a public meeting Monday, Dec. 17 at 6 p.m. in the AISD board room to present ideas and garner feedback. For more information, visit the AISD Web site, where you can view a PowerPoint presentation explaining more about the DATE program.

In addition, Dr. Bernd shared that **National Semiconductor** has received a **Texas Association of Partners in Education Crystal Award** in the category of Texas Large Business Partnership in a large school district. This is a tremendous honor for the company in recognition of its investment in the children of our district and our community. Company representatives will be honored at the Texas Association of Partners in Education Awards Banquet January 29 in Austin. Congratulations to National Semiconductor.



## Action Items

*The board approved the following:*

- **Anthony Stewart** as director of auxiliary personnel. Stewart joins the AISD from the Fort Worth ISD, where he started in 1997, and held the posts of ombudsman/recruiter, employee relations administrator, transportation manager and most recently energy education manager. Stewart earned a bachelor's degree from Oregon State University and a master's degree from Texas Woman's University.
- **Resolution** to cast the AISD Board of Trustees votes for Harold Patterson for the Tarrant County Appraisal District Board of Directors.
- **Campus performance objectives.** Each year the district plan and the campus plans are developed, reviewed and revised for the purpose of improving student performance for all student populations. The improvement plans are available for review on the AISD Web site at [www.aisd.net/pdf/cip/yr07-08](http://www.aisd.net/pdf/cip/yr07-08).



## Discussion Items

- Shana Nix, assistant superintendent for personnel, shared the calendar committee's recommendation for the **2008-2009 school calendar**. In addition, she introduced committee members in attendance. The recommended draft calendar has school starting Aug. 25, 2008, and ending June 3, 2009. Winter break would be Dec. 22, 2008 - Jan. 2, 2009, and spring break would be March 16 - 20, 2009. The recommended draft calendar will be available on the AISD Web site, [www.aisd.net](http://www.aisd.net), for review.
- **TASB Policy Service Localized Policy Update 81** was presented for discussion by Heather Castillo, attorney. Administrators were asked to review the legal and local policies in TASB Policy Service's Localized Policy Update 81 and to revise any local policies as necessary. The legal policies presented require no action and will be added to the Board Policy Manual.