

Boardroom Notes

September 6, 2007

President Jim Ash convened the meeting with Michael Gaspie, Mike O'Donnell, Wayne Ogle, Gloria Peña, Erich Ramsey, Sherri Wade and Dr. Mac Bernd present.

Public Hearing

School First - State Financial Accountability Rating

Cindy Powell reported that the AISD has once again received a superior achievement rating through the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas, indicating that the district has been a responsible steward of its resources. Dr. Bernd thanked everyone involved in achieving this honor, and recognized the prudent and forward-thinking leadership of our school board that makes such an achievement possible.

Program/Presentation

City of Arlington 4th of July Parade

Chuck Thomas and the maintenance department presented the trophy awarded to the AISD for the 2007 float to Dr. Bernd as a token for his support of the program. The board thanked the maintenance department for all of their hard work and dedication to the students and families of the AISD.

Superintendent's Report

The 2006-2007 editions of the **Arlington HS** literary magazine, *In the Margins*, won a gold medal from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association in New York. For the first time, the group received "All Columbian Honors" in each of the three judged categories and will now advance to the next competition, the Crown Awards. Dr. Bernd congratulated sponsor **Ginger Haag**, along with all students who took part in this project.

The mariachi band from **Sam Houston HS** has been busy racking up honors this summer – the group placed fourth in the state at a recent School Jam Battle of the Bands in Austin. The group is also featured on the cover of this month's edition of *Southwestern Musician* magazine. Dr. Bernd congratulated sponsor **Marta Ocampo** and all the students involved in this group.

Ashworth Elementary has been named part of the **Texas Business and Education Coalition Honor Roll** for the second year in a row, an honor bestowed on less than five percent of the state's public schools. Honor Roll schools have the highest percentage of students performing at the state's commended standard in every subject. Dr. Bernd congratulated principal **Lynn Allen** and her hard-working staff for this achievement.

Congratulations to the **Shackelford JH** symphony orchestra for being invited to Chicago to perform at the Midwest Clinic in December. The bands and orchestras selected this year represent 32 states and three foreign countries. Of the 160 entries, only 37 groups were selected, and we're so proud of the Shackelford group for being chosen. Congratulations and good luck to directors **Kathy Patterson** and **Jennifer Parkhurst**, along with their students.

Dr. Bernd and the board of trustees then recognized **State Representative Paula Hightower Pierson** for her efforts to support the students, staff and families of the AISD.

Action Items

The board approved the following:

- **Adoption of Board Policy FNA (Local)** - The policy, commonly referred to as the *Religious Viewpoints Antidiscrimination Act* will be made available on our Board Policy section on the AISD Web site.

