

### **School Board approves salaries with contingency**

At a special meeting Monday, June 22 at 3:30, the SAISD School Board approved salaries for 2009-10 contingent on the US Dept. of Education (USDOE) ruling on Texas' use of stimulus funds for salaries. The average increase for teachers would be 4.9% with every teacher receiving at least \$2000. The administration had proposed an increase of 4% of the midpoint for all other positions, but the Alliance recommended that support personnel receive the same percentage increase as teachers. Board member Tom Lopez spoke out in support of the Alliance's recommendation and the full board approved the 4.9% of midpoint for support personnel.

If the USDOE rules that the state cannot mandate the use of the stimulus funds for salaries but allows the money to flow to districts without that mandate, SAISD administration stated at the Board meeting that they would still use the money for the salary increase. If the USDOE completely disallows use of the funds for salaries, then all Texas districts, including SAISD, would have to reconsider their salary increases.