



President Peter Baron convened the meeting with Bowie Hogg, Gloria Peña, John Hibbs, Tony Pompa, Jamie Sullins and Jerry McCullough present.

Presentations

- **Safety and Security Audit Update** – Assistant Superintendent Jimmy Walker and Security Manager Keith Surley presented the audit update. The audit was conducted by AISD staff over a period of three years. The audit found that the AISD has developed close relationships with local emergency services, the communication and response from maintenance personnel is excellent, there is a commitment to campus safety from staff, good community involvement and a detailed and comprehensive Crisis Procedures Manual outlining emergency procedures. The committee recommends that the district encourages a locked classroom practice for all campuses, explore the feasibility of numbering exterior doors and temporary buildings, consider the feasibility of implementing software capable of running background check on campus visitors, consider equipping classrooms with go kits for emergency situations, encourage the use of ID badges, consider the placement of AED units in more general areas other than just the clinic setting and review and update the District Crisis Manual, Crisis Plan and Emergency Operations Plan.

Open Forum/Agenda Items

- **Mike Irwin** spoke about an elementary school fencing renovation project that is part of the consent agenda.

Action Item

The Board approved the following:

- **Official delegates to the TASB 2011 Delegate Assembly** – Peter Baron was named delegate and Aaron Reich was named the alternate.

Discussion

- **2011-2012 Budget** – Associate Superintendent Cindy Powell presented an overview of the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. This year's budget will begin Sept. 1, 2011 and end 10 months later in June 30, 2012. Subsequent budgets will start July 1. The 10-month proposed budget for the General Fund has a \$39.6 million surplus. The surplus from the short budget transition year will increase the fund balance to \$114.8 million. The budget highlights presented are based on a 12-month budget cycle to facilitate on-going annual analyses. The 2011 certified property values are up by .45 percent from last year's certified total. The proposed General Fund budget has a surplus of close to \$8 million. The surplus is due to the increase in property values, the loss of less state aid than originally projected and the reduction of the surplus pool of teachers from 65 to 37.5 positions. A total of \$20.9 million has been reduced from the budget. Reductions totaling \$23.7 million were announced earlier this year. However, \$2.8 million has been added back to the budget. Part of the funds added back, \$1.9 million, is to fund the 37.5 surplus teachers who could not be placed into other open teaching positions. The remaining \$900,000 are for 16 positions that were recently added to the budget to support the schools rated academically unacceptable. This year's proposed budget is \$424.6 million.

- **Board Policy Update** – This item was moved to the August 18 agenda at the request of Superintendent McCullough.

- **2010-2011 Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills results** – Director of Accountability and Testing Dr. Wally Carter provided the Board with an overview of this year's TAKS scores and ratings. AISD students performed at the Recognized or Exemplary level in reading, writing, math and social studies overall. Students met or exceeded the state standard on 93 percent of the 135 measures tested.

A number of accountability standards changed in 2011. The standard to be named an academically acceptable school was raised 5 percent in both math and science. The state also required the inclusion of all special education scores and tested new content in science. Other new requirements include a higher standard for commended students and the English Language Learner Progress Measure. In addition, the state no longer uses the Texas Projection Measure, which gauged indicators of future student progress. With these changes factored in, the AISD is rated academically acceptable for the 2011-2012 school year. Two schools received the Exemplary rating, while 22 schools received the Recognized rating. Thirty-nine schools are rated Academically Acceptable and five schools – Lamar and Sam Houston high schools, Shackelford Junior High, and Morton and Roquemore elementaries – are rated Academically Unacceptable.

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Marcelo Cavazos presented the steps the district plans to take to improve the

performance of Academically Unacceptable campuses. These campuses will continue to work to identify students that need additional support and to provide them with the tools they need to succeed by teaching them in a way that helps them realize their full potential. District curriculum staff will provide campus-wide trainings, and additional professional development will be required of teachers. Principals will continue to be held accountable for their school's performance and will receive additional training.

This is the last year for TAKS testing. Next year, the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness will replace TAKS. While designed to test students' knowledge and skills in a deeper way, STAAR will continue to be based on the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills. STAAR tests, which test grades 3 through 11, will be more rigorous than the TAKS test and measure college readiness. STAAR includes 12 end-of-course assessments at the high school level. We will continue to prepare all of our students for this new assessment system.



Discussion/Action Item

- **Proposed Tax Rate for 2011-2012 Fiscal Year** – The Texas Education Code requires school districts to publish a Notice of Public Meeting to discuss budget and proposed tax rate at least 10, but no more than 30 days, before a meeting is held for the purpose of adopting a budget for the succeeding year. The proposed tax rate includes a 2.95 cent decrease in the overall property tax to \$1.3055 due to a decrease in the debt service that can be achieved because the district will qualify for \$5.2 million in state facilities assistance in 2011-2012. The district's lower property values divided by its higher student counts reduce the district's per-student property wealth to a level that qualifies for facilities assistance.



School Board's Report

- **Gloria Peña** attended the TASB retreat.
- **Peter Baron** attended all three of State Representative Diane Patrick's education forums.