

## MEETING SUMMARY

*The following are highlights from a meeting of the Comal ISD school board on June 24.*

### **Recognition of softball teams and AHA**

Both the history-making Canyon and Smithson Valley high school softball state championship teams were presented a plaque, which included team photos and congratulatory remarks from the school board. On June 6, CHS won the second-ever team title in the school's 50-year history with a 4-2 victory over Angleton, which gave the squad the Class 4A crown. The Cougarettes, led by head coach Kevin Randle, finished with a 38-3 record after winning their final 20 games. Later that same day, the SVHS Rangers captured their second state softball title this decade by winning the 5A championship game 1-0 against Angleton. Head coach Wayne Daigle's team won its final 21 games and finished with a 30-5 record. It marked the first time in UIL history two teams from the same district won state softball titles in the same year.

The American Heart Association recognized eight Comal ISD P.E. teachers and their principals for participating in this year's "Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart" competition. Comal ISD schools raised more than \$22,000 for the AHA. Hoffmann Lane Elementary principal Janice Tubb and HLES P.E. teacher David Altenhoff's students raised \$8,249 to lead all Comal ISD schools.

### **Construction News: Final price for GRES and final purchase of land in Indian Springs**

A guaranteed maximum price of no more than \$15.6 million, submitted by Baird Williams Construction Company, was approved for construction of Garden Ridge Elementary School. The school will open in August 2010 at the intersection of FM 3009 and Municipal Parkway in Garden Ridge. It will replace Comal Elementary and is funded through Bond 2008.

A purchase of just over 15 acres of land in the Indian Springs development was finalized for approximately \$663,000. The acreage is located on the east side of Hwy 281 near Bulverde Rd. on the west side of the school district in Bexar County. The plan is to build an elementary school, when needed, at the location.

### **Action on additional staff positions for 2009-10**

The Comal ISD will open two new elementary schools in 2009-10 — Johnson Ranch and Oak Creek — and Canyon Lake High will have all four grade levels for the first time. As a result, additional positions are needed. For example, 27 new teacher positions were approved, along with additional custodial, transportation, administrative, and other campus-support positions.

## **Action on salary schedules and stipend schedules for non-instructional employees**

Hiring/salary schedules for exempt and non-exempt employees were approved for 2009-10. The schedules did not change from 2008-09. In addition, stipend schedules were adopted by the board, and they too remain unchanged from 2008-09. A teacher salary schedule and all employee pay raises will be determined at a future board meeting because of pending approval from the federal and state governments regarding the use of federal stimulus money for teacher pay raises.

## **High school class rank scale for 2009-10 — vote rescinded; timeline approved**

The board voted to rescind the April 23 decision to approve an addendum to the 2009-2010 High School Course Guide that included a revision to the current class rank point structure for students entering high school in 2008 or before, and a new class rank point structure for students entering high school in 2009 and beyond.

The vote means the original 2009-2010 course guide will be in effect. That guide, and its original class rank scale, can be found at <http://www.comalisd.org/Curriculum/>.

The board agreed to a timeline to further discuss the issue and make a decision in November on the 2010-11 course guide and scale. The timeline will include reviewing courses currently identified as Pre-AP to ensure each is part of a vertically aligned series of courses that ends with an AP course. In addition, content coordinators will begin developing a standard curriculum that distinguishes these courses from the general education program.

Dr. Jodi Duron, assistant superintendent for Academics will work with high school principals to review, revise and develop the class rank point structure. The curriculum team will meet with the District Educational Improvement Council (DEIC) and discuss the proposed changes. Curriculum staff also will conduct a session at a Comal ISD Parent Summit regarding proposed changes for advanced academic courses and class rank point structure.

To review the timeline visit <http://www.comalisd.org> and look under News on the right.

*The next regular meeting of the board of trustees is Wednesday, July 15, beginning at 6 pm in the district's board room.*