

Comal Independent School District

Board Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2005

Dan Krueger called the meeting to order at 5:39 PM at Canyon Intermediate School. A quorum was present; notice of this meeting was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

Board Members Present: Dan Krueger, Charles Burt, Bill Swint, Laura Kistner, Frank Baker, *Donna Holmes
*Donna Holmes arrived at 5:41 PM

Board Members Absent: Rose Cervin

Student Representatives Present: None

Administrators Present: Marvin Crawford, Nancy Cobb, Victoria Pursch, Kari Hutchison, Guillermo Nieri, Peggy Fuller, Debra Smith, Joe Jones, Armando Maese, Roy Linnartz

Members of the Press: None

A. Report and Discuss Future Facility Options with Strategic Planning Committee and Professional Facility Planners

SPC members present: Randy Shelton, single member district (SMD) #5, Bob Wickman, SMD #4; Linda Potts, SMD #7; Melanie West, SMD #5; Kirk Kistner, SMD #1; Louise Golden, SMD #6; Charla Weiswurm, SMD #7; Barbie Gregory, SMD #4; Donna Meckel, SMD #4

Facility planners present: Kent Niemann and Michelle Dudley, Pfluger Associates; Tom Oehler, Frank Kelly and Sylvia Cancino, SHW Architects

Guests: Klaus Weiswurm, SMD #7

Pfluger Associates and SHW Architects requested that the Board make decisions in three critical areas in order for them to proceed with a master plan for the District:

- utilization of Canyon Lake High School
- future grade alignments
- school sizes

C. Approval of Philosophical Boundaries for Canyon Lake High School

Architects presented options A and B relating to Canyon Lake High School. Option A included 7-8 and 9-12 grades, but excluded Startzville students. Option B included grades 9-12 with Startzville students.

Kent Niemann, Pfluger Associates, reminded Board members that Canyon Lake High School was designed for 9-12th grade, to serve students in the Canyon Lake community, and to alleviate overcrowding at Smithson Valley High School.

Following much discussion among the Board, strategic planning committee members and administration, Nancy Cobb developed a new philosophical boundary map which included students in the Sattler and Startzville communities, along with students surrounding the east, north, and west side of the lake. The boundary on the west side of the county and lake would go south on Highway 281 to the Guadalupe River. On the east side of the county and lake, around FM 306, the boundary would include the Purgatory Road area and the Royal Forest subdivision.

Upon a motion by Frank Baker, second by Laura Kistner, the Board approved the administration's philosophical boundary for Canyon Lake High School using the Guadalupe River on the west side, including Startzville area, and following the lines proposed above.

For: 5 Against: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 1
Donna Holmes abstained; Rose Cervin was absent

The Board did not take action on the grade configuration for Canyon Lake High School, however, discussed opening with grades 7-10 the first year, 7-11 the second year, and 9-12 in year three.

B1. Approval of Future Grade Configurations

The Board, strategic planning committee members, and administration discussed their long-range vision for grade configurations in the District. Architects along with the strategic planning committee recommended transitioning toward the following vision:

- elementary schools: PreK – 5th grades
- middle schools: 6 – 8th grades
- high schools: 9-12th grades

Upon a motion by Donna Holmes, second by Laura Kistner, the Board approved a philosophy of moving toward the grade configurations above.

For: 6

Against: 0

Absent: 1

B2. Discussion Regarding School Sizes

Architects presented the following school size scenarios:

- elementary schools: 824 students
- middle schools: 865 or 1298 students
- high schools: 2575 students

The Board, strategic planning committee members, and administration discussed possible school sizes/operating capacities, but no action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 PM.

Dan K. Krueger, President

Bill Swint, Secretary