

The Public Hearing was opened by School Board President Jerry Bates Jr. at 6:30 p.m. President Bates announced if the projected tax rate of \$1.00/\$100 property valuation is adopted by the Board then the local tax revenue would be \$1,971,248. This amount is based on a 97% collection rate. The certified taxable property values are \$203,221,400. Community members were given an opportunity to ask questions. No one present asked a question or made a comment. The Public Hearing meeting was closed at 6:32 p.m.

**Leakey Independent School District  
Board of Trustees**

**August 27, 2007**

**Regular Meeting**

**Members Present:** Jerry W. Bates Jr., Martin Martinez, Ruben Navarro, Charlie Reagor, Pablo "Beatsie" Rubio, Neville Triplett

**Members Absent:** Shane Hohman (arrived at 6:37 p.m.)

**Visitors:** Administration, Media, various community members.

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Bates at 6:33 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. The pledge of allegiance was led by President Jerry Bates Jr.
2. The Board and audience observed a moment of silent reflection.

**Open Forum:**

President Bates welcomed the visitors and gave anyone that was present an opportunity to speak to the Board. There was one (1) community member, Joel Pigg, that addressed the Board concerning sanctioning 4-H as an extracurricular activity in the District.

3. The Board read and reviewed the minutes from the July 9, 2007 regular meeting and the minutes from August 6<sup>th</sup> and August 13<sup>th</sup> called meetings.
  - a. A motion was made by Martin Martinez to approve the minutes of the July 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and the August 6<sup>th</sup> and August 13<sup>th</sup> called meetings.

This motion was seconded by Ruben Navarro.

**Motion Carried 6-0**

4. The Board read and reviewed the payment of bills and invoices for August, 2007.
  - a. A motion was made by Neville Triplett to approve the payment of bills and invoices for August, 2007.

- This motion was seconded by Charlie Reagor. **Motion Carried 6-0**
5. Karolen Baugh, LISD Tax Collector gave her year end report. The fiscal school year is September 1 to August 31<sup>st</sup>. Total amount collected in current and delinquent taxes is \$2,121,445 and total amount in penalties and interest is \$41,265.00. The collection rate was 99%.
    - a. A motion was made by Neville Triplett to approve the End of Year Tax Collection Report.

This motion was seconded by Beatsie Rubio. **Motion carried 7-0\***

**\*Shane Hohman arrived at 6:37 p.m.**

6. There were not any transfer students to approve this month so no action was taken.
7. Mr. Ferguson presented to the Board three (3) year end budget amendments for the 2006-2007 school year. Budget amendment #1 will amend the budget between functions. Budget amendment #2 is to amend the budget with increased revenues and fund balance. Budget amendment #3 is to amend budget by decreasing fund balances.
  - a. A motion was made by Neville Triplett to approve three (3) budget amendments for school year 2006-2007.

This motion was seconded by Charlie Reagor. **Motion carried 7-0**

8. The Board reviewed the final draft of the 2007-2008 budget and had an opportunity to ask questions regarding the budget.
  - a. A motion was made by Neville Triplett to approve the 2007-2008 school budget.

This motion was seconded by Martin Martinez. **Motion Carried 7-0**

9. The Board reviewed the proposed tax rate \$1.00 / \$100 valuation for 2007-2008 school year.
  - a. A motion was made by Shane Hohman to adopt the 2007-2008 tax rate of \$1.00 / \$100 valuation.

This motion was seconded by Beatsie Rubio. **Motion Carried 7-0**

10. The Board reviewed the current substitute list for the 2007-2008 school year.
  - a. A motion was made by Charlie Reagor to approve the substitute list for the school year 2007-2008.

This motion was seconded by Martin Martinez. **Motion Carried 7-0**

11. The Board discussed the sanctioning 4-H as an extracurricular activity. Mr. Joel Pigg, Real County Agent, explained to the Board if the District approves sanctioning 4-H as an extracurricular activity the students' absences due to 4-H activities would

be considered as an excused absences. Mr. Pigg informed the Board that TEA rules and guidelines would apply and the no-pass-no-play rule would also be enforced.

12. The Board discussed the appointment of Joel Pigg, Real County Ag Agent, as adjunct faculty member for LISD.

- a. A motion was made by Shane Hohman to approve Joel Pigg, Real County Agent, as an adjunct faculty member for LISD.

This motion seconded by Beatsie Rubio.

**Motion carried 7-0**

13. Superintendent McNiel requested that the District consider approving a resolution to establish a Bill Bradley Memorial Scholarship Fund. He reported the District has received some donations and would like to set up an account at the First State Bank of Uvalde.

