



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

- **Moore Elementary, Exemplary School** - Superintendent Jerry McCullough introduced Vivian Johnson, principal of Moore Elementary, and presented her a plaque to be hung in the building in honor of being named an Exemplary School. Johnson went on to introduce the teachers and staff of Moore, who were presented with a certificate for their achievement.
- **U.S. Census Bureau Resolution** - The Board introduced Jennifer Pope, with the U.S. Census, and read a partner resolution supporting the U.S. Census 2010.
- **Introduction of Newly Elected DIDC Committee Members** - Several of the District Instructional Decision-Making committee members were in attendance and were introduced to the Board and to the community.
- **Response to Intervention Update** - AISD Deputy Superintendent Dr. Marcelo Cavazos presented information regarding the district's Response to Intervention update. RTI is the practice of providing high quality instruction/intervention matched to student needs and monitoring learning rate over time and level of performance in order to make good instructional decisions.

## Public Hearing

### ***Schools First - State Financial Accountability Rating***

Tony Drollinger, executive director of finance, 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. The board thanked everyone involved in achieving this honor and recognized the prudent and forward-thinking leadership that makes such an achievement possible.

## Superintendent's Report

AISD students received free hearing aids through the **So the World May Hear** program sponsored by Starkey Hearing Aids, Jones Hearing Center audiologists and Bass Hall. The hearing aids donated by Starkey can cost \$3,000, so this event made an impact on the students involved. McCullough thanked everyone in the audiology department for their work at this wonderful event.

**Lesley Cano**, librarian at Remynse Elementary, received a \$4,790 grant from Dollar General Stores Back-to-School Grant for School Libraries. The Remynse library was one of 34 school libraries in Texas chosen to receive the grant. The grant will be used to purchase Playaways, which are audio books on a device similar to an MP3 player, and the matching books so students can read along as they listen. The Playaways and books will benefit students in the bilingual and ESL classrooms at Remynse.

Bowie High School AVID students **Wendy C.** and **Betty M.** completed an internship this summer with MHMR of Tarrant County through the Texas A&M Health Disparities Academy. Due to their hard work and dedication, Dr. Mary Shaw, director of the Center for the Study of Health Disparities, selected Wendy and Betty to attend the American Public Health Association Exposition in November held in Philadelphia. The students will work with Dr. Shaw to present the research findings from the summer internship.

**Rankin Elementary** is celebrating a milestone. Tomorrow they will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary beginning at 5 p.m. The ceremony will include students placing contributions in a time capsule and a style show of Rankin shirts throughout the years. After the formal ceremony, festivities will continue with the annual math carnival.

October is National Arts and Humanities Month. The arts and humanities contribute a great deal to our society, and through classes in the AISD's acclaimed visual arts and fine arts programs, students are opened to new ideas and means of expression. The skills they learn in visual arts and fine arts carry over to fields like math and science and prepare our students to compete on the national and international stage. McCullough thanked Visual Arts Coordinator **Linh Nguyen** and Fine Arts Director **Bill Huff** for their work with these programs.



## School Board Members' Report

Various board members reported their participation in campus, district and community activities. The Board also took time to recognize and honor the former Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent **Norma Guthrie**, who recently resigned to start her own accounting business.



## Action Items

*The board approved the following:*

- **Consider Adoption of a Charge to the 2009-2010 Citizens Advisory Committee; Appointment of the 2009-2010 Citizens Advisory Committee; and Appointment of a Facilitator(s)** - The Board approved a charge to the committee and appointed committee members and the committee facilitator.
- **Consider and take appropriate action on formulation of policies, directives and recommendations to administration relating to (1) procedures for reporting and investigating claims of sexual harassment, sexual abuse and bullying, (2) communications with parents, and (3) appropriate use of district technology** - The Board took appropriate action.