

**Leakey Independent School District  
Board of Trustees**

**January 14, 2008**

**Regular Meeting**

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

**Members Absent:** none

**Visitors:** Administration, media, LISD National Honor Society members, LISD volleyball and football team members, various community members.

**Called to Order:**

1. The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Bates at 7:35 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:**

2. The pledge of allegiance was led by Leakey ISD National Honor Society members.
3. The Board and audience observed a moment of silent reflection.

**Welcome Visitors – Open Forum**

4. President Bates welcomed the visitors and gave anyone that was present an opportunity to speak to the Board. No one asked to speak.
5. Students of the Month were recognized by the Board. They are Jacy Gray, Tanner Pannell and Sarah Rubio. Superintendent Fred McNiel presented each of the students with a framed certificate and a \$25.00 gift certificate to one of three restaurants; Mama Chole’s, Frio Canyon Lodge or Vinny’s Italian Restaurant. Superintendent McNiel also recognized the Lady Eagles Volleyball team members and Eagles Football team members and their coaches with certificates for an outstanding and successful year.
6. January is “Board Appreciation Month” for all Texas School Board Members. In honor of the occasion, each LISD School Board member was presented a framed certificate and a Leakey ISD Spirit shirt by members of the National Honor Society. In addition to their gifts, coffee and desserts were served to them by the school staff.

7. The Board read and reviewed the minutes from the December 17, 2007 regular meeting

- a. A motion was made by Neville Triplett to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2007 regular meeting.

This motion was seconded by Beatsie Rubio.

**Motion carried 7-0**

8. The Board reviewed payment of bills and invoices for the month of January 2008 in the amount of \$60,161.18.

- a. A motion was made by Martin Martinez to approve payment of the January, 2008 bills and invoices in the amount of \$60,161.18.

This motion was seconded by Shane Hohman.

**Motion carried 7-0**

9. The Board discussed the lease agreement on the copy machines. Mr. Ferguson informed the Board he was still waiting on a proposal from Xerox.

- a. No motion to approve lease agreement was made and agenda item #10 died for lack of a motion.

#### **10. Business Manager's Report – Don Ferguson**

- a. Mr. Ferguson gave each Board member a summary of revenue and expenses as of December 31, 2007 for the General Fund and School Breakfast & Lunch Program.
- b. Mr. Ferguson gave the monthly financial summary and investment report. He reported as of December 31, 2007 the District's cash position was \$1,475,417.00. Total revenue for the month of December was \$449,765.00 and total disbursements for December was \$336,040.00. Current interest rates at First State Bank of Uvalde is 4.79% and the Lone Star Pool is 4.61%. Year to date interest earned is \$22,354.00.

#### **11. Principal's Report – Lorri Gonzalez**

- a. Ms. Gonzalez was pleased to report to the Board that the Science Fair held on January 3, 2008 was very successful. There were approximately 90 entries from students in grades 6-12. The fair coordinator was Beth Manglberger and she was assisted by the other science teachers, Barbara Clark and Jim Tom. Six community members agreed to serve as judges. They were Joel Pigg, Jay Burditt, Rick Meyers, Steve Gray, Kathleen Moses and Jesse Luxton. Twenty-two students will advance to the regional science fair in San Antonio on March 7.
- b. Ms. Gonzalez reported the Canine Detection dog made a visit to our campus on December 18, 2007. There were no alerts and no contraband was found.
- c. Ms. Gonzalez reported to the Board that the Site Base Committee was working on a flex calendar for school year 2008-2009. A flex calendar is an incentive for students who have passed their TAKS test and maintained satisfactory attendance to finish their school year approximately two weeks before the other students.

## 12. Superintendent's Report – Fred R. McNiel

- a. Superintendent McNiel reported to the Board that he will be attending the TASA Mid-Winter Conference in Austin on January 28-30, 2008. He said if any Board member would like to attend to let him know and he would make reservations for them.
- b. Superintendent McNiel gave a handout to each Board member showing the election results from Uvalde County & Real County Appraisal Districts Board of Directors. These new directors will serve a 2 year term beginning January 1, 2008.
- c. Superintendent McNiel reported to the Board the projects that were completed during the Christmas and New Year holidays. The fiber optic lines were replaced. The maintenance department painted the iron fence facing Highway 83, the wood floors in the library building and administration building were refinished and the retaining wall by the bus parking area was completed.

### Executive Session:

The Board entered into executive session at 8:43 p.m to discuss agenda items #9, conduct evaluation of superintendent and consider for approval contract extension and salary increase; agenda item #12d, update on TAKS testing irregularities; agenda item #13d, principal's appraisal form used for evaluation.

The Board reconvened in open session at 12:20 a.m., January 15<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made by Shane Hohman to extend Superintendent McNiel's contract one year with a 4% increase in salary.

This motion was seconded by Ruben Navarro.

**Motion defeated 2-5**

Shane Hohman and Ruben Navarro voted for the motion.  
Jerry Bates Jr, Martin Martinez, Charlie Reagor,  
Beatsie Rubio and Neville Triplett voted against the motion.

A second motion was made by Charlie Reagor to give Superintendent McNiel a 6% salary increase and no extension on his contract.

This motion was seconded by Neville Triplett.  
Beatsie Rubio voted against the motion.

**Motion carried 6-1**

**Adjourned:**

A motion was made by Neville Triplett to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 a.m.,  
January 15<sup>th</sup>.

This motion was seconded by Martin Martinez.

**Motion carried 7-0**

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

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**Neville Triplett, Secretary**

**Approved 2-11-08/jf**