

**Leakey Independent School District
Board of Trustees**

November 12, 2007

Regular Meeting

Members Present: Jerry W. Bates Jr., Shane Hohman, Ruben Navarro, Pablo “Beatsie” Rubio,

Members Absent: Martin Martinez, Charlie Reagor, Neville Triplett

Visitors: Administration, media, FFA members and sponsor, various community members.

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. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Future Farmers of America (FFA) members.
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 signed up to speak.
5. Students of the Month were recognized by the Board. They are Lucia Mendoza, Sarah Reagor and Barrett Thomasson. Superintendent Fred McNiel presented Lucia Mendoza with a framed certificate and a \$25.00 gift certificate to Mama Chole’s Restaurant and then presented Barrett Thomasson a framed certificate and \$25.00 gift certificate to Frio Canyon Lodge Restaurant. Sarah Reagor was not present to receive her certificate due to the fact that she was playing basketball in Knippa Superintendent McNiel will present it to her tomorrow.
6. The Board read and reviewed the minutes from the October 15, 2007 regular meeting.
 - a. A motion was made by Beatsie Rubio to approved the minutes for the October 15, 2007 regular meeting.

This motion was seconded by Ruben Navarro.

Motion Carried 4-0

7. The Board reviewed the bills and invoices for the month of November in the amount of \$115,369.28.
 - a. A motion was made by Shane Hohman to approve payment of November bills and invoices in the amount of \$115,369.28.

This motion was seconded by Beatsie Rubio.

Motion carried 4-0

8. Superintendent McNiel informed the Board that the annual 3 hours of “Team Building” training session needs to be scheduled. Tentative dates that were discussed are December 12th, 19th or 20th. Superintendent McNiel will call Region 20 to see which of these dates would be available for the Region 20 representative.
9. Mr. McNiel requested the Board to consider a seasonal meat gift for each LISD employee. He said each employee would receive a smoked turkey and ham. Mr. McNiel informed the Board this was a budgeted item in this years budget.
 - a. A motion was made by Shane Hohman to approve the seasonal meat gifts of a smoked turkey and ham for each LISD employee.

This motion was seconded by Beatsie Rubio.

Motion carried 4-0

10. Superintendent McNiel requested that the District consider approving a resolution to establish a “Lloyd Butler Memorial Scholarship Fund” and authorizing the administration to open an account and deposit donations that have been received.
 - a. A motion was made by Beatsie Rubio to establish a “Lloyd Butler Memorial Scholarship Fund” Donations that have been received will be deposited in this account at First State Bank of Uvalde. Also the administration will be authorized to administer the account.

This motion was seconded by Shane Hohman.

Motion carried 4-0

11. Superintendent McNiel presented a list of transfer students that he recommends for approval. The following students are Hannah and Melodie Hocker from Uvalde and Deya Lozano.
 - a. A motion was made by Beatsie Rubio to approve the transfers students recommended by Superintendent McNiel.

This motion was seconded by Ruben Navarro.

Motion carried 4-0

12. Approval of appropriating funds to pay for a portion of extended field trips was discussed but no decision was made.
 - a. A motion was made by Shane Hohman to table approval of appropriating funds to pay for a portion of extended field trips until the December Board meeting.

This motion was seconded by Beatsie Rubio.

Motion carried 4-0

13. Mr. Ferguson presented to the Board a budget amendment showing the District will receive an estimated \$65,000.00 in additional revenue based on our current enrollment of 249 students. He explained our 2007-2008 budget was based on an enrollment of 231 students. After discussing and reviewing the amendment, the Board decided to approve the expenditure of \$16,000 for technology upgrades and fiber optic repairs. The remaining balance of \$49,000 will be decided at the December Board meeting.

- a. A motion was made by Beatsie Rubio to approve the expenditure of \$16,000 for technology upgrades and fiber optic repairs and the remaining balance of \$49,000 will be determined at the December Board meeting.

This motion was seconded by Shane Hohman.

Motion carried 4-0

14. Resolution for the election of directors for the Real County Appraisal District and Uvalde County Appraisal District was discussed. Leakey ISD has 2400 votes for Real County Appraisal District. Eight hundred (800) votes went to each candidate; Randall Brice, Caroline Breshears and C. W. "Dub" Suttle to serve two-year terms. Leakey ISD has forty-seven (47) votes for the Uvalde County Appraisal District and all votes went to candidate, Rodger Roosa to serve a two-year term.

- a. A motion was made by Beatsie Rubio to approve the resolution for the election of directors for the Real County Appraisal District and Uvalde County Appraisal District.

This motion was seconded by Shane Hohman.

Motion carried 4-0

15. Business Manager's Report – Don Ferguson

- a. Mr. Ferguson gave the monthly Board report and financial summary. He reported as of October 31, 2007 the District's cash is \$1,173,047.00. Total revenue for the month of October \$749,128.00 and total disbursements for October was \$284,188.00. Current interest rates at First State Bank of Uvalde is 5.23% and the Lone Star Pool is 5.04%. Year to date interest earned is \$10,124.00

16. Principal's Report – Lorri Gonzalez

- a. Ms. Gonzalez reported on the Veteran's Day Program. She reported there were 47 veterans and their spouses that signed in during the morning social and were escorted into the Leakey gym. Beth Manglberger and Joan McCarson were the sponsors; however the program and power point presentation were created and presented by our NHS/NJHS students. She reported she had several compliments from community members and the veterans on how much they enjoyed the program.
- b. Ms. Gonzalez informed the Board there was a meeting on October 25, 2007 for parents and students regarding the extended field trips that will be taken in the Spring. They discussed fund raising and guidelines for the students.

17. Superintendent's Report – Fred McNeil

- a. Superintendent McNeil informed the Board the Sponsor Billboard project has been completed. Each one of these sponsors had donated \$400.00 to the “Welcome to Leakey” signs that are on the four roads leading into Leakey. As for recognition, two Sponsor Billboards were built and erected; one was installed in the gym and one at the football field.
- b. Superintendent McNeil reported he had attended the Superintendent's Retreat at Tapatio Springs on October 29th and October 30th. This event was hosted by Education Service Centers Region 13 and Region 20.
- c. Superintendent McNeil was happy to report that all the new lights had been installed at Eagle Stadium. They look great and really illuminate the field. Bandera Electric will take down the old light poles. He reported that he would be sending a project completion report to LCRA by November 30th.
- d. Superintendent McNeil informed the Board the new scoreboards for the gym have been installed and will be ready for our first basketball game. First State Bank of Uvalde donated almost \$10,000 in order for the school to have these new scoreboards. He informed the Board there will be a special ceremony the night of our first basketball game to honor and properly thank First State Bank of Uvalde for their generous donation. Some of the local bank officials will be present and Coach James Crafton is in charge of this event.
- e. Superintendent McNeil handed out the TASB Board Briefs for review.
- f. Superintendent McNeil gave an update on the USDA Rural Development Grant/Loan application. The USDA representative informed Mr. McNeil that they are still waiting for the federal government to adopt a new budget so they will know how much money they will have available for grants and loans.

Executive Session

The Board did not have an executive session this meeting.

Adjourned:

- a. A motion was made by Shane Hohman to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

This motion was seconded by Ruben Navarro.

Motion Carried 4-0

Jerry W. Bates Jr., President

Neville Triplett, Secretary

Approved 12-17-07/jf