



Boardroom Notes

January 10, 2008

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.

Open Forum/Agenda Items

- **Polly Walton**, UEA, recognized the board in honor of School Board Appreciation Month. Walton thanked board members for all of their time and commitment to the AISD. A \$50 donation was made to the AISD Education Foundation and the AWARE Foundation in the name of each board member as a token of appreciation
- **Marianne Varner**, teacher, shared with the board her concerns regarding the 2008-2009 school calendar. Varner said that it was difficult for students to take final exams after the winter break. She went on to say that some seniors would be taking their last high school finals after their first day of college.

Superintendent's Report

Congratulations to our **Bowie HS** football team for advancing to Region I semifinal competition. The Volunteers defeated Flower Mound Marcus 35-7 in Class V, Division I playoffs at Texas Stadium. This is the most successful season in Bowie football history; congratulations to **Coach Kenny Perry** and his team!

Congratulations to **Justin Gardner** from **Barnett JH** and **Brenna Hill**, from **Bailey JH**, who each won a \$500 cash award from The Neighborhood Guy Foundation. The Foundation was formed to honor young people for outstanding contributions to their families, neighbors, schools, churches and community. Both students were selected on the basis of their work ethic, grades and community involvement. They each received a framed certificate of appreciation and the cash award. Thank you to The Neighborhood Guy Foundation for recognizing these students and others like them.

The AISD has once again received certificates of excellence from the **Government Finance Officers Association** and the **Association of School Business Officials**. Each award represents the highest standards of accountability and disclosure with respect to our financial reporting practices. Dr. Bernd presented **Cindy Powell**, executive director of finance, with the awards, thanking her for the hard work everyone involved in the finance office puts forth on behalf of the AISD.

Dr. Bernd invited **Veronica V. Sopher**, director of public information, to come forward for a short presentation for School Board Recognition Month. **Richard Longgrear**, principal of Larson Elementary, and art teacher, **Tim Baldwin**, introduced art students from Larson Elementary who created colorful and vibrant kites for each board member. The kites were presented along with certificates of thanks. **Linh Nguyen**, visual arts coordinator, was also on hand for the presentation.

Action Items

The board approved the following:

- **Rescheduling** of the Feb. 7, 2008, board meeting to Feb. 4, 2008.
- **Fiscal year 2006-2007 independent audit.** The audit showed the ending fund balance for fiscal year 2007 at \$97 million. The state's optimum fund balance is \$36 million.
- **2008-2009 district calendar** - The entire calendar is available for download on the AISD Web site, www.aisd.net. Following are highlights of the calendar:

First day of school	Aug. 25, 2008
Winter break	Dec. 22, 2008 - Jan. 2, 2009
Spring break	March 16 - 20, 2009
Last day of school	June 3, 2009
- **Update 81 Local policies and revised policy FMH (Local).**



School Board Members' Reports

Each board member thanked Dr. Bernd for his years of service to the district and wished him well as he begins his new career as a law school student. Tonight's meeting was Dr. Bernd's last meeting as superintendent. He leaves the AISD after ten years of leadership.

*Thank you, Dr. Bernd, for your leadership,
passion and commitment to the AISD.
You will be missed!*