

**Leakey Independent School District
Board of Trustees**

April 28, 2008

Special Called Meeting

Members Present: Jerry W. Bates Jr., Shane Hohman, Martin Martinez, Ruben Navarro, Charlie Reagor, Beatsie Rubio and Neville Triplett

Members Absent: none

Visitors: Administration, Media, Coach James Crafton, Jennifer Pigg, Duke Hohman

Called to Order:

1. The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Bates at 7:00 p.m. He announced that a quorum was present, that the meeting had been duly called and that a notice of the meeting was posted according to law.

Regular Session:

1. Superintendent McNeil presented to the Board a term contract for approval on Mr. Rick Austin. He explained that in a previous board meeting the Board had approved a probationary contract for Mr. Austin. Superintendent McNeil explained to the Board that Mr. Austin has been doing an excellent job with our students in band and theater arts and that he would like to extend a term contract for the 2008-2009 school year to him instead of a probationary contract.
 - a. A motion was made by Neville Triplett to give Mr. Rick Austin a term contract for the 2008-2009 school year instead of a probationary contract.

This motion was seconded by Ruben Navarro.

Motion carried 7-0

2. Discussion of the proposed summer projects were discussed. Some of the Board members were not in agreement with the proposed summer projects presented by Mr. McNeil at the last Board meeting. Board member Charlie Reagor addressed the Board with some ideas of his own. He thought instead of renovating the existing gym that the District should research the cost of enclosing the existing covered pavilion. He said there was enough square footage for a new gym and possibly a new cafeteria. Then the band hall could be moved to the existing cafeteria to allow for the tearing down of the Thurmond house to make room for a baseball field. He did express the need to work with what property the District has and not try to acquire additional land. Mr. Reagor felt the district could save money with community involvement, volunteer efforts and donations. He recommended that a committee be formed to begin studying

these proposals. The committee members will be Charlie Reagor, Beatsie Rubio, Jerry Bates Jr, Coach James Crafton and Superintendent Fred McNeil.

3. No action was taken on agenda item #7 – Consider for approval soliciting bids for summer projects.
4. The naming of the LISD gymnasium was discussed in length. Some Board members felt that the school had already memorialized Mr. Buttler and didn't feel the need to name the gym after him. Others knew that Mr. Buttler was one of the most faithful sports fan for all of our students whether we had a winning team or not. Coach Crafton explained to the Board that this recommendation came from the students who wanted to show their love and appreciation to "Uncle Lloyd" for being there for them.
 - a. A motion was made by Neville Triplett to name the Leakey Gym the Lloyd Buttler Gymnasium.

This motion was seconded by Shane Hohman.
Beatsie Rubio, Charlie Reagor and Martin Martinez
voted against the motion.

Motion carried 4-3

5. President Bates asked Superintendent McNeil to place this item on the agenda for discussion because he had several community members asking him about building a regulation baseball/softball field at the school. He said he had some community members offer their heavy equipment and labor to build a field if the District had sufficient property to build it on. There was discussion among the Board members but they were all in agreement there were other renovations with higher priority.

Adjourned:

A motion was made by Neville Triplett to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

This motion was seconded by Martin Martinez.

Motion carried 7-0

Jerry W. Bates Jr., President

Neville Triplett, Secretary

Approved 5-15-08/jf