

The Public Hearing was opened by Jerry Bates Jr. at 6:30 P.M. Don Ferguson, Business Manager, gave the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) report. He reported Leakey ISD had received a "Superior Achievement" rating for the 2005-2006 school year. This rating is comprised of 21 indicators that ensure the school district is held accountable for the quality of their financial management practices. This is the 5th year in a row that Leakey ISD has achieved the "superior achievement" rating. Mr. Ferguson asked for comments from the public. There was no one present who wanted to speak regarding this issue. The Public Hearing meeting was closed at 6:36 p.m.

**Leakey Independent School District
Board of Trustees**

September 17, 2007

Regular Meeting

Members Present: Jerry W. Bates Jr., Shane Hohman, Martin Martinez, Ruben Navarro, Charlie Reagor, Pablo "Beatsie" Rubio

Members Absent: Neville Triplett

Visitors: Administration, Media, various community members, members of the Student Council And their sponsor Gloria Carrillo.

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Bates at 6:37 p.m., immediately following the Public Hearing. 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 members of the LISD Student Council.
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. Mrs. Terri Trees presented a petition from parents, football players, cheerleaders and various community members requesting the Board to reconsider the administration's decision not to have a pep rally when the football team was playing out of town. Mr. Tooter Trees expressed his concerns to the Board regarding the number of absences a student can have for extra curricular activities. Mr. John Daly addressed the Board in regards to his son Ben Daly. Mr. Ben Daly also addressed the Board.

3. Students of the Month were recognized by the Board. They are Christina Lopez, Caleb Thomasson and Andrew Trejo. Superintendent Fred McNeil presented each one with a framed certificate and a \$25.00 gift certificate to one of three

restaurants; Mama Chole's, Vinny's and Frio Canyon Lodge.

4. The Board read and reviewed the minutes from the August 27, 2007 regular meeting.
 - a. A motion was made by Martin Martinez to approve the minutes for the August 27, 2007 regular meeting.

This motion was seconded by Ruben Navarro.

Motion Carried 6-0

5. The Board reviewed payment of bills and invoices for September, 2007.
 - a. A motion was made by Charlie Reagor to approve payment of bills and invoices for September, 2007.

This motion was seconded by Ruben Navarro.

Motion Carried 6-0

6. The Board discussed passing a resolution nominating Rodger Roosa for a directorship for Uvalde County Appraisal District for fiscal years' 2008-2009.
 - a. A motion was made by Martin Martinez to pass a resolution nominating Rodger