



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

## Program/Presentation

### *Calendar Kids Recognition*

Veronica Sopher, public information, welcomed Steve Jacob, *Star-Telegram*, and thanked him for sponsoring the **AISD annual wall calendar**. In addition, student artists featured in the calendar were presented framed calendar pages of their art. The art is proudly displayed throughout the AISD administration building and in various businesses in the community. Additional copies of the calendar are available in the public information office. Sopher thanked all of the talented and committed **art teachers** who foster the love of art in our students.

## Appointments

### *The board approved the following:*

- **Debbie Williams** as executive director of elementary instruction. Williams started her teaching career as a third-grade teacher in the Bryan ISD in the spring of 1978 and moved to the second-grade team that fall. She came to the AISD in 1979 as a fourth-grade teacher at Key Elementary, a position she held until 1982. For eight years, she served as private tutor for kindergarten through 10th grade students. In 1990, Williams returned to Key as a first-grade teacher and then moved to the first-grade team at Duff Elementary in 1992. In 1993, she became a fourth-grade teacher at Key and was promoted to sixth-grade team leader in 1994. She was named assistant principal at Dunn Elementary in 1997. Williams has served as the principal at Dunn since 2000. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas and a master's degree from the University of Texas at Arlington.

Williams previously served on the AISD Safety Committee and is currently a member of the Elementary Advanced Academics Committee. She is a School Administrators Skills Assessment appraiser with Region XI. Her professional organizations include the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association, which she serves as a member of the Standing Membership, Marketing and PR Committee.

## Open Forum/Agenda Items

- The following speakers addressed the board to express their support for Jerry McCullough for the position of superintendent of Arlington Independent School District and thanked the Board for the decision not to embark on a national search: Marjoray Wilemon; Beverly Reynolds; Albert Ross; Dan Fernandez; Mel LeBlanc; Candice Dowd; Bob Anderson; John DeMore; Michelle Shelton; Ray Biery; Dottie Williams; Sarah Knotts; Dr. Jerry Hilton; Jeanne Paull-Turner; Lauri Rule; Kate Ross; Martha O'Brien; Ryall and Jane Tune; Beth Ricles representing Sam Houston High School Cluster principals; Melinda Reeves representing Martin High School Cluster principals; Melinda Nelson; Pam Dawson; Donna Bell; Jodi Peoples; Jeff Provence representing Lamar High School Cluster principals; Lisa Strickland representing Seguin High School Cluster principals; Steve Buechele; Linda Wylie; Tracy Hauswirth; Jennifer Young representing Arlington High School Cluster principals; Michael Bishop; John Hibbs; Michelle Wilmoth-Senato representing Bowie High School Cluster principals David Joeckel representing Arlington High School booster clubs, choir, athletics, orchestra and drill team; Clyde Godfrey; Ernie Horn; Ed Farmer representing AISD High School principals; John Forbes; Kevin Chin; Michael Becknal; John Hughes; Betty Williams; and Tillie Burgin.

Terry Meza addressed the board on the 2009-2010 district calendar and urged them to add Cesar Chavez Day as a holiday.

President Ash read the names of the following people who submitted comments but did not wish to speak: Linda Huse, Jimmy Womack, Lori Decker, Winston Pendley, Terry Rogers, Suzie Swan, Beverly Behgam, Mary Helen Burnett, Cindy Bond, Jim Wren, Barbara A. Reed, Vernon Cox, James Knapp, Nora Knapp, Jeanine Johnson, Eddie Kight, Debbi Chumchal, Brenda Murphy, Denise White, Deryl L. Wingate, Tracie Martin, J.M. Turner, Rita Lynch, Colleen Martin, Tina Baze, Steve Baze, Melinda Bunch, Zane Gossett, Gerald Bunch, Diane Hickey, Donna Whittington, Angie Reinhardt, Dr. Clay E. Ellis, Elizabeth Pendley, Christie Harris, Ronda Sherrill, Jeannetta Cremer, Barbara Davis, Camilla Carter, Leah Atkins, Mervyn L."Buddy" Bridges, Cynthia Bridges and Carlwayne Cau Nguyen.



## Superintendent's Report

The Arlington HS and Martin HS orchestras have been selected as finalists in this year's **Texas Music Educators Association Honor Orchestra** competition. Congratulations Linda Keefer and Michael Stringer!

Seven teachers from Johns ES completed the 32-mile **Tour de Cure** at Texas Motor Speedway and raised more than \$1,400 for the **American Diabetes Association**. Team Johns included Tim Black, Randy Williams, Ashley Hamilton, Leanna Andrews, Laurie Doss, Jackie Rutledge and Angela Moberly.

Webb ES fifth-grade teacher Sally Greathouse was recently honored by **Wal-Mart** with the **Outstanding Teacher Award**. Greathouse was selected based on an anonymous student essay, which said, "She is the best teacher in the world. When I could not come to school, she would give me rides to school, so without her, I would not have passed." Greathouse is a fine example of the outstanding quality of teachers we have in the AISD.

Students throughout the district participated in **Red Ribbon Week**, which encourages students to say no to drugs. In addition to wearing red ribbons, many campuses had special spirit days to encourage students to stay drug free. At Foster ES, students participated in "Who Wants to be a Winner?", a game where students answered questions about drug awareness. Morton ES students gathered on the basketball court to perform a "stay drug free" cheer.

Teachers across the district incorporated the **presidential election** into their lesson plans by discussing democracy and the freedoms and rights of the American people. A simple online ballot was created to give students the opportunity to participate in their own election. You can view the voting results and campus breakdowns on our Web site, [www.aisd.net](http://www.aisd.net). Thank you to Elsa Scott, social studies coordinator; and Bruce Barrs, Webmaster; for developing the program.

The special education department held **Fall Parents' Night** yesterday. The event featured a welcome, dinner and three breakout sessions. Parents of students with disabilities received information on working with their students over the winter break and on behavior management strategies for the home.

Last Saturday was the **Success in School Summit** focusing on dropout prevention programs and initiatives. There was encouraging dialogue among participants on home support, early childhood, bullying, drugs and alcohol, and language barriers. It was exciting to see community members and district staff participate in this collaborative effort. Thank you to Linda Rodgers, Jim Wren and all the AISD staff who helped make the summit a success.

Carla Winslow's bilingual classes at Crouch ES won a **contest sponsored by Albertsons and Movin' 107.5 FM**. The students, along with their parents, attended a Dallas Cowboys' home game and a tailgate party. Congratulations Ms. Winslow!



## Action Items

- **Consider 2009-2010 school year calendar** - The Board took no action and will repost the item on a future meeting agenda for consideration.
- **Consider appointment of bond committee and approval of a charge to the committee** - The Board took no action and agreed to revisit the item at a future meeting.