

**Leakey Independent School District
Board of Trustees**

June 9, 2008

Regular Meeting

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

Members Absent: none

Visitors: Administration, Penny Maguire

Called to Order:

1. The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Bates at 6:30 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 Jerry Bates.
3. The Board and audience observed a moment of silent reflection.

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. The Oath of Office was given to Shane Hohman by Jan Faulkner.
6. The Board read and reviewed the minutes from the May 15, 2008 regular Board meeting.
 - a. A motion was made by Beatsie Rubio to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2008 regular Board meeting.

This motion was seconded by Ruben Navarro.

Motion carried 7-0

7. The Board reviewed payment of bills and invoices in the amount of \$37,264.15 for the month of June 2008.
 - a. A motion was made by Neville Triplett to approve payment of the June bills and invoices in the amount of \$37,264.15

This motion was seconded by Shane Hohman.

Motion Carried 7-0

8. Superintendent McNeil presented a list of transfer students to be approved for the 2008-2009 school year. He explained to the Board these students attended classes at Leakey ISD last year.
 - a. A motion was made by Charlie Reagor to approve the transfer students for the 2008-2009 school year.

This motion was seconded by Martin Martinez.

Motion carried 7-0

9. Don Ferguson, Business Manager, presented the Board with Budget Amendment #1-June for the 2007-2008 school year in the amount of \$29,000. The amendment is to increase the transportation budget to cover vehicle parts, bus repairs, and gas and diesel through August, 2008. The money is being transferred from the special projects budget (\$20,000), election expense budget (\$4,000), money saved from the purchase of a maintenance truck (\$1,000) and unspent funds budgeted for the appraisal district (\$4,000).
 - a. A motion was made by Neville Triplett to approve Budget Amendment #1-June to transfer funds in the amount of \$29,000 to the transportation budget.

This motion was seconded by Ruben Navarro.

Motion carried 7-0

10. The Board was given the TASB Update #83 Employment policies to review.
 - a. A motion was made by Martin Martinez to adopt TASB Update #83.

This motion was seconded by Charlie Reagor.

Motion carried 7-0

11. Superintendent McNeil presented to the Board a list of summer projects that he would like to complete this summer. He has received bids on the following projects; Band hall remodeling project (\$15,365.76), fencing at Eagle Stadium (\$8,800.00), refinishing hardwood floors in the administration building and the library (\$6,188.00), sound system for Eagle Stadium (\$7,130.31), and student lockers for the 6th graders (\$2,731.00). The total cost for the summer projects is \$40,214.47. This amount will be paid from the special projects budget. Superintendent McNeil informed the Board that he was not able to get a bid for sandblasting the goal posts and bleachers at Eagle Stadium. He advised the Board that the required upgrades for the septic system still need to be completed but the District will apply for grant money to cover the cost of the septic system upgrade. The cost of these repairs will be approximately \$3,000 - \$5,000.
 - a. A motion was made by Ruben Navarro to approve the summer projects for a total of \$40,214.47.

This motion was seconded by Beatie Rubio.
Neville Triplett voted against motion.

Motion carried 6-1

12. Business Manager's Report – Don Ferguson

- a. Mr. Ferguson gave each Board member a copy of the Summary of Revenue and Expense report as of May 31, 2008 for the General Fund and the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program.
- b. The financial summary and investment report showed as of April 30 the District cash position was \$1,666,434.00. Total revenue for the month of May was \$43,532.00 and total disbursements was \$300,822.00. The net cash position as of May 31, 2008 is \$1,409,144.00. The current interest rate for First State Bank of Uvalde is 2.43% and for the Lone Star Pool it is 2.51%. The year to date interest earned is \$51, 134.00.

13. Principal's Report – Lorri Gonzalez

- a. Ms. Gonzalez gave each Board member a handout showing the 2008 preliminary TAKS scores with a comparison from the 2007 TAKS scores. She reported that the 10th grade students scored low in math (40% students passed) and also scored low in science (58% students passed). She informed the Board that she will be doing an analysis when the final scores are received to determine the reasons for the low scores in math and science for the 10th grade classes. She hopes to present this to the Board at the July Board Meeting.
- b. Ms. Gonzalez reported that the Optional Flexible Year Program (OFYP) has been approved by TEA. She gave each Board member a copy of the 2008-2009 Calendar and a copy of the letter sent to the parents outlining the criteria for students to meet in order to qualify for early release from school on May 15, 2009.

14. Superintendent's Report – Fred R. McNiel

- a. Superintendent McNiel reported that the Nueces River Authority has awarded a half-million dollar grant to the City of Leakey to begin engineering studies for the new sewer system that will be built in Leakey. Superintendent McNiel visited with Mr. Tom Brown, an engineer with Naismith Consulting who is doing the engineering work for the city. Mr. Brown said that the Nueces River Authority would like to partner with Leakey ISD to build an athletic complex adjacent to the new sewer disposal plant. The city will be purchasing one hundred and twenty five acres of land and consequently there will be plenty of room to build athletic facilities on the city property. The effluent generated by the plant would be sprinkled on the grass fields instead of being dumped back in the river. Mr. Brown is of the opinion that Leakey ISD would be eligible to apply to Texas Department of Wildlife for grants and monies needed to build the complex. The Board all agreed that they would like for Mr. Brown to attend a future Board meeting to explain more fully the proposed plan.
- b. Superintendent McNiel gave each Board member information regarding the TASA/TASB Convention. He reported that the convention will be held September 26-28, 2008 in Dallas, Texas. He encouraged all Board members to attend if possible.

Executive Session

The Board entered into executive session at 7:42 p.m. to discuss agenda item #8, Consider for Approval Teachers/Coaches to Hire for 2008-2009 School year and agenda item #13, Personnel Report for School Year 2008-2009.

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:20 p.m.

- a. A motion was made by Neville Triplett to hire Marcus Norvell as teacher/coach and Kathleen Norvell as a teacher for school year 2008-2009.

This motion was seconded by Beatsie Rubio.

Motion carried 7-0

- b. Agenda item #13, Personnel Report for School Year 2008-2009 was discussed but no action was required.

Adjourned:

A motion was made by Charlie Reagor to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

This motion was seconded by Beatsie Rubio.

Motion carried 7-0

Jerry W. Bates, President

Neville Triplett, Secretary

Approved 7-7-08/jf

