



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



Program/Presentation

- **Farrell Elementary, Exemplary School** - Superintendent Jerry McCullough introduced Jeanne Curtis, principal of Farrell Elementary and presented her a plaque to be hung in the building in honor of being named an Exemplary School. Curtis went on to introduce the teachers and staff of Farrell, who were presented with a certificate for their achievement.



Open Forum/Agenda Items

- **Richard Weber** addressed the Board regarding his opposition to the district's contract with the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. He said that he didn't feel that the contract was a good use of district funds.
- **Dennis Killy** said that he too was opposed to the district continuing the Arlington Chamber of Commerce contract.



Appointments

The Board approved the following:

- **Jeannie Holland** as assistant principal at Hutcheson Junior High. She has served as an instructional facilitator at Ferguson Junior High since 2007. Holland holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Arlington and a master's degree from Texas Tech University.



Superintendent's Report

Advanced Placement examination results from the 2008-2009 school year have been released. AISD students showed improvement in 12 out of 22 year-to-year comparisons. Results on three exams showed double-digit percentage increases. In addition, there were major increases in the number of students taking the AP exams in English Language and Composition, Spanish Language, U.S. History, World History, and Statistics.

This year we continued our **Computers to Kids** project. This program allows district students without home access to data-processing equipment to receive one of the surplus computers that the district is currently sending to salvage. These computers are cleaned up and re-imaged with new software for keyboarding and basic Internet access. There are more than 100 machines being delivered to schools for students and families.

Each year, the **Botanical Research Institute of Texas** honors educators for their commitment to excellence in science teaching. Last month, Goodman Elementary science lab teacher Carrie Donovan received the 2009 Wendy Owsley Garrett Science Teacher Award along with a \$1,000 honorarium. She often takes her students outdoors to observe nature in the Outdoor Learning Environment.



Action Items

The Board approved the following:

- **District and campus performance goals and objectives** - Each school year the district plan and the campus plans are developed, reviewed and revised for the purpose of improving student performance for all student populations. The improvement plans are available for review on the district Web site, www.aisd.net/pdf/cip/yr09-10.



Discussion Items

- **Renewal of contract with the Arlington Chamber of Commerce** - Arlington Chamber of Commerce CEO Wes Jurey presented information to the Board regarding the current chamber contract and reviewed the deliverables as outlined by the contract.

- **Citizens Finance Review Committee Structure and Process** - The 2009-2010 Citizens Advisory board subcommittee has met and has issued the following charge:

- Analyze, prioritize and recommend to the Board changes to the 2009-2010 and future 2010-2011 Arlington ISD operating budgets to reduce costs, increase efficiencies or generate additional revenue including grants but

- does not include A.) special funds created by the Board for on-time revenue and B.) sale of real property.
- Analyze, prioritize and recommend to the Board changes to AISD programs to reduce costs, increase efficiencies and generate revenue including grants excluding specific changes that would violate federal, state or local law or regulations.
 - Gather external and internal data on issues relating to public education, including school finance and accountability, to understand how those issues affect AISD's operating budgets.
 - Conduct on-site campus and facility visitations as necessary in a nondisruptive manner.
 - Establish and organize sub-committees, as appropriate, to research and analyze issues in greater detail.
 - Provide information and recommendations to the 2010-2011 Financial Futures Committee, as appropriate, regarding changes that due to timing or other reasons cannot be implemented in the 2009-2010 operating budget.



Open Forum/Non-Agenda Items

The following people addressed the board regarding the topics listed. You can view their comments on AISD-TV, www.aisd.net/aisdtv.

- **Luis Castillo** - Single-member districts
- **Christina Dowis** - AISD diagnosticians
- **Terry Meza** - Stay-in-school effort and LULAC
- **Silk Littlejohn** - Presidential speeches
- **John Jenkins** - Presidential speeches
- **Lorraine Levine** - Presidential speeches
- **Brenda Koegler** - Presidential speeches
- **Kathy Green** - Presidential speeches
- **Maria Alvear** - Presidential speeches
- **Cheryl Smith** - Presidential speeches
- **Harriet Irby** - Presidential speeches
- **Alisa Simmons** - Presidential speeches
- **Bridgett Davis** - Presidential speeches
- **Dr. Barbara Chiarello** - Presidential speeches
- **Cheryl Taylor-West** - Presidential speeches