

Board of Trustees

March 31, 2011

MEETING SUMMARY

The following are highlights from the Comal ISD Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday, March 31. The next regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday April 26 at 6 p.m. in the board room of the Support Services building located at 1404 IH 35 North in New Braunfels.

Recognition

Anna Mayfield, Smithson Valley High School junior, was recognized for winning two gold medals at the UIL State Swim Meet and setting a state record for the 100-yard backstroke.

Five Canyon High School students—Julia Lewis, Tommy Quill, Tyler Neuffer, Aissa Maese and Bond Birkner—and two Canyon Lake High School students—Stuart Olsen and Ashley Krohn—were recognized for being named to the All-State Band, the highest honor a Texas music student can achieve.

Kyle Spinks, Church Hill Middle School, was recognized for winning second place at the Regional History Fair, advancing to the Texas History Day event in Austin in May. Rodney Carter, head of the history department at Church Hill, accepted the certificate for Kyle, who was at a track meet.

Single-member district 1 Trustee Carolyn Miller was presented with a plaque in recognition for her four years of service on the Comal ISD Board of Trustees.

Contracts for teachers, nurses, counselors, librarians and administrators

The school board unanimously agreed to renew contracts for teachers, nurses, counselors, librarians and administrators for the 2011-12 school year.

Action on the teaching contracts was taken on Thursday because it was the last regular board meeting before the deadline to notify teachers of their contract status, as mandated by state law.

Termination of probationary teacher contracts

The school board voted to terminate the probationary contracts of four teachers.

Facing a possible \$16.7 million budget shortfall for the next biennium, district administration had recommended the elimination of 65 teaching positions; 17 of them were probationary teaching positions. All but four of the positions were accounted for by retirements or resignations.

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Trustee Election, May 14, 2011

As part of the Consent Agenda, the school board voted to cancel the May 14 trustee election for single member district 3 because incumbent Frank Baker is running unopposed. An election for single-member district 4 will take place on May 14, as voted by the school board in February.

TASB Policy Update 89

As part of the Consent Agenda, the school board adopted the following policies: CKB Local, EHDB Local, EHDC Local, EHDD Local, EHDE Local, FD Local, FEC Local and district-initiated policies DCE Local and CI Local.

Textbook Adoption

As part of the Consent Agenda, the school board adopted textbooks for: prekindergarten systems, English as a Second Language and English Language Arts for grades Pre-k through 12.

Technology Report

Sandra Shelton, executive director for technology, presented an update of technology in the classroom that included the implementation of Studywiz, an online learning management system that allows access to digital classroom materials via a student's mobile device. She spoke about the opportunity for secondary students to check out Kindles, iPods and iPads from their campus libraries where available.

The report is available at: http://www.comalisd.org/Board_of_Trustees/Board_Reports.asp