

**AISD DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**Summary of Regular Meeting**  
**November 17, 2009**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Member Attendance**

(See attached list)

**Others in Attendance**

Sheila Anderson, AISD, Professional Development

Nicole Conley-Abram, AISD, Finance

Joey Crumley, AISD, Planning and Community Relations

Dr. Janis Guerrero, AISD, Planning and Community Relations

**PROCEEDINGS**

**Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. in the Library of LBJ High School.

**Approval of Minutes**

- The minutes of the October 20, 2009 regular meeting were approved.

**Citizens Communications**

- There were no citizens communications.

**TEA Waiver Request**

- Sheila Anderson, Director of Professional Development, presented a TEA waiver request that would decrease the number of instructional days to allow for more professional development days. She pointed out that similar waivers had been requested in previous years.
- The DAC moved to support the waiver request, but expressed a desire to revisit this issue sufficiently in advance in the future.

**2010-2011 Budget**

- Nicole Conley-Abram, Chief Financial Officer, stated that the district's new strategic plan was nearing completion, and that budgetary items would align with the plan.
- Ms. Conley-Abram summarized funding categories and sources of revenue. She stated that the general economic climate was having a negative effect on the district, and that voters would not likely support another tax increase at this time. She pointed out that non-attendance was a significant area of revenue loss. She added that federal stimulus monies would go away after 2012.
- Ms. Conley-Abram explained that the preliminary budget would go to the Board in February, but approval was not expected until August, leaving ample time for consideration and continued opportunities for stakeholder input.

**DAC Discussion**

- Members broke out into three smaller groups to discuss budget recommendations for 2010-2011. Each group considered the following questions:
  - What areas should the district consider for budget reductions?
  - What options do you recommend for the district to generate revenue?
  - What programs should the district spend money on?
- Notes from each discussion group are attached.

**Adjourn**

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

## **DAC BUDGET DISCUSSION**

### **Notes from Breakout Groups**

#### **What areas should the district consider for budget reductions?**

##### **GROUP 1**

- No increase in class size
- Facilities (portables, available land)
- Top heavy with administrators (central office)
- 4-day workweek during the summer
- Vacation time (last week of June, first week of July)
- Bus routes and bus services
- Program Evaluation
- Parent involvement
- Attendance tracking

##### **GROUP 2**

- Institute for Learning (IFL)
- Account for Learning (AFL)
- Any external consulting
- Redistribution of staffing ratio
- Increase employee contribution for health care
- Office of Redesign – is there really a need?
- Consolidate or repurpose schools with low enrollments
- Realignment/boundary issues
- Decrease number of planning periods for middle and high school
- Reevaluate success of Parent Support Specialists
- Strategic compensation
- Reassess nursing services from Seton – can we do this differently?
- Reassess all programs/initiatives for effectiveness
- Readdress counselor duties – could be a clerical position for some of them

##### **GROUP 3**

- Eliminate some redundant 6-figure positions at central office
- Hold positions at central office accountable; quarterly scorecard for personnel at central office
- Every staff position has to connect to improving student achievement
- Too many benchmark tests
- Implementation and effectiveness of benchmark tests and consistency across the district
- Too much testing a kindergarten across the district; takes up too much time and costs money
- Look at transportation; scrutinize busing
- Reduce or cut out food at school and district meetings
- Opposed to \$50 staff contribution to health care
- Increase class size in middle and high schools
- Decrease class size in elementary schools
- Before consolidating low-enrollment schools, must look at boundary lines
- Issues of school choice: low enrollment, and costs of letting students go to any school

## **What options do you recommend for the district to generate revenue?**

### **GROUP 1**

- Advertising on schools buses
- Surplus property and equipment
- Use of facilities (summer camps, etc.)
- City of Austin to set aside funds for events (SXSW, ACL, etc.) to go to education
- Art auctions
- Tuition (in other school districts wanting to come to AISD)
- Health care changes

### **GROUP 2**

- Sell property not being utilized
- Attract other students from other district where there is open space
- Advertising on school buses
- Increase rental rates for facility use
- Reassess tardy/attendance – realign the way of counting students present
- Seek out private insurance reimbursements for Special Education services

### **GROUP 3**

- Possibility of selling surplus property, but not land for possible school construction
- Property tax increases – possible, but not for this year

## **What programs or areas should the district spend money on?**

### **GROUP 1**

- Dropout prevention and recovery
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade class sizes
- AU schools
- Library resources (books, books on tape)
- Investment in teachers (AISD Reach)
- PBS

### **GROUP 2**

- Effective programs/services for ELLs
- Create a specialized/magnet campus approach district-wide
- National Board Certification
- Utilize funds targeted to students in need (Special Education, Bilingual, etc.)
- Focused professional development at the right time
- Summer school for primary students (SOAR)

### **GROUP 3**

- Increase in libraries funding
- Every school should have a social worker and professional counselor
- Each campus needs to have tech support
- Vo-tech high school to help reduce absenteeism and dropouts
- Tired of portables

