

President Jim Ash convened the meeting
Michael Glaspie, Mike O'Donnell, Wayne Ogle, Gloria Peña,
Erich Ramsey, Sherri Wade and Hector Montenegro present.

Program/Presentation

J. Woodrow Counts Scholarship Presentation

On behalf of the Counts family, Dr. Richard Greene, presented the 2007-2008 Woodrow Counts scholarships. A committee from each high school selects a finalist from its respective campus and submits the selection for consideration. Applicants are considered based on extracurricular activities/leadership skills, grade average/SAT or ACT scores, school and community recommendations and a written essay.

The 2007-2008 scholarship winners are **Samantha Dixon, Seguin HS** and **Tiffany Chen, Arlington HS**.

Food and Nutrition Services Presentation

Jackie Anderson, Director of Food Services, gave the board an overview of operations and budget of the Food and Nutrition Services department. She shared that approximately 53,000 meals are served daily at our campuses. The department is an enterprise fund that is financially self-sufficient and received no funds from the district in which to operate. They have a \$24 million budget, and receive funds from federal dollars, commodity assistance and sales. In addition to serving breakfast and lunch, the food services department serves 244,558 meals during the summer at 43 sites. For more information on food services, please visit the AISD Web site - www.aisd.net.

Open Forum/Agenda Items

- **Lori Rule**, TSTA, addressed the board and asked that the board remain competitive with area districts on salaries. She also shared that at the recent convention, TSTA passed a resolution to work with TASB on finding a solution to school funding problems. Rule also asked the board to call a tax roll back election, and pledged that TSTA would support the district in the election.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Montenegro congratulated one of our National Merit Scholars: **Shashwat Udit, Martin HS**. He will receive a \$2,500 scholarship from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. All of our twenty-one AISD National Merit, National Hispanic and National Achievement Scholars were inducted into the 2008 Wall of Fame earlier this year.

Lauren Florence, Young JH, received honorable mention in the Aspiring Young Journalist Award competition, sponsored by the Journalism Education Association. Montenegro congratulated her and her adviser **Anna Barrett**. This award acknowledges the work of junior high students and encourages them to continue with journalistic studies in high school.

Jasmine Johnson, Lamar HS, is on her way to the national ACT-SO competition in Orlando in July. She placed first in instrumental classical music at the local competition. Montenegro also congratulated our second place winners: **Danielle Martin, Lamar HS**, in dance and **Kerbi Smith, Arlington HS**, in dramatics. James Rose, director of student affairs, was also thanked for sponsoring the competition.

Thornton ES fourth-grade teacher **Jeanette McGee** is now a published author! The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics published her article about her students' discoveries regarding problem solving in a special Science Mystery Camp.

Two students received one thousand dollar scholarships from the Arlington Board of Realtors. **Stephen Garman, Martin HS**, and **Thomas Weng, Sam Houston HS** received their awards at a luncheon last week.

The Ready, Set, Teach program has its first graduate to return to the AISD to join the ranks of our amazing teachers. **Aaron Bolter** received a letter of commitment when he graduated from Lamar HS and now that he's completed his bachelor's degree, he is back in the AISD — this time as a teacher. This is a fantastic program where we can "grow our own" educators!



Action Items

The board approved the following:

- **Thomas Cyprian** as assistant principal of Martin HS. He joins the AISD from Duncanville ISD. He previously taught history at Duncanville HS, where he was named Teacher of the Year. Cyprian was later promoted to Instructional Administrator, his most recent post.
- **Appointment of the Financial Futures Committee** - this agenda was tabled, and will be brought up at a future board meeting.



Discussion Items

Student Code of Conduct

Malcolm Turner, Executive Director of Student Services, introduced the 2007-2008 Student Code of Conduct committee and shared some of the recommendations to be considered for the upcoming school year. They included:

- Banning energy drinks; and
- Considering standardized dress policy instead of a uniform dress policy.

Board members asked questions of the committee and each had an opportunity to share their opinions and concerns regarding energy drinks and standardized dress. You can view the board meeting in its entirety on AISD-eTV, www.aisdnet.

Proposed Plan to Consolidate Administrative Offices

This item was tabled, and will be brought up at a future board meeting.



Open Forum/Non-Agenda Items

- **Eric McKeever**, UEA, introduced himself to the board and shared that he is an orchestra teacher here in the AISD. He went on to thank the board for the financial support to the arts.
- **Louise Vermillion**, diagnostician, shared with the board her concerns and those of her colleagues on the salary differential in the current salary schedule.
- **Michael DuPont**, school psychiatrist, addressed the board on salaries and he too shared information regarding salary differential in the current salary schedule.
- **Larry Shaw**, UEA, spoke about teacher salaries and recommend that the board consider exploring funding sources to allow for employee raises.