

# board report

October 27, 2011



The following are highlights from the Comal ISD Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday, October 27, 2011. The next regular board meeting will be Thursday, November 17 at 6 p.m. in the board room of the Support Services building located at 1404 IH 35 North in New Braunfels.

## Recognition

The following students were recognized for outstanding performance on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT): **Taylor Lathrop**, SVHS, National Merit Semifinalist; **Kirstin Maulding**, CLHS, **Emily Drastata**, **Brooke Woodard**, CHS, and **Michaela Gonzalez**, **Michael Keeton**, SVHS, National Merit Commended Students; **Atarah Fields**, CHS, National Achievement Scholarship Program; and **Kelly Day**, **Miranda Dominguez-Morgan**, **Michaela Gonzalez**, SVHS, National Hispanic Recognition Program.

## Recommendation by the Redistricting Advisory Committee

The district's Redistricting Advisory Committee (RAC) presented a recommendation for school board single member election districts based on the population totals from the 2010 Census. Each school board member and the board as a whole thanked the RAC members in attendance on Thursday for all of the work and time they devoted to re-drawing the single member district lines. Members Nellie Verlinden and Scott Watson presented the recommendation and answered questions from the board.

The school board decided by consensus to schedule a special meeting on Nov. 29 to make minor modifications to the RAC's recommendation. The meeting will be at the Support Services Building, beginning at 6 p.m.

In thanking the RAC, each school board member emphasized that the committee conducted the lion's share of the work and that the school board would make only modifications to their plan.

## Public Hearing on FIRST rating

The Comal ISD Board of Trustees on Thursday, for the ninth year in a row, heard that the financial management of the district is "superior," according to the state Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST).

The rating is based on analysis of staff and student data, as well as budget and actual financial data, reported for the 2009-10 school year, said Debra George, Comal ISD Chief Financial Officer. The rating is determined by the number of standards met within each indicator. The district received 75 out of a possible 80 points. The report is posted here:

[http://www.comalisd.org/Fiscal\\_Information/PDF/Schools-FIRST-report-for-2009-2010.pdf](http://www.comalisd.org/Fiscal_Information/PDF/Schools-FIRST-report-for-2009-2010.pdf)

[http://www.comalisd.org/Fiscal\\_Information/PDF/Schools-FIRST-Responses-to-base-indicators.pdf](http://www.comalisd.org/Fiscal_Information/PDF/Schools-FIRST-Responses-to-base-indicators.pdf)

[http://www.comalisd.org/Fiscal\\_Information/PDF/Schools-FIRST-annual-financial-management-report.pdf](http://www.comalisd.org/Fiscal_Information/PDF/Schools-FIRST-annual-financial-management-report.pdf)



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## **Purchase of Chiller Cooling Tower at Smithson Valley High School**

The school board unanimously approved, as part of the consent agenda, the purchase of a chiller cooling tower at SVHS for \$87,998 from TCS.

## **Purchase of Chiller Replacement at Smithson Valley Middle School**

The school board unanimously approved, as part of the consent agenda, the purchase of a chiller replacement at Smithson Valley Middle School for \$136,575 from TCS.

## **Consent Agenda**

The school board unanimously approved all of the items on the consent agenda, which include: consulting with Commercial Waste Consultants to reduce costs associated with solid waste and recycling; purchasing an additional Polcom expansion module from SKC Communications to meet the video conferencing needs of the district; a resolution to support the 2011 Mayor's Higher Education Task Force recommendation to expand the current facilities of the Central Texas Technology Center; and guidelines for kindergarten acceleration.

## **Settlement Offer With O'Haver Construction**

Following an executive session, the school board unanimously approved authorizing Dr. Marc Walker, superintendent, to negotiate the settlement offer from O'Haver Construction Co., regarding Canyon Lake High School.