

President Gloria Peña convened the meeting with Peter Baron, Bowie Hogg, Dr. Aaron D. Reich, Wayne Ogle, Jamie Sullins and Jerry McCullough present.

Program/Presentation

- **Butler Elementary, Exemplary School** – Superintendent Jerry McCullough introduced Sara Coulter, principal of Butler Elementary and presented her a plaque to be hung in the building in honor of being named an Exemplary School. Coulter went on to introduce the teachers and staff of Butler, who were presented with a certificate for their achievement.
- **Bayard H. Friedman Hero Award** – Ernie Horn with Score a Goal in the Classroom and Trent Dowd, assistant principal at Bailey Junior High, presented Bailey teacher Kathryn Powers with the Bayard H. Friedman Hero Award. Powers was selected for this award from more than 2,000 first-year teachers from around the metroplex. Laura Patton with Chesapeake presented Powers with a \$1,000 gift.
- **Introduce Newly Elected District Instructional Decision-Making Committee Members** – Deputy Superintendent Marcelo Cavazos presented the committee that reviews the district's educational plans and professional development. It consists of AISD staff and community members and focuses on the instructional needs of the district. Committee members include Lavetta Johnson, Bailey JH; James Cagle, Barnett JH; Kathy Hitt, Lamar HS; Jeannie Bailon Peel, Nichols JH; Royce Swayne, Young JH; Catherine Van Slyke, Sam Houston HS; Chad Strother, Carter JH; Patti Belknap, Johns ES; Shanda Shoop, Seguin HS; Geoffrey Grisson, Ferguson JH; Wendy Britton, Beckham ES; Steve Paulsen, Blanton ES; Pam Durall, Venture HS; Jennifer Boyle, Bowie HS; Merry Flatbush, Shackelford JH; and Traci S. Bolding, Moore ES.

Discussion Items

- **Curriculum Central Update** – Deputy Superintendent Marcelo presented features of Curriculum Central. The AISD's vertically-aligned curriculum is located in the Curriculum Central portal. This curriculum is from pre-K to 12th grade for English/language arts, mathematics, social studies and science areas. Curriculum staff and teachers developed the curriculum documents. This curriculum is the foundation of professional development in the district for these subject areas.
- **TASB School Finance Plan** – Associate Superintendent Cindy Powell presented the plan's highlights. The objectives of the plan are to simplify the system, increase revenue for all districts and reduce the funding gaps among districts. The board of directors of the Texas Association of School Boards unanimously approved a proposed new school finance plan. TASB will present the plan to the Texas state legislature for possible consideration in the 82nd legislative session.
- **Arlington High School Cafeteria Expansion Project** – Associate Superintendent Cindy Powell and Executive Director of Plant Services Bob Carlisle presented information on the possibility of expanding the project to include additional classroom space to increase the capacity of the school. The 2009 bond program includes funds to enlarge the Arlington High cafeteria and kitchen and to replace five classrooms that were converted into new science labs.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Jerry McCullough began by announcing that Goodman Elementary kindergarten teacher Michelle Rice is one of 1,100 recipients awarded with more than \$1,000 in school supplies by Office Max and Adopt-a-Classroom. The program is called A Day Made Better, and the winners were nominated for being outstanding teachers.

Last Friday, McCullough was at Seguin High School for their homecoming pep rally to kickoff a perfect attendance incentive program for high school students. Beginning Monday, Oct. 18, students could be entered into a drawing for a 2011 BMW once for every six weeks of perfect attendance. More information about the program is available [online](#). In addition to that program for students, there is also a perfect attendance program for teachers. Teachers with perfect attendance will have an opportunity to enter a drawing at the end of the school year to win a trip for two to San Diego in June or July 2011. McCullough thanked Score a Goal in the Classroom and Moritz BMW of Arlington for sponsoring these programs.

Seguin High School senior Octavia Tate has been selected by ESPN for the Rise Above Student Athlete Award. She, along with a student from the Dallas and Fort Worth ISDs, will be recognized Monday during a luncheon at Cowboys Stadium and will receive tickets to the Cowboys-Giants game Monday night.

This week is National School Bus Safety Week. McCullough recognized the hard work and dedication of AISD school transportation personnel, especially the many school bus drivers who ensure a safe journey each and every day.

Transportation personnel play a very important role in the education of our students. McCullough thanked them for their commitment.

Sam Houston High School is participating in a SLANT 45 service-learning project. They are collecting new or gently used luggage to donate to area foster care placement agencies for children who are removed from their homes by Child Protective Services. They are accepting donations from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at their Homecoming football game and from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the PDC on Saturday, Oct. 23. Students from Atherton Elementary will also be helping with this project.

Next Monday from 4 to 8 p.m., State Rep. Diane Patrick is hosting the Fourth Annual Education Policy Summit on the UTA campus in the Bluebonnet Ballroom and Rosebud Theatre. Speakers include UTA President Jim Spaniolo, TCC SE President Judith Carrier, AVID Executive Director Jim Nelson and McCullough. Teachers will be able to visit with other educators about the transition of students from pre-K through post-graduate education during breakout sessions.

McCullough announced Jennifer Duplessis as the new energy manager. Duplessis comes to the AISD from Chevron where she served as business development manager and was responsible for developing K-12 energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in Texas. She is an adjunct instructor at Tarrant County College, teaching business math, business principles and transition to college success. She is also a faculty member for the University of Phoenix online, teaching critical thinking. Prior to working at Chevron, Duplessis worked for TAC Americas as a sales team leader.



School Board's Report

- **Gloria Peña** had the opportunity to go to Hale Elementary to speak to third graders for Hispanic Heritage Month.
- **Peter Baron** represented the Board at some Recognized campus celebrations at Gunn and Barnett junior highs and Bowie High School. He also attended the Butler Elementary 35th anniversary event Saturday and the United Hispanic Council of Tarrant County where Mr. McCullough was recognized with the Amigo Award.