

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

Public Hearing

2009-2010 Budget and Proposed Tax Rate

- **Polly Walton**, UEA, addressed the Board and shared her concerns regarding the master's degree stipends. She said that if the stipend is eliminated we would lose quality teachers to other districts. She also had concerns about the \$10 contribution to employee insurance, which would be a \$120 yearly reduction in benefits.
- **Linda Patterson**, UEA, addressed the Board and said that she works closely with district employees. UEA encouraged the Board to approve a pay increase for all other AISD staff who were not included in the state mandated pay increase for teachers, nurses, librarians, counselors and speech pathologists.
- **Larry Shaw**, UEA, discussed the budget and highlighted areas where there is an increase in the revenue projections. He shared that he has concerns about Mrs. Peña not being in attendance to vote for the budget. Shaw also said that all district employees should receive a raise.
- **Richard McNeil** spoke to the Board and said that he is concerned about coaches' stipends. He was deployed to the Middle East and just recently returned. He said that the coaches at Seguin High School were very influential in his son's life while he was away. McNeil asked that the Board consider not eliminating coaches' stipends.
- **Dennis Killy** spoke to the Board and referred to his thoughts that were previously sent to the Board. He doesn't support a bond election. Killy asked the Board to consider all the expenses in the proposed 2009-2010 budget.

Appointments

- The appointment for the assistant principal at Gunn Junior High was removed from the agenda.

Superintendent's Report

McCullough began by reporting on Convocation. More than 6,000 teachers and staff attended this exciting event. It really got this school year off to a terrific start and was a wonderful opportunity to recognize last year's Teachers of the Year, AWARE Award of Excellence nominees and winners, and Education Foundation grant recipients. He also shared that the wonderful student speakers brought a powerful message. The video is available online in the AISD-TV Video Gallery.

Last year Future Business Leaders of America started a new contest called Go Green FBLA. Seguin High School's FBLA and Environmental Club worked together to complete the tasks required for the contest. Seguin won the national award for the Mountain/Plains Region. Graduate Daynell E. was the driving force for the groups. She attended the FBLA National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, Calif. earlier this summer to receive the award. Great work!

Our teachers and staff are ready for the students to report for the first day of school Monday morning. We are all excited about the possibilities this new year brings!

Discussion/Action Items

- **2009-2010 Budget** - The Board discussed the proposed budget and asked many questions regarding various issues and items included in the proposed budget. There was no motion to take action on the budget.

Action Items

The board approved the following:

- **Ordinance #129 setting the 2009 tax rate** - No action was taken. The budget must be approved before the tax rate can be set.
- **Consider designation of official delegates to the TASB 2009 Delegate Assembly** - Mike O'Donnell was designated as the official voting delegate, and Peter Baron was designated as the alternate delegate.
- **Consider approval of term, probationary and grant contracts** - Contracts approved included probationary administrative/professional contracts for the 2009-2010 school year and one- and two-year term contracts for those administrative/professional staff who are for the first time eligible to receive a term contract and those whose two-year contract has expired.



Discussion Items

- **District and campus performance objectives** - Postponed until next week.
- **Possible future bond election** - Postponed until next week.