

# BOARD BRIEFS

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

Meeting of May 21, 2008

### **Employee Pay Hike Approved**

Board members voted approve the 2008-2009 school budget which will include a three percent at midpoint pay increase for all employees. In addition the district will continue to pay the local health supplemental of up to \$375 per month per eligible employee. There are currently 129 employees on the plan. The amounts paid replace the amounts reduced or eliminated four years ago by the state. The 2008-2009 general fund will require \$12.3 million. Adding food service and capital project costs the total anticipated expenditures are \$13.2 million. Revenue is projected at a 3.81% decrease from last year because of lower student count three years ago.

### **Retirees are Recognized**

The Board honored two RFISD employees who are retiring at the end of the current school year. They are Tess Gooden, fourth grade teacher at Randolph Elementary School, and Ricki Brady, educational diagnostician. Brady is a 25-year veteran in education, 12 of which have been at Randolph. Gooden is a 31-year veteran and all but one of those years has been in the RFISD.

### **Student Groups are Honored**

Trustees honored two student groups Wednesday evening. Members of the Randolph High School Lady Ro-Hawks track team were lauded for winning their third consecutive U.I.L. state track championship and the RHS Chamber Choir which also performed for the Board, was hailed for having won U.I.L. honors and two other championships.

### **Auditing Firm is Retained**

Trustees voted to extend a one-year contract to Padgett, Stratemann & Co., L.L.P., for audit services for the year ended Aug. 31, 2008. The firm is the current auditor and has been retained by the RFISD since 1992. The estimated cost of the new audit is \$34,000.

### **Track to be Resurfaced**

Trustees approved a \$50,535 contract with Vibrawhirl to resurface the track at the secondary campus. Resurfacing was last done in 1999 and over time the use of the track, along with weathering, wore down the cushioning capabilities of the track, thus increasing the potential of injury to the athletes and community using the track.

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## **New Phone System Authorized**

The Board voted to approve recommendations for a new district phone system, replacing the current system that has been in place for 12 year and has reached its useful life and is no longer supported by the manufacturer. A system offered by NACR as approved consisting of an Avaya hybrid VOiP and digital system and phones that will replace the current analog phones. The new technologies offered will be implemented as they are deemed necessary to serve the district.

## **Breakfast, Lunch Prices to Increase**

Breakfast and lunch prices in the RFISD will be increased during the 2008-2009 school year to help offset rising costs of commodities. At the elementary school, lunch will increase from the current \$1.75 to \$2.25 and breakfast will rise from the current \$1.00 to \$1.50. Milk/juice will increase from 35 cents to 50 cents. Reduced price lunches and breakfast costs will be determined later by the federal government. Adult costs at the elementary school will increase from \$2.75 to \$3.25 for lunches and from \$1.50 to \$2.00 for breakfast. A La Carte costs will also be raised from 15 cents to 50 cents. At the secondary school campus, lunches will increase from \$2.00 to \$2.50 while breakfast will rise from \$1.10 to \$1.60. Milk/juice will increase from 35 cents to 50 cents, and prices for reduced price lunches and breakfasts will be determined later by the federal government. Adult prices at the secondary school will increase from \$2.75 to \$3.25 for lunch and from \$1.50 to \$2.00 for breakfast. A La Carte prices will also rise from 25 cents to 50 cents.

## **Test Results Reviewed**

Board members reviewed student test scores that were taken recently. Third, fifth and eighth graders who failed to meet TAKS reading standard in February, who were absent or who were new to the district were tested in reading April 18 and all met the standards.

## **Grievance is Denied**

A Level III grievance by a parent concerning the district's transfer policy was heard by the Board which voted to deny the grievance and uphold the existing policy,

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