

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

Action Item

The Board approved the following:

- **Termination of the contract for Terri B. Smith**
- **Discharge of the contract of Robert Thomas**

Discussion/Action Item

• **Consider District and Campus Performance Goals and Objectives** – The discussion on this item was postponed and will be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

• **Consider STAAR End of Course implementation** – Deputy Superintendent Dr. Marcelo Cavazos presented information on the implementation of EOC exams. The EOC Board Policy must dedicate that exam scores must count as 15 percent of the final course grade and a student is permitted to retake an EOC exam for any reason at any scheduled testing. Option 1 dictates if a student retakes an EOC exam the district will include the retake score as 15 percent of the final course grade only if the retake score allows a student to gain credit for the course. After a student earns credit for the course, subsequent retakes will not be included in the calculation of the final course grade. Option 2 spells out that if a student retakes an EOC exam, the district will not include the retake score in the final grade calculation for the course. Option 3 could be a combination of other considerations. Additional information and recommendations will be issued at a future date for class rank. The calculation of grades with the EOC exam scores shall be in accordance with the district's grading guidelines. In special education a student's ARD committee shall determine the type of assessment to be administered and how the score on an EOC exam will be used for final course grades, credit decisions and grade graduation requirements.

Discussion

• **Impact of Senate Bill 100 on school board elections and terms** – Associate Superintendent Cindy Powell presented information on Senate Bill 100. This legislation implements the provisions of the federal Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act, which requires elections administrators to mail ballots to eligible voters 45 days prior to the election date. To comply with the MOVE Act, the Texas primary run-off has been moved to the fourth Tuesday of May. The later primary run-off date conflicts with the May general election date with local entities, and will make it difficult for the Tarrant County Elections Administration to administer local entity elections on the general election dates. SB 100 offers the opportunity for school board to adjust their office terms to address the impact of the new primary run-off date.

Open Forum for Non-Agenda Items

• **UEA Representative Larry Shaw** spoke on health insurance funding and asked the district to consider restoring its funding contributions.

• **Dave McElwee** spoke on equal and fair representation in Arlington.

• **Luis Castillo** spoke regarding single member districts in Arlington.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent McCullough announced that the district is continuing the Computers for Kids project. This program allows district students without home access to data processing equipment to receive one of the surplus computers that the district is currently sending to salvage. These computers are cleaned up and re-imaged with new software for keyboarding and basic Internet access.

Arlington High School's Key Club, which is a Kiwanis International High School program, has approximately 300 students involved who participate in many events throughout the year such as food drives, clothing drives and supporting the troops. This is just another example of how our students give back to the community.

AISD is accepting applications for the 2011-2012 class of AISD Insider, a program designed to give a group of parents and community members an in-depth, behind the scenes look at the district. Once selected to the program, participants will learn more about district programs, services, and our current challenges and opportunities at monthly meetings. Application information is available online. The application deadline is tomorrow.



School Board's Report

- **Bowie Hogg** gave a Board Audit Committee update.
- **Dr. Aaron Reich** thanked everyone for their support in regards to the passing of his mother.
- **Gloria Peña** spoke regarding the Score a Goal in the Classroom event that honored one of the district's science teachers. She also attended the Boys and Girls Club banquet during lunch along with Tony Pompa and Superintendent McCullough.