

BOARD BRIEFS

A Summary of Actions of the Randolph Field ISD Board of Trustees

Meeting of Dec. 7, 2006

Board Accepts Superintendent's Resignation

The RFISD's Board of Trustees accepted the resignation of Supt. Dr. Barbara Maddox at her request, effective July 1, 2007. "I have mixed feelings, but I am looking forward to spending a great deal of time with my wonderful husband, my kids, and as many of you know, especially my three very special grandchildren," she said. Dr. Maddox has spent 23 years with the RFISD, 15 of which have been as superintendent.

VFW Honors Two RFISD Teachers

Two district teachers received awards for winning the local competition for the VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Awards competitions. Certificates and \$100 checks were presented to Randolph Elementary's music teacher Susan Smith and Randolph Secondary School history teacher Melody Burton. Smith has gone on to win district honors and is now challenging for the state VFW award.

Audit Report Approved

The 2005-2006 school district audit, prepared by Padgett, Stratemann and Co., L.L.P., Certified Public Accountants, was reviewed and approved by Trustees. The audit reflects that the RFISD has met all generally accepted accounting procedures in the preparation of its financial records and that there were no reportable instances. Also as part of the report auditors conducted a review of investment policies and have noted no instance of noncompliance with the Public Funds Investment Act.

Textbook Committee Is Appointed

Membership on the district's 2006-7 Textbook Committee has been approved by the Board. Middle school/high school members are Charlie Phillips, Stephen Andreas, Debbie Warner, Mike Kinsey, Jana Smith, Mike Haug, John Ince and Mike Miller. Administrative members are Dr. Barbara Maddox, Rita Polen and Susan Bendele. The courses that have textbooks for adoption are Mathematics for grades 6 to 12 and Advanced Placement Mathematics.

Renovation Projects Planned

Trustees began the procedure for two new renovation projects, one at Randolph Elementary and the second at on the secondary school campus. Approved at the meeting was utilization of the Job Order Contract method for the new work contract that will involve remodeling the secondary school Annex #2 building for an eighth grade classroom building and exterior renovations at the elementary school, including a covered play area, canopies, student drop off zone, sidewalk work

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and drainage improvements. Job Order contracts allow the district the opportunity to receive competitive pricing and flexibility for construction services. The new work will be paid for out of the district's capital projects fund.

TAKS Report Given

Board members were informed that all twelfth grade students who had not passed one or more sections of the Exit TAKS or were new to the district were administered the test in October. Three took the sections of the TAKS that they need to pass to complete the prerequisite for graduation and six were new to the state and took all four sections. Seven students took the English language arts portion and all passed; seven took the mathematics with six passing, and seven took the social studies with all passing. Eight students took the science and six passed.

Gold Performance Awards Received

The Board was informed that the RFISD and its schools have been awarded 18 Gold Performance Awards by the Texas Education Agency for high performance/improvements in areas critical to the success of students. The school district earned four Gold Awards, while Randolph High School earned six, Randolph Middle School, four, and Randolph Elementary, four. The district, elementary school and high school all received the Gold Awards for attendance, while the elementary, middle land high school all were commended for reading and writing. The elementary school also received awards for math and science, while the district, middle school and high school were commended for social studies. A comparable improvement award went to the high school for reading/ELA, and the high school and district received commendation for SAT/ACT results, the Texas Success Initiative – Math, and the recommended high school program.

Other Actions

In other actions Trustees:

- Conducted a public hearing on the 2005-6 Academic Excellence Indicator System report from the Texas Education Agency.
- Approved a one-year contract with Padgett, Stratemann & co., L.L.P. for audit services for the year ending Aug. 31, 2007 at an estimated cost of \$27,060 plus \$2,500 for SAS 99 compliance.
- Approved a membership renewal in the Independent Retainer Program offered by attorneys Walsh, Anderson, Brown, Schulze and Aldridge, P.C. at a cost of \$1,000. Through the program the district receives free telephone consultation, reduced rates for additional legal work, free subscription to firm publications, e-mail updates, and reduced rates on all Walsh Anderson inservices.
- Approved a contract with G&K Services Inc. for supplying uniform services for custodial, maintenance and transportation staff. Total estimated cost is \$10,000 a year.
- Approved a shared services arrangement with the North East ISD for the visually impaired and the deaf.

- Authorized disposal of salvage/surplus property on an individual basis and items remaining after the sale will be disposed of in a manner providing the best value for the district. An advertisement will be placed in the newspaper advising people of the sale.
- Approved teacher Jessica Crafton as a substitute administrator for Randolph Elementary School. She will be in charge when both Principal Karen Bessette and Vice Principal David Gibbs are away from the campus.

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