



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

- **Ashworth Elementary, Exemplary School** - Superintendent Jerry McCullough introduced Rhonda Greer, principal of Ashworth Elementary, and presented her a plaque to be hung in the building in honor of being named an Exemplary school. Greer went on to introduce the teachers and staff of Ashworth, who were presented with a certificate for their achievement.
- **AISD Partnership with the Arlington Public Library** - Roger DeFrang, chair of the Arlington Public Library Advisory Board, gave an update regarding recent campaigns to promote library cards among students. Last year the GoCard campaign was focused on elementary students; 72 percent of the 17,344 registrants were AISD students. This year the MYCard campaign is focused on secondary students. Since Sept. 1, 3,500 MYCards have been issued. The Arlington Public Library is currently working with the AISD to expand LibraryLink sites and literacy programs.

Open Forum/Agenda Items

- The following speakers from Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott addressed the Board regarding the delinquent tax collection contract: **Lynn Stavinoha, Charles Brady, David Fielder, Megan Daevenport** and **Debbie Edwards**. They asked the Board to consider the administration's recommendation to use a different firm for delinquent tax collection. They shared with the Board that the law firm is a local, tax-paying business whose employees give to the district both professionally and personally.
- **Lisann Peters** also addressed the board regarding the delinquent tax collection contract. She shared that Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott is a valuable corporate citizen that is generous with donations of both money and time.
- **Sherry Cartusciello**, AWARE Foundation, encouraged the Board to consider intangibles such as local employees who care about the district when they consider the delinquent tax collection contract.
- **Steve Dixon** addressed the Board regarding the 2010-2011 school calendar. As a veteran, he encouraged the Board to consider adding Veterans Day as a holiday before elevating another day to that status.
- **Richard J. Gonzales** encouraged the Board to vote in favor of the 2010-2011 school calendar containing the César Chávez holiday. He noted that Chávez represented millions of workers who were worthy of respect.

Superintendent's Report

McCullough began by announcing that Crow Elementary will be celebrating a milestone this Saturday. They will be celebrating their 50th anniversary with a family carnival beginning at 9:30 a.m. The carnival will include food from many cultures, games, entertainment and prizes. After the carnival, festivities will continue with a special ceremony at noon.

Earlier today, McCullough attended a session at the Texas Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance annual convention, which was led by Duff Elementary physical education teacher Kathie Shaffer. Her group of third-grade students performed routines to disco music. They were one of only three student groups from the state performing at a session.

Moore Elementary students participated in a special tree-planting ceremony this morning. In conjunction with NBA Cares, the Arlington parks and recreation department is leading a citywide effort to plant 2,010 trees over the course of 100 days leading up to the NBA All-Star game at Cowboys Stadium this February. Moore was the sight of the first tree-planting ceremony for this program.

Martin High School journalism and literary magazine students won 11 individual awards at the Texas Association of Journalism Educators Fall Fiesta Annual Convention. *The Coup* literary magazine received Best of Show. The students came in second place in the overall sweepstakes competition. Three students also won awards in write-off contests at the Journalism Education Association and National Scholastic Press Association Fall Convention in Washington, D.C. Congratulations to the students and their adviser, Linda Altoonian!

Martin ended their playoff run last week after advancing farther than ever before in school history, but football teams from Arlington and Bowie advanced and will face tough competition Friday night in the regional finals. Arlington will take on Trinity at Pennington Field, and Bowie will play an undefeated Abilene at UTA's Maverick Stadium.

McCullough invited Hutcheson Junior High Principal David Tapia and Hutcheson AVID Coordinator Karen Kwast to the podium for a special presentation. Out of approximately 4,000 AVID schools throughout the country, Hutcheson is one of only 119 to be named an AVID National Demonstration School. They received a renewal of their three-year designation for being an exemplary model of the program and demonstrating the very best AVID methodologies and strategies. Congratulations to everyone at Hutcheson involved in this accomplishment! McCullough and O'Donnell presented a certificate sent by AVID to mark this outstanding designation.

The AISD has once again received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association. This award is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. McCullough and O'Donnell presented a plaque to Executive Director of Finance Tony Drollinger and thanked him for the hard work he and everyone involved in the finance department puts forth on behalf of the AISD.



Action Items

The board approved the following:

- **School Calendar for 2010-2011** - The calendar as proposed failed by a vote of 2-5. A motion was made and seconded to remove the proposed César Chávez holiday on March 28 and reinstate the May holiday that has been on the calendar in the past and to use the May 2 holiday as the second inclement weather makeup day rather than the proposed May 30 makeup day. This motion passed by a vote of 4-3. The entire calendar will be available for download on the AISD Web site. Following are highlights of the calendar:

First day of school	Aug. 23, 2010
Winter break	Dec. 20 - 31, 2010
Spring break	March 14 - 18, 2011
Last day of school	June 2, 2011



Discussion Items

- **High School Scheduling Committee Report** - Deputy Superintendent Dr. Marcelo Cavazos, Executive Director of Secondary Instruction Karen Hill and committee spokesperson Kathi Dailey presented the report from the High School Scheduling Committee. In November 2008, presentations regarding possible changes in secondary schedules were made to the Board as part of the budget discussion. At that time, the Board decided to keep the A/B block schedule with an increased staffing divisor. The 30-member high school scheduling committee began meeting in January 2009 to further examine other scheduling options by conducting site visits to other districts, garnering input from principals, exploring budget implications and developing mock schedules. The committee focused on the 4/3 model, which would give teachers a 90-minute conference period every other day, and the hybrid model, which is a compilation of traditional and block scheduling. After reviewing each of those models and their pros and cons, the committee recommended that the AISD continue to implement the increased staffing divisor with the current block scheduling.

- **Consider Appointing a Citizens Committee to Oversee the AISD 2009 Bond Program and a Charge to the Committee** - This item was pulled from the agenda and will be placed on the Dec. 17 agenda.