

Agenda of Board Meeting - Special Meeting

The Board of Trustees Comal ISD

A Board Meeting - Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Comal ISD will be held February 15, 2023, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Comal ISD.

The meeting will be held in compliance with Gov. Code, §551. The meeting is also being conducted in accordance with the American With Disabilities Act [42 U.S.C. 12101 (1991)]. The facility where the meeting is to be held is wheelchair-accessible, and handicapped parking is available. Handicapped services are available upon request if received at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. To make arrangements for handicapped services, please call (830) 221-2000

The subjects are listed on the agenda below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on the meeting notice. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time. If, during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item listed on the agenda should be held in closed meeting, the Board would convene in such closed meeting in accordance with Texas Government Code, §551.071-551.084 to consult with the legal counsel, discuss purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, discuss negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations, discuss personnel or to hear complaints against personnel, consider the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of security, personnel or devices, and/or consider discipline of a public school child or complaint or charge against personnel. No action will be taken during a closed session. At any time the Board may go into closed meeting to receive legal counsel or advice which the school district's legal counsel determines should be confidential in accordance with counsel's duty to the district pursuant to the code of professional responsibility of the State Bar of Texas.

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Public Comment/Audience Participation

3. Board President's Comments

4. Superintendent Reports and Board Information

A. Budget Update

Presenter: Crystal Hermes

B. Bond 2023

Presenter: Steve Stanford

5. Items for Discussion and/or Action

A. Consider/Approval of an Order Calling a Bond Election

Presenter: Steve Stanford

B. Joint Election Agreement with Bexar County

Presenter: Steve Stanford

COMAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Subject: Audience Participation

Date: February 15, 2022

Administrator Responsible/Position: Jason York, Board President

A. Purpose of Agenda Item:

Information Only

Action Needed

Receive Input

B. Authority for This Action:

Local Policy BED

Law or Rule

N/A

The Board encourages comments from citizens of the District or from District employees.

Policy BED local states that audience participation at a Board meeting is limited to the public comment portion of the meeting designated for that purpose. At all other times during a Board meeting, the audience shall not enter into discussion or debate on matters being considered by the Board, unless requested by the presiding officer. An open forum will be conducted at each regular monthly meeting.

Persons who wish to participate must submit the Audience Participation form to the presiding officer or designee before the meeting begins and shall indicate the topic about which they wish to speak. Forms will not be accepted after the meeting begins.

Citizens may be provided three minutes. Delegations of more than three persons shall appoint one person to address the Board. If any person other than the appointed spokesperson of a Delegation wants to speak, they may not appear at the lectern as part of a Delegation but must sign up on a separate Audience participation form before the meeting and may only approach the lectern when their name is called.

The Board shall not deliberate or decide regarding any subject that is not included on our agenda for tonight's meeting. If an issue mentioned is listed on tonight's agenda, the Board will defer discussion until the appropriate time during the meeting.

The presiding officer may:

- 1) Direct the speaker to the appropriate complaint policy
 - Employee complaints: DGBA
 - Student or parent complaints: FNG
 - Public complaints: GF
- 2) Provide factual responses to questions raised
- 3) Ask clarifying questions
- 4) Request that the subject of the comment be placed on the agenda of a later meeting when the Board may then take action on the issue raised by the speaker

COMAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Subject: **President's Comments**

Date: February 15, 2023

Administrator Responsible/Position: **Jason York, Board President**

A. Purpose of Agenda Item:

Information Only

Action Needed

Receive Input

During this portion of the meeting, Board President Jason York will provide an overview of the agenda and discuss the process that will be followed during tonight's meeting.

COMAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Subject: Budget Update

Date: February 15, 2023

Administrator Responsible/Position: Crystal Hermesch, Chief Financial Officer and Bobbi Supak, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

A. Purpose of Agenda Item:

Information Only Action Needed Receive Input

B. Authority for This Action:

Local Policy Law or Rule N/A
Texas Education Code, Section 44.004, 44.031, CH (Legal), CH (Local)

C. Strategic Objective, Goal, or Need Addressed:

Strategic Plan District/Campus Improvement Plan Other

All 4 strategic priorities are impacted – Maximize Academic Performance, Prepare Classrooms & Facilities for Learning, Embrace Choice and Recruit, Develop & Coach Talent

D. Summary:

Previous board action relating to this item: June 23, 2022

Future action anticipated: June 22, 2023 for Budget Adoption

Background information: Budget updates are provided to the Board as needed to prepare for the 2023-2024 budget adoption.

E. Comments Received:

ELT DEIC Support Staff AC Teacher AC Other
All agenda items are reviewed by Superintendent’s Executive Leadership Team.

F. Administrative Recommendation:

The administration recommends that the Board receive information on the current year budget and begin the budget planning process for the 2023-2024 school year.

G. Fiscal Impact and Cost:

Budget Bond **Amount:** TBD Grant/Special Funds Other

H. Action: No action required

COMAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Subject: Bond 2023

Date: February 15, 2023

Administrator Responsible/Position: Steve Stanford, Asst. Superintendent of Communications

A. Purpose of Agenda Item:

Information Only Action Needed Receive Input

B. Authority for This Action:

Local Policy Law or Rule N/A

C. Strategic Objective, Goal, or Need Addressed:

Strategic Plan District/Campus Improvement Plan Other

D. Summary:

Previous board action relating to this item: N/A

Future action anticipated: Call bond election on February 15, 2023

Background information: Since September, the administration has been working with the Comal Forward committee to develop a bond package recommendation to present to the Board of Trustees for its approval to place on the upcoming May 6 ballot.

This evening, the administration will present the final proposed bond package recommendation and answer any questions that the Board may have.

E. Comments Received:

ELT DEIC Support Staff AC Teacher AC Other

All agenda items are reviewed by Superintendent's Executive Leadership Team.

F. Administrative Recommendation:

G. Fiscal Impact and Cost:

Amount: N/A

Budget Bond Grant/Special Funds Other

H. Action: N/A

COMAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Date: February 15, 2023

Subject: Consider and Approval of an Order Calling a Bond Election

Administrator Responsible/Position: Steve Stanford, Asst. Superintendent of Communications

A. Purpose of Agenda Item:

- Information Only, Action Needed, Receive Input

B. Authority for This Action:

- Local Policy, Law or Rule, N/A

C. Strategic Objective, Goal, or Need Addressed:

- Strategic Plan, District/Campus Improvement Plan, Other

D. Summary:

Previous board action relating to this item: N/A

Future action anticipated: If the bond election is called by the Board this evening, election contracts and agreements with the counties involved will be brought to the Board for approval. If bond propositions are approved by the voters, an order or multiple orders will be brought to the Board to authorize the issuance of bonds for voter approved purposes.

Background information: District staff has presented information and the Board has held discussions to address the growing enrollment and other infrastructure needs of the District and the financial implications of the recommended bond election. The process has led to a recommended bond package for May 6, 2023.

E. Comments Received:

- ELT, DEIC, Support Staff AC, Teacher AC, Other
All agenda items are reviewed by Superintendent’s Executive Leadership Team.

F. Administrative Recommendation:

G. Fiscal Impact and Cost:

- Budget, Bond, Amount: N/A, Grant/Special Funds, Other

H. Motion by _____, second by _____

“I move to approve/disapprove/postpone the adoption of the Bond Election Order, calling a bond election in accordance with Section 45.001, Texas Education Code, ordering a districtwide bond election on May 6, 2023, for registered voters to determine whether to approve the bond propositions as presented.

FOR J. York, M. Ross, R. Garner, T. Hennessee, C. Biasatti, A. Jones, D. Krawczynski
AGAINST: J. York, M. Ross, R. Garner, T. Hennessee, C. Biasatti, A. Jones, D. Krawczynski

MOTION CARRIED/DENIED/POSTPONED

COMAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Subject: **Joint Election Agreement with Bexar County**

Date: February 15, 2023

Administrator Responsible/Position: Steve Stanford, Assistant Superintendent of Communications

A. Purpose of Agenda Item:

Information Only Action Needed Receive Input

B. Authority for This Action:

Local Policy Law or Rule N/A

The Comal County Clerk will administer the District's general election of trustees in SMDs 3 and 4 as well as the District's bond election in Comal, Hays, Kendal, and Guadalupe County. Accordingly, the District will need to be in joint election with the Bexar County governmental entities holding elections on May 6th that will be administer by the Bexar County Elections Administrator. As such, all Comal County voters residing in Bexar County will be able to vote in the District's bond election at any Bexar County poll location on Election Day and for Early Voting.

C. Strategic Objective, Goal, or Need Addressed:

Strategic Plan District/Campus Improvement Plan Other [Required by State Law & Board Policy]

D. Summary:

Previous board action relating to this item: N/A

Future action anticipated:

Background information: The Texas Election Code permits school districts to hold elections jointly with other governmental entities for the convenience of voters. Because Bexar County will be conducting elections under the Countywide Polling Place Program, all Comal ISD voters who reside in Bexar County will be entitled to vote at any of the early voting and Election Day locations in that county, all of which would be permitted to do so by entering into the Joint Election Agreement presented for Board Approval.

Locations for Early Voting and Election Day voting are being compiled by the Bexar County Elections Administrator and will be provided to the District in time for a proper Notice of Election to be published and posted for proper notice to all voters.

E. Comments Received:

ELT DEIC Support Staff AC Teacher AC Other

All agenda items are reviewed by Superintendent's Executive Leadership Team.

F. Administrative Recommendation:

The administration recommends that the Board approve the Joint Election Agreement with Bexar County as presented.

G. Fiscal Impact and Cost:

Budget Bond Grant/Special Funds Other

H. Action:

Motion by _____, second by _____

“I move to approve/ disapprove/ postpone the Joint Election Agreement with Bexar County as presented.”

FOR J. York, M. Ross, R. Garner, T. Hennessee, C. Biasatti, A. Jones, D. Krawczynski
AGAINST: J. York, M. Ross, R. Garner, T. Hennessee, C. Biasatti, A. Jones, D. Krawczynski

MOTION CARRIED/DENIED/POSTPONED