

Board of Trustees  
April 22, 2010  
**MEETING SUMMARY**

*The following are highlights from the Comal ISD Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday, April 22. The next regular board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 20 at 6 p.m. in the board room of the Support Services building located at 1404 IH 35 North in New Braunfels.*

### **Board approves GMP on phase 3 of CHS project**

The board approved the sub-contractor bid from Baird/Williams Construction of \$5.4 million for phase three of the Canyon High School project. This phase will turn the existing Cougar Den into a Performing Arts Center with all corresponding equipment and space including set shop, storage and black-box type theater for classroom training and small performances. The total CHS project is about \$44 million of the \$205.85 million 2008 bond.

### **Board approves lease agreement of kitchen facilities for Old Goodwin Primary**

The board approved a lease agreement with an individual to continue to use the Goodwin kitchen and lease it directly from Comal ISD in the amount of \$1,700 per month. She previously was sub-leasing the kitchen from the Center for Entrepreneurship. The existing lease agreement with the Alamo Community College for use of the south portion of the old Goodwin Primary School will expire in June. The Center for Entrepreneurship, which currently operates under the auspices of ACC, wishes to continue to use old the Goodwin Primary School space under the current lease agreement but reduce its leased portion of the building to only one classroom space on a month-to-month pro-rata cost bases with the possibility of leasing some additional space as needed.

### **Board approves bid for SVHS roof renovation**

The board approved a bid from Pioneer Roof Systems through the district's roof consultant Austech Engineering for approximately \$650,000. The school's original roof is about 34 years old.

### **Wrestling program for Canyon High School discussed**

Following audience participation during the March board meeting, Comal ISD athletic director Jim Rodrigue provided a proposed wrestling start-up cost for Canyon High School in the amount of \$17,909. The estimated total first-year cost is \$35,000 based on no more than 30 students enrolling in the program. Rodrigue said he has appealed with UIL for the CHS wrestling team to compete with the south Austin district. The discussion between administration and the board is ongoing.

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## **Board approves earnest money contract for purchase of future elementary, high school sites**

The board approved an earnest money contract in the amount of \$1.7 million for approximately 20 acres of land located on the north side of SH 46, approximately halfway between US 281 and Smithson Valley High School. The proposed site has county road access on three sides with Mitchell Road on the West side, Mount Ridge on the East side and Mountain Top on the North side. The contract calls for sellers to pay all closing costs with the exception of CISD's attorney fees.

The board approved earnest money contracts for the purchase of three contiguous properties as a proposed high school site. The properties are located along the South side of Hubertus Road between the IH 35 access road and FM 482. The largest property makes up about 80 acres at a purchase price of \$100,000 per acre. The final purchase price will be determined by survey. The other two properties are four acres each for \$525,000. This location is about halfway between the Garden Ridge community and the south New Braunfels community.

## **Board receives first reading of policy updates**

The board received the first reading on numerous board policy updates that will come back to the board in May for approval. TASB Policy Update 87 represents the second of two post-legislative updates and encompasses changes in law from the 81st Legislative Session. Update 87 includes tax rates and bonds, salary reduction agreements for investment products, employee resignations, required reports districts must publish, elective courses on the Bible as well as new codes on accountability, required Web postings, interlocal cooperation contracts and more. In addition, a policy review seminar was conducted by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) and the school board and administrators. Additional policy changes are being proposed as a result of that review. Please visit <https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicHome.aspx?ak=46902> to review the proposed policy changes.

## **Board approves new principal for TPES**

The Comal ISD Board of Trustees approved the hiring of former Comal ISD assistant principal Lauri Schroeder as Timberwood Park Elementary School's new principal starting next school year.

Schroeder will take the place of current principal Dr. Sean Maika, who will move to the principal's position at Mt. Valley Middle School. Please follow this link to the district's news releases page for the full release on Schroeder: [http://www.comalisd.org/News/News\\_Releases2.asp](http://www.comalisd.org/News/News_Releases2.asp).