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News Release

School Board hears positive financial management news

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 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.

"It is a whole lot easier to edit than to create from the whole cloth," said David Spencer, board member.

The RAC recommended map and corresponding population numbers for each single-member district are posted on the district website, www.comalisd.org.

In other business, the school board unanimously approved:

- The purchase of a chiller cooling tower at Smithson Valley High School for \$87,998 from TCS
- The purchase of a chiller replacement at Smithson Valley Middle School for \$136,575 from TCS
- Authorizing Superintendent Marc Walker to negotiate the settlement offer from O'Haver Construction Co., regarding Canyon Lake High School.