

# Comal Independent School District

## Board Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2005

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Dan Krueger called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at Specht Elementary 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, Rose Cervin, Frank Baker, Donna Holmes

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Student Representatives Present:** None

**Administrators Present:** Marc Walker, Nancy Cobb, Victoria Pursch, Kari Hutchison, Beth Wallace, Guillermo Nieri, Ed Monroe, Joe Jones, Debra Smith, Peggy Fuller, Deb Mahone, Kathy Williams, David Swain, Jim Rodrigue, Tracie Moos, Chris Trotter, Richard Kreiner, Carolyn Pittman, Linda Harlan, Denise Kern, JoBeth Jimerson, Sharon Richardson, Betsy Nash, Dani Baylor

**Members of the Press:** Jessica Sanders, New Braunfels *Herald-Zeitung*

### A. Pubic Hearing on Schools FIRST, Financial Accountability Rating

Debra Smith explained that within two months of official notification from the Texas Education Agency of the District's Schools FIRST rating the District must hold a public meeting to distribute a financial management report that explains the District's performance under each of the 21 indicators and the resultant rating. Ms. Smith presented information and reported that Comal ISD received a rating of "Superior Achievement" for the third year in a row. Dan Krueger asked if anyone in the audience wished to comment on the Schools FIRST rating. Since no one in the audience commented, Board President Dan Krueger concluded the hearing at 6:08 PM.

### B. Approval of Agenda

Upon a motion by Charles Burt, second by Laura Kistner, the Board approved the agenda as presented by the administration for the meeting of the Comal ISD Board of Trustees on September 28, 2005.

For: 7

Against: 0

Absent: 0

### C. State and Federal Accountability System – Texas Education Agency (TEA) & Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)

Using a PowerPoint, Victoria Pursch presented TEA and AYP ratings.

According to the Texas Education Agency, Comal ISD is rated an acceptable district for 2004-05. Recognized schools include Bill Brown, Comal, Frazier, Goodwin, Hoffmann Lane, Rahe Bulverde, Rebecca Creek, and Specht elementary schools. Rated acceptable were Arlon Seay Intermediate, Canyon Intermediate, Mountain Valley Elementary, Spring Branch Middle, Smithson Valley Middle, Canyon High, and Smithson Valley High schools. Canyon Middle was rated unacceptable, but this rating has been appealed based on SDAA testing errors.

The Federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) AYP rating for Comal ISD is "meets AYP." All schools met AYP except Smithson Valley High School in reading performance, math performance, and participation for the special education sub-group. Canyon Middle School missed AYP in math performance for the special education sub-group. Neither of the missed AYP schools receive Title I funds, so no Federal sanctions apply.

Plaques were presented to the eight schools that achieved recognized status under the state's accountability system.

### D. Audience Participation

Monica Romain, 605 Tosha, San Antonio addressed the board regarding Rose Cervin's "no vote" on the bond election order. Ms. Romain asked why Ms. Cervin opposed, and Ms. Cervin stated she would respond directly to her.



**I. Closed Session**

Board President Dan Krueger announced that beginning at 7:00 PM, the Board would convene in closed session pursuant to Sections 551.071 through 551.084 of the Texas Government Code to discuss agenda items I1-2.

The Board ended closed session and reconvened in open session at 7:43 PM.

**J. Approval of Employment of Certified Personnel**

Upon a motion by Frank Baker, second by Laura Kistner, the Board approved employment of the following certified personnel:

Marcia McDonald, teacher, Bill Brown Elementary School, effective September 26, 2005 (159/187-day probationary contract)

Dale Reeves, teacher, Mountain Valley School, effective September 13, 2005 (168/187-day probationary contract)

Amy Nelson, teacher, Rebecca Creek Elementary School, effective September 12, 2005 (169/187-day probationary contract)

Kendra Kuehler, teacher, Rahe Bulverde Elementary School, effective August 17, 2005 (187-day probationary contract)

For: 7

Against: 0

Absent: 0

**K. Approval of Final Purchase of Property**

Upon a motion by Charles Burt, second by Laura Kistner, the Board approved the final purchase of property as discussed closed session and a budget amendment to the #199 general fund for \$100,000 as listed on page F4.2 of the agenda.

For: 6

Against: 1

Absent: 0

Rose Cervin opposed

**L. Authorization for Superintendent to Execute Earnest Money Contract**

Upon a motion by Laura Kistner, second by Frank Baker, the Board authorized the Superintendent to execute an earnest money contract for the property as discussed in closed session.

For: 6

Against: 1

Absent: 0

Rose Cervin opposed

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

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Dan. K. Krueger, President

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Bill Swint, Secretary