



President Mike O'Donnell convened the meeting with Jim Ash, Bowie Hogg, Wayne Ogle, Gloria Peña, Dr. Aaron Reich and Jerry McCullough present.

Open Forum/Agenda Items

- **Polly Walton**, UEA, discussed salaries and contributions to employee health care. She stated that UEA supported a 2.8 percent pay raise for all other employees not included in the state's mandate (teachers, nurses, counselors, librarians and speech pathologist). In addition, Walton asked the Board to take the FFC's recommendation to not do away with the \$120 district contribution to employee health care coverage.

- **Dennis Killy** addressed the Board and referenced a letter he had sent them previously. He went on to say that he was against the mandated pay raise and was against any pay raise for any group. In addition, he commented on his perception that the FFC was spoon-fed by the administration.

Appointments

The board approved the following:

- **Jacquelyn McClendon** as principal at Foster Elementary. McClendon started her teaching career in 1991 as a first-grade teacher at Bill Elliott Elementary in the Fort Worth ISD and was promoted to counselor in 1996. She came to the AISD in 2000 as an assistant principal at Shackelford Junior High. McClendon has also served as assistant principal at Pope Elementary and Carter Junior High. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Arlington and a master's degree from Texas A&M University-Commerce.

- **Jina Hopp** as assistant principal at Corey Elementary. She started her teaching career at Sam Houston High School in 1998 and has held that position since, teaching biology and Exit Level TAKS Science preparation. Hopp holds a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University and a master's degree from the University of Texas at Arlington.

- **Lisa Van Gemert** as assistant principal at Martin High School. She has taught English at Lamar High School since she began her teaching career in 2003. Van Gemert holds a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from the University of Texas at Arlington.

- **Jennifer Solis-Anderson** as assistant principal at Newcomer Center. She has served as a bilingual/ESL consultant at the Region 10 Education Service Center since 2007. Prior to that, she was a bilingual teacher and instructional specialist in the Irving ISD for five years. Solis-Anderson holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Dallas-Irving and a master's degree from Texas Woman's University.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. McCullough reported that accountability ratings were announced by the TEA last Friday, and the number of AISD campuses earning an Exemplary or Recognized rating more than doubled over the previous year. In fact, 56 percent of AISD schools that are eligible for an accountability rating are Exemplary or Recognized. Earlier today, the TEA released preliminary Adequate Yearly Progress results. The AISD and 96 percent of the campuses will meet AYP standards for 2009. That means that 67 campuses will meet AYP this year, compared to 54 campuses in 2008. McCullough was excited about the gains made! He went on to say that there are always opportunities for improvement, and that there is a plan in place to continue the focus on instruction.

Texas State Representative Diane Patrick collaborated with Art/Journalism Coordinator Linh Nguyen to hold an art exhibition at the State Capitol again this summer. The show included student artwork representing each elementary school and was on exhibit in early June. Students and their families were honored at a Capitol reception. Rep. Patrick is hosting another reception at her district office on Aug. 20 from 4 to 6 p.m.

Tomorrow, McCullough will present the State of the District address during the Arlington Chamber luncheon at the Professional Development Center. He will discuss some of the achievements from this past year and the goals for the year to come. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., with the luncheon from 12 to 1:30 p.m. McCullough encouraged everyone to attend.



Discussion Items

• **2009 Bond Advisory Committee Report** - In March 2009 the Board appointed a committee of citizens to assess the district's capital needs and to advise the Board on all issues relating to the possible calling of a future bond election for the AISD. A total of 22 committee meetings have been held since April 22. The committee studied capital needs in the areas of technology, transportation, fine arts and facilities. Craig Forester, committee spokesperson, shared with the Board the details of the committee's recommendations. Following is a summary:

Transportation recommendation	\$13,313,092	Approved by committee:	20 Yes	1 No	2 Abstain
Fine Arts recommendation	\$ 8,270,364	Approved by committee:	17 Yes	5 No	1 Abstain
Technology recommendation	\$60,036,000	Approved by committee:	20 Yes	1 No	1 Abstain
Facilities - Core Needs recommendation	\$46,111,409	Approved by committee:	21 Yes	0 No	0 Abstain
Facilities & Site Upgrades recommendation	\$ 9,514,658	Approved by committee:	22 Yes	0 No	0 Abstain
Facilities - Science Lab recommendation	\$13,500,000	Approved by committee:	21 Yes	1 No	0 Abstain
Facilities - New Construction recommendation	\$46,750,000	Approved by committee:	22 Yes	0 No	0 Abstain

The total recommendation for capital outlay needs through 2015 is \$197,495,523.

• **Revisions to the Graduation Requirements** - Dr. Cavazos, deputy superintendent, presented to the Board the new graduation requirements as outlined in House Bill 3 passed during the 81st legislative session. The changes to the graduation requirements take effect September 1, 2009. The revisions are as follows:

- Students in the Recommended High School Program are no longer required to complete a half credit in health education or one credit in technology applications and are now required to complete one credit in physical education rather than one and a half credits.
- Students on the Minimum High School Program must complete one fine arts credit.
- Students on the Distinguished Achievement Program have no changes to their course requirements.

The administration recommended that the district continue the current AISD graduation requirements for all students for the 2009-2010 school year. In addition, the administration recommends that a graduation requirements review committee be established in order to determine appropriate implementation of HB 3.

• **2009-2010 Proposed Budget** - Associate Superintendent of Finance Cindy Powell presented the 2009-2010 proposed budget. Following are highlights of the presentation:

- The preliminary budget presented depicts an \$11.6 million operating deficit.
- Property tax revenues are based on the current M&O rate of \$1.04. (An increase in the M&O rate must be approved by voters in a rollback election.)
- State aid is computed using new finance provisions authorized by the 81st legislature in HB 3646.
- Projected enrollment is 63,416, which is 371 higher than the 2008-2009 enrollment of 63,045.
- The budget includes \$6.6 million for the salary increase mandated by HB 3646 for teachers, counselors, librarians, nurses and speech pathologists
- The budget does not include a salary increase for other employees.
- The high school allotment program budget has been incorporated into the general fund budget, as directed by HB 3646.
 - Revenues and expenditures each total \$4,285,398.
 - High school allotment is part of the state aid calculation.
- Optimum Fund Balance on Aug. 31, 2008 was \$48,492,570.
- Optimum Fund Balance on Aug. 31, 2009 will be approximately \$41 million.
- Cost of salary increase for employees not subject to the salary increase mandated by HB 3646:
 - 1 percent salary increase \$ 811,301
 - 2 percent salary increase \$ 1,622,602
 - 2.8 percent salary increase \$ 2,271,643

The Board asked questions and for clarification from Powell. The Board will vote on the budget later this month. The entire board meeting can be viewed on AISD-TV Time Warner Channel 98 and www.aisd.net.



Action Items

The board approved the following:

- **Tax Rate for 2009-2010 Fiscal Year** - The rate was not adjusted from the 2008-2009 tax rate.