



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

## Presentation

- **2011-2012 Budget Reduction Plan** – With the devastating reductions expected in state foundation and grant funding next year, the AISD will need to make deep budgetary reductions in all areas. The district faces a possible \$48 million shortfall. Superintendent McCullough announced \$15.3 million in reductions for the 2011-2012 school year. In addition to these planned reductions, there are other reductions being considered for the future. Information about these possible reductions can be found at [aisd.net/budget](http://aisd.net/budget).

## Public Hearing

### *Academic Excellence Indicator System*

Dr. Wally Carter, accountability and testing director, presented the 2009-2010 AEIS report. The report provides comprehensive information about student performance, demographics and financial information. The AEIS information for the school district and each individual campus is available on the Texas Education Agency website.

## Open Forum/Agenda Items

- **Bridgett Davis** spoke about her concerns regarding the district's budget reductions. She stated that she will be traveling to Austin to speak with Gov. Rick Perry to let him know that we oppose the proposed budget cuts to public education.
- **Melody Soroka** spoke about her concerns regarding the district's budget reductions. She encouraged teachers and the community to stand up and voice their concerns over these cuts.
- **Kay Gustaitis** spoke about her concerns regarding the district's budget reductions and how they are personally impacting her and her family.
- **Barbara Reed** spoke about her concerns regarding the district's budget reductions. She is making plans to go to Austin and garner more parent support.
- **Larry Shaw** spoke about his concerns regarding the district's budget reductions and how the cuts being proposed by Austin will negatively impact the district. He encouraged both the state and the AISD to use their fund balances to help close the budget gap.

## Action Items

*The Board approved the following:*

- **Policy for Half-Day Students in Olympic-Level Training** – Deputy Superintendent Dr. Marcelo Cavazos presented a change to policy FEB (Local) for a Special Category III Off-Campus Physical Education program that allows students who participate in Olympic-level training to enroll in the district as half-day students.
- **Consider Order of Trustee Election** – The general election will fill three-year terms for places six and seven on the Board of Trustees. The three-year terms for these two places end in May 2010. This election will be held jointly with the four municipalities that lie within the boundaries of the district – Arlington, Dalworthington Gardens, the Tarrant County portion of Grand Prairie and Pantego. Candidates may start filing Monday, Feb. 14. The deadline for filing is 5 p.m. Monday, March 14. The deadline for write-in candidates is 5 p.m. Monday, March 21. The last day for a candidate to withdraw is 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 22.
- **Consider Identification of Schools Closed to Transfers for 2011-2012 School Year** – Assistant Superintendent Jimmy Walker presented the information about schools closed to transfers. Each year in March, parents have the opportunity to transfer their child to another school if space is available. All new transfers will be placed on a waiting list and will not be processed until mid- to late-June or until it is determined what the AISD staffing needs will be. If a school isn't open to transfers or the grade level is closed, a waiting list will be established in the event an opening becomes available. The campuses closed to transfers due to the projected enrollment exceeding the capacity of the buildings are Arlington, Bowie, Lamar and Martin high schools; Barnett Junior High; and Atherton, Crouch, Ellis, Farrell, Johns, Larson, Morton, Starrett, Thornton, West and Williams elementaries. Parents will be allowed to camp out beginning Monday, Feb. 21 at 8 a.m. and will be charged a \$50 fee.

- **Appoint Member to the Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee** – Trustee Jamie Sullins made a motion to appoint Beth Crymes to the committee.



## Discussion/Action Items

- **Consider Revisions to Board Policy DFF (Local) Termination of Employment Reduction in Force** – The Board moved this item to closed session to meet with legal counsel.
- **Consider Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar Changes** – The Board added an additional meeting in March, on March 31.
- **Consider Audit Committee Budget Recommendations** – Board Vice President Peter Baron announced that the Board will significantly reduce travel expenses by attending the Summer Leadership Institute in Fort Worth instead of San Antonio.



## Open Forum/Non-Agenda Items

- **David McElwee**, spoke in favor of giving district staff the ability to carry concealed weapons.



## School Board's Report

- **Gloria Peña** co-hosted a townhall meeting at Sam Houston with Councilmember Robert Rivera. She is very proud of the efforts being made at that school to instill school pride and involve the community.
- **Bowie Hogg** recently visited Austin as part of Team Arlington along with Superintendent McCullough and Trustee Jamie Sullins. All members of Team Arlington are very aware of the importance of public education. He also mentioned he will be supporting a community event organized by Bowie High School students from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday.