



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

Program/Presentation

- **Amos Elementary, Exemplary School** - Superintendent Jerry McCullough introduced Rodney Rinn, principal of Amos Elementary and presented him a plaque to be hung in the building in honor of being named an Exemplary School. Rinn went on to introduce the teachers and staff of Amos, who were presented with a certificate for their achievement.

Open Forum/Agenda Items

- **David Wilbanks** spoke in opposition of the proposed change in the transfer policy.
- **Katrina Adams** spoke in opposition of the proposed change in the transfer policy. She believes the current transfer policy has been good and a draw for the district.
- **Steve Hennessee** spoke in opposition of the proposed change in the transfer policy and in support of the current system.
- **Carol Daley** spoke in opposition of the proposed change in the transfer policy.
- **James Haskell** spoke in opposition of the proposed change in the transfer policy.

Discussion/Action Items

- **Consider District and Campus Performance Objectives** – Deputy Superintendent Dr. Marcelo Cavazos presented the objectives. The district met 81 percent of its objectives. At the campus level, 71 percent of the objectives were met. The overall district goal is for the district and all schools to be Recognized or Exemplary. Dr. Cavazos gave an overview of the district's seven goals. The first goal is to develop and implement a system of academic interventions by implementing Response to Intervention consistently in each campus; implementing the Curriculum and Instruction Department Guiding Principles; and increasing the expectation, capacity and accountability to integrate technology and curriculum. The second goal is to reduce course/subject failure rates by developing and implementing a set of common research-based instructional strategies and identifying needs and providing instructional support through proactive collaboration. The third goal is to develop subject area vertical alignment by revising vertical alignment documents and local assessments with teacher input; providing vertical alignment training for teachers, principals and assistant principals; and implementing a vertically aligned curriculum in all campuses. The fourth goal is to engage parents and the community in the education process by implementing phase I of the It Starts With Me! marketing plan; maintaining an open budget process; and engaging key community stakeholders through meetings and communication. The fifth goal is to prevent campus violence and ensure appropriate methods of interventions by establishing student behavior interventions as part of the district's RTI process; ensuring all new teachers and department personnel receive CARES (Cultural Awareness and Respect Equals Success) training; and developing CARES II training that focuses on student classroom activities/lessons. The sixth goal is to reduce the annual dropout rate and improve the completion rate of all students by expanding non-traditional credit accrual opportunities for students; providing completion rate forecasts for principals and campus staff; and planning and leading community dropout recovery efforts. The seventh goal is to maintain compliance with state and federal programs by ensuring all campuses meet the requirements of state intervention programs; ensuring Title I principals and staff maintain compliance with Title I Schoolwide Program requirements; providing grant management training for grant managers; and ensuring all teachers and paraprofessionals are Highly Qualified. The district and campus goals and objectives were approved by the Board.

- **Student Transfer Policy and Procedure Changes for 2010-2011 Including Verification of Residency** – Assistant Superintendent of Administration Jimmy Walker presented information on revising the student transfer policy. Walker presented several options including making no changes to the current policy, not allowing anyone on the parking lot of administration building until the day of registration and an online process with a lottery system where the number of applications exceeds the number of spaces available in the applicant's school of choice. The administration recommend opening secondary schools to out-of-district transfers and that out-of-district transfers be granted if the student has 95 percent attendance, has passing grades in all classes and has passed all TAKS tests. All out-of-district transfers will be allowed to renew by paying the transfer fee if they meet the above criteria. The administration recommended charging students of

non-AISD employees only the standard transfer fee of \$100 that is charged to in-district students and students of AISD employees. Assistant Superintendent of Technology Steven Harvey presented information on students providing proof of residency and recommended that starting in 2011-2012 each student be required to provide proof of residency. The Board approved leaving the transfer policy as is with the addition of a reasonable fee to cover costs incurred by the district for the parents that choose to camp out. Those parents whose children qualify for free and reduced lunch can apply for a waiver of the fee. The fee will be set at a later date. The Board also approved opening secondary schools to out-of-district transfers and requiring out-of-district transfer students to have 95 percent attendance, have passing grades in all classes and have passed all TAKS tests. The Board approved requiring all students to provide proof of residency for the 2011-2012 school year.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Jerry McCullough began by announcing that the district is continuing the Computers for Kids project this year. 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. Usually about 300 machines a year are given to students, but there's a potential for many more to be distributed. Tarrant County College recently donated a number of machines to the district to be distributed through this program.

Martin High School freshman Marcus M. recently received the Builders Club Contest Leadership Award, which was presented by the Kiwanis Club. Marcus received this national honor for his work with the Young Junior High Builders Club, a service organization whose members made blankets for Scottish Rite Hospital, created trick-or-treat bags for kids at battered women shelters and made Easter baskets for the elderly.

Thornton Elementary teacher Lauren Parker was one of 16 teachers from seven countries chosen to attend the Honeywell Educators @ Space Academy, an advanced astronaut training program designed to help teachers move beyond the standard math and science curriculum. Workshops, robotics activities, mock missions, jet simulations, scenario-based space missions, and water and land survival training were all a part of an eight-day adventure taking place at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center and Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala., and the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

The AISD is accepting applications for the 2010-2011 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.

School Board's Report

- **Gloria Peña** attended the new principal reception at Percy Elementary and expressed the gratitude teachers conveyed for getting a raise. As a member of the TASB member services committee, she helped interview candidates for Superintendent of the Year. The candidates were narrowed to five, and the winner will be announced later this year. She also attended the *Arlington Citizen-Journal* reception.

- **Peter Baron** attended new principal receptions for principals at Bryant, Ellis, Goodman and Percy elementaries.
- **Bowie Hogg** said that the Score A Goal in the Classroom Back to School Rally collected 31,000 pencils, 4,000 backpacks and numerous other school supplies. More than 40 churches were involved. The technology department presented its strategic plan to the Board committee overseeing technology.

- **Wayne Ogle** went to visit Lamar High School and Turning Point Junior High. He had a great pastors' luncheon this past week. Ogle went to a public meeting where he saw Congressman Joe Barton. His thoughts and prayers are with the family of Kyle Lewis from Ashworth Elementary.