- a. A motion was made by Beatsie Rubio to establish a “Bill Bradley Memorial Scholarship Fund”. Donations that have been received will be deposited in this account at First State Bank. Also, the administration will be authorized to administer this new account.

This motion was seconded by Neville Triplett.

**Motion Carried 7-0**

14. Superintendent McNiel reviewed the recommended TASB policy regarding Student Rights and Responsibilities with the Board.

- a. A motion was made by Charlie Reagor to approve the District policy on Student Rights and Responsibilities.

This motion was seconded by Beatsie Rubio.

**Motion Carried 7-0**

15. Mr. Ferguson advised the Board the workers compensation carrier, TASB Risk Management Fund, gave the District competitive rates for the 2007-2008 school year. The Board reviewed the contribution and coverage summary and with Mr. Ferguson’s recommendation decided to continue the workers compensation with TASB Risk Management Fund.

- a. A motion was made by Neville Triplett to continue the workers compensation thorough TASB Risk Management Fund for 2007-2008 school year.

This motion was seconded by Ruben Navarro.

**Motion Carried 7-0**

16. Mr. Ferguson presented to the Board information from Texas Kids First for student accident insurance for school year 2007-2008. The Board reviewed the information.

- a. A motion was made by Martin Martinez to accept the carrier Texas Kids First for student accident insurance for school year 2007-2008.

This motion was seconded by Neville Triplett.

**Motion Carried 7-0**

17. Karolen Baugh, Leakey ISD tax collector, requested a tax refund for Jim & Joan Reed for tax years 2004-2006 in the amount of \$810.46. There was an incorrect transfer from Deed Vol. 83 Page 385 in 2004 and was not discovered until Mr. & Mrs. Reed received their re-appraisal notice for 2007. The error has since been corrected.
- a. A motion was made by Martin Martinez to refund \$810.46 to Mr. & Mrs. Reed for the overpayment they made for tax years 2004-2006.

This motion was seconded by Beatsie Rubio.

**Motion Carried 7-0**

**18. Business Manager's Report – Don Ferguson**

- a. Mr. Ferguson reported as of July 31, 2007 the District's cash position is \$1,034,388.00. Total revenue for the month of July was \$242,640.00 and total disbursements for July was \$217,754.00. Current interest rates at First State Bank of Uvalde is 5.39% and the Lone Star Pool is 5.25%. Year to date interest earned is \$59,025.00

**19. Principal's Report – Lorri González**

- a. Mrs. González gave the annual ESL Report.
- b. Mrs. Gonzalez reported the District had received the 2007 Accountability Rating from TEA. The District's accountability rating dropped from Recognized to Academically Acceptable. Ms. Gonzalez reported to the Board that the primary reason for the decreased was due to 10<sup>th</sup> grade science and math scores. Overall math scores decreased by a small margin while the overall reading scores improved.
- c. Mrs. Gonzalez reported the District had received the Federal Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) report for the 2006-2007 school year. Mrs. Gonzalez reported the students are tested in Reading/English Language Arts and Mathematics. There were 135 students tested and 115 students met the standard (85%) in Reading/English Language Arts. There were 137 students tested and 99 students met the standard (72%) in Mathematics.

**20. Superintendent's Report – Fred R. McNiel**

- a. Superintendent McNiel reported to the Board the enrollment for the first day of school was 240 students. He reported the budget is based on 231. He also reported the traffic in the new circular drive went well for the first day.
- b. Superintendent McNiel reported the summer maintenance projects have been completed. He complimented our maintenance staff for working so hard to get everything completed for the teacher's and student's first day of school.
- c. Superintendent McNiel reminded the Board about the upcoming TASB/TASA Convention on September 28-30. Reservations have been made and he handed out a convention agenda to each board member.

- d. Superintendent McNeil reported to the Board that LCRA was working with Bandera Electric to install stadium lights. Hopefully by the end of September they will be completely installed.
- e. Superintendent McNeil reported the marching band performed for the parents last week. There are 23 band members and 7 member flag corp.

21. President Jerry Bates requested that the next board meeting be rescheduled from September 10<sup>th</sup> to September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. due to a conflict of meetings.

**Executive Session:**

The Board did not enter into executive session.

**Adjourned:**

22. A motion was made by Martin Martinez to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

This motion was seconded by Neville Triplett.

**Motion Carried 7-0**

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**Jerry W. Bates Jr., President**

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**Neville Triplett, Secretary**

**Approved 9-17-07/jf**