

BOARD REPORT

Randolph Field Independent School District

February 28, 2019

RFISD Swears in New Board Member and Reorganizes

Mr. Peter Duffy was appointed to the RFISD board of trustees in January. Mr. Duffy is a Ro-Hawk graduate and has children attending RFISD schools. The RFISD board is required to reorganize after each new appointment according to Board policy BDAA (legal), and voted unanimously to re-appoint Mr. Jimmy Cornelius as President, Mrs. Vanessa Bowden as Vice President, and Mr. William Morrison as Secretary. We welcome Mr. Duffy to a successful district and look forward to working with him.

2019-2020 School Calendar Approved

The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the 2019-2020 school calendar. The calendar development process includes feedback from campus personnel and the district wide improvement committee. Since the current year's calendar has received such positive feedback, we worked to keep the 2019-2020 calendar as closely aligned to this year's calendar as possible. We believe the school calendar provides for continued student success in RFISD.

New Ground Lease Approved

The Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the new ground lease between RFISD and the Department of Defense. This lease provides a new 25 year right to access for the RFISD schools to operate on JBSA Randolph at no cost to RFISD. We appreciate our relationship with the base and look forward to continuing our service together.

RFISD Board Supports Administrations Decision in Level 3 Transfer Appeal

The Board of Trustees voted 2-1 (*Cornelius and Duffy for; Bowden against; Luna and Morrison not present*) to uphold the campus and district level decisions to revoke an elementary student's transfer based on a serious violation of the student code of conduct. Board policy provides an opportunity for parents to appeal a transfer revocation decision at a level 3 hearing before the board, provided they have exhausted all informal and formal attempts at the administrative levels. Randolph Field ISD enjoys a large transfer student population that adds great value to our schools. However, Texas Education Code is clear that transfer students do not have a right to attend schools outside their designated attendance zones for which they live. The RFISD transfer policy and application exists to provide an opportunity for students to attend our schools who reside outside of our district boundary, while also preserving our tradition of excellence. The administration makes strong considerations when deciding to revoke a student's transfer, as it is not an easy decision. Due to the districts tradition of excellence, over 900 students annually transfer into our schools, and each grade level usually has a waiting list for students who cannot be accepted due to capacity reasons. Since the 2017 school year, the district has only revoked 5 other students' transfers. We appreciate the board's support and courage to uphold the decision made by the administration, as it shows unity in our district and gives us confidence when making these difficult decisions.

Other business as usual: Minutes approved, district finance report, TASB policy updates.

Next Board Meeting: March 21, 2019- 4:15 p.m.