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<b>AKINS VERTICAL TEAM</b>										
★Ramon DeJesus, Parent, Akins HS (7/1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Adolphus Anderson, Parent, Akins HS (4/1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Maria (Lupe) Ramos, Teacher, Perez ES (2/1)		✓	✓							
Jamie Heilingoetter, Teacher, Langford ES (1/2)										
<b>ANDERSON VERTICAL TEAM</b>										
Narda Fisher, Parent, Hill ES (1/2)		✓	✓		✓					
<b>Laura Tuma, Parent, Murchison MS (3/1)</b>	✓		✓	✓	✓					
Alicia Hill, Teacher, Doss ES (1/1)	✓	✓	✓		✓					
Kallie Jones, Teacher, Anderson HS (1/1)	✓		✓	✓	✓					
<b>AUSTIN VERTICAL TEAM</b>										
Michael Supancic, Parent, Austin HS (1/2)	✓		✓		✓					
Julie Ballard, Parent, Casis ES (1/1)					✓					
Douglas Rhodenbaugh, Teacher, Austin HS (4/1)		✓	✓							
Dounna Poth, Teacher, Patton ES (1/2)	✓									
<b>BOWIE VERTICAL TEAM</b>										
Doug Jansen Parent, Bailey MS (1/2)	✓			✓						
Donna Casteel, Parent, Bowie HS (2/2)										
<b>Vicki Everett, Teacher, Bailey MS (3/2)</b>		✓	✓	✓						
Pam Martin, Counselor, Clayton ES (1/2)			✓							
<b>CROCKETT VERTICAL TEAM</b>										
Julia Ragsdale, Parent, Joslin ES (1/1)	✓	✓	✓		✓					
Kevin Manzke, Parent, Cunningham ES (2/1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
<b>Linda Johnson, Teacher, Odom ES (3/2)</b>	✓	✓	✓		✓					
Beth Ann Cole, Teacher, Boone ES (1/1)	✓	✓		✓	✓					
<b>EASTSIDE MEMORIAL VERTICAL TEAM</b>										
Gideon Tsang, Parent, Ortega ES (1/1)				✓	✓					
<i>Vacancy, Parent</i>										
Sarah Robertson, Teacher, Metz ES (2/1)		✓		✓	✓					
Mary Alsobrook, Teacher, Allan ES (1/2)	✓		✓	✓						
<b>LANIER VERTICAL TEAM</b>										
Darin Mattke, Parent, McBee ES (1/2)										
<i>Vacancy, Parent</i>										
Sweeney, Teacher, Cook ES (1/1)		✓	✓	✓	✓					

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Paul Mitchell, Teacher, Lanier HS (1/1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
<b>LBJ VERTICAL TEAM</b>										
Betty Johnson, Parent, Pearce MS (2/1)	✓	✓		✓	✓					
Betty Williams, Parent, Garcia MS (1/1)	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Susan Levett, Teacher, Andrews ES (2/1)		✓		✓						
Jon David Saucedo, Teacher, Sims ES (2/2)	✓		✓							
<b>McCALLUM VERTICAL TEAM</b>										
<b>Varshna Narumanchi-Jackson, Parent, Lee ES (3/1)</b>										
Kathy Golden, Parent, McCallum HS (2/1)										
Frederick Bentley, Kealing MS (1/2)				✓	✓					
Mary Ghazinezhadiansh, Teacher, McCallum HS (2/2)				✓						
<b>REAGAN VERTICAL TEAM</b>										
Bernice Herrera, Parent, Graham ES (1/2)		✓		✓						
Anthony Mitchell, Walnut Creek ES (1/2)		✓	✓		✓					
Margaretta Simmons, Teacher, Graham ES (1/2)		✓	✓	✓	✓					
Kathy Ryan, Teacher, Hart ES (2/2)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
<b>TRAVIS VERTICAL TEAM</b>										
Chris Hoerster, Parent, Linder ES (1/1)	✓	✓	✓							
<b>Vickie Black, Parent, Fulmore MS (5/1)</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Carla Lantz, Teacher, Mendez MS (1/2)										
Sophia Sherline, Teacher, Travis HS (1/1)	✓									
<b>SPECIAL CAMPUSES VERTICAL TEAM</b>										
<b>Buddy Owen, Parent, LASA (6/1)</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓						
LaDonna Massad, Parent, LASA (2/1)	✓	✓	✓		✓					
Angela Hinz, Teacher, International HS (1/2)		✓	✓							
Martha Dolman, Teacher, ALC (2/2)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
<b>ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS</b>										
Linda Purvis, Baranoff ES (1/2)		✓	✓		✓					
Shannon Sellstrom, Dawson ES (2/1)	✓	✓	✓		✓					
<b>Janie Ruiz, Gullett ES (4/1)</b>	✓	✓	✓		✓					
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS</b>										
Sherry Lepine, Small MS (1/2)		✓	✓	✓	✓					
Lisa Bush, Fulmore MS (1/1)	✓	✓		✓	✓					

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<b>HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL</b>										
Julieanne Arreola, Akins HS (1/2)			✓							
<b>ACPTA REPRESENTATIVES</b>										
Pascual Piedfort (5/2)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Vacancy										
<b>COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES</b>										
Wayne Krause, Texas Civil Rights Project (2/2)	✓									
Jill Stimson (2/1)	✓		✓	✓	✓					
<b>BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE</b>										
Linda Klar, Klar Communications (3/2)	✓		✓							
<b>CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE</b>										
Earlynn Williams, Student Services (1/2)	✓		✓		✓					
<b>DISTRICT-LEVEL PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE</b>										
★ Jane Ross, PBS Specialist (5/2)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
<b>AT-LARGE MEMBERS</b>										
Alberto Gonzalez, Parent, LASA (4/2)		✓	✓		✓					
Dennis Petrash, Parent, Patton ES (2/2)	✓	✓								
Mollie Guion, Instructional Specialist, Martin MS (2/2)	✓	✓			✓					
<b>STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES</b>										
Mallory Catherine Bayer, LASA (1/2)		✓		✓						
Grant McClure, McCallum HS (1/2)		✓	✓	✓	✓					
<b>BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPRESENTATIVE</b>										
Lori Moya, District 6, Secretary										
<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE LIAISON</b>										
Gerard Jimenez			✓		✓					

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