

Board of Trustees  
March 18, 2010  
MEETING SUMMARY

*The following are highlights from the Comal ISD Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday, March 18. The next regular board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 22 at 6 p.m. in the board room of the Support Services building located at 1404 IH 35 North in New Braunfels.*

### **Board cancels SMD 6 trustee election**

Because David Spencer was the only candidate for the District 6 Trustee seat, the board approved the cancellation of the May 8, 2010 election. Spencer is unopposed and elected to office in SMD 6 for another three-year term. SMD 7 will continue to have an election on May 8. Bill Swint, incumbent, is being challenged by Jeff Victor.

### **ELA textbook adoption approved**

The board approved the adoption of the English Language Arts textbooks for grades K-12 for the 2010-11 school year. Textbook committee members were approved by the board at the December and January board meetings. The selection process began in January. Textbooks adopted for kindergarten through fifth grade included English Language Arts and reading books in English and in Spanish. Literature, AP English Literature, English Language Proficiency and others were adopted at the secondary level.

### **Board approves modification to agreement with Comal County**

The board approved a modification of an existing interlocal agreement between Comal ISD and Comal County to rent several available classrooms in the old Goodwin Primary School not being used by Memorial High School or Alamo Colleges to the Comal County Commissioners, the County Judge and their support staff. Comal County received a grant to renovate and restore its courthouse, which is scheduled to begin in the near future and take up to two years. While those renovations are in progress, the county is in need of temporary office space. Commissioners will pay \$800 a month for utilities and maintain the area they will be using. This arrangement will save Comal County tax payers an estimated \$100,000.

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## **Board approves proposed resolution authorizing a Bulverde Area Volunteer Fire Department and CISD agreement**

The board approved a proposed agreement between the BAVFD and CISD. Administration has been negotiating with the Bulverde Area Volunteer Fire Department for about 18 months relative to a long-term ground lease of about 1.75 acres at the northwest corner of Spring Branch Middle School. The BAVFD will assist CISD in obtaining a TxDOT driveway permit for a driveway that will connect the fire station access and CISD bus lanes to SH46. The proposed agreement contains language controlling the use of sirens until after emergency vehicles have left the school area.

## **Athletic director presented athletic handbook to board**

Comal ISD Athletic Director Jim Rodrigue presented an Athletic Handbook to be utilized by all secondary schools in Comal ISD. The handbook outlines policies and procedures expected of all CISD athletic personnel and is aligned with the extracurricular student activities code of conduct established in the 2009-10 Parent Student Handbook. The board discussed the use of the handbook. All CISD athletic coordinators provided input on the handbook.

## **Board discussion on facility rental fees**

The school board requested information on district facility rental rates for youth sports groups. Director of Maintenance and Operations Greg Vernon presented on the district's facility rates in comparison to surrounding district rates. He pointed out that Comal ISD charges \$42 per hour for the use of an elementary school gym, which is in the range of what North East ISD (\$43/hour) and Northside ISD (\$40/hour) charge. New Braunfels ISD charges \$30/hour. Vernon also pointed out in his presentation that while CISD charges facility rental fees, the district is also in support of community organizations using district facilities, but the current rate does not cover all the costs. For example, the district has incurred over \$23,000 in expenses due to youth basketball leagues using facilities this year alone, and the district has collected only \$14,500 in assessed rental fees from these programs. The board and administration will discuss the rates some more and possibly change them in the future.

## **Board approves resolution authorizing sale of property in Canyon Lake area**

In March 2009, the board approved the purchase of 24 acres for a proposed elementary school on FM 306. The property could not be purchased unless the district included a house on the property as part of the original purchase. The current resident living in the house has since moved and relinquished the lease, and the house is no longer needed by the district. The house is worth an estimated \$250,000. The board approved the sale of the house and the 2.33 acres it sits on.