

## Board Appreciation Month

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Happy New Year! We've already had a very unique several days into 2009 due to the fluctuating weather. On Saturday, the high temperature registered around 80 degrees and the boys were wearing shorts. On Sunday, however, we were back to sweatshirts and heavy jackets...and we wonder why we call this cold season?!

Nevertheless, school jumps into springtime mode even though the weather may be freezing outside. January is the month we celebrate our school board for the self-sacrifice and donation of time. The School Board is vital because it governs the policies and procedures for schools set by federal and state guidelines. Although the regular school timeline for teachers and students is late August through June, the administration and school board have to work throughout the year to ensure all goals and objectives are met.

Current board members include President Barb Lindner, Vice President Eric Lantz, Secretary Marshall Jennings and board member Ray Avery. School Board elections were held in November which brought three new members into the fold. Tillie Moldenhaur, Rusty Saur and Brad Spenrath were newly elected to represent the three districts up for election. I look forward to working with each of these individuals and getting to know them better.

School board members not only have to meet and discuss issues, but also field questions and concerns from local citizens, parents, teachers and students about policies and procedures of the district. As always, the school board and superintendent maintain an open communication base to keep one another apprised of school business.

I apologize for being so redundant, but I am truly blessed to work with such wonderful caring individuals. These seven people have a deep respect for the Comfort community and want what's best for our future generation. Join me in thanking these seven individuals whom together make up the governing body of the Comfort Independent School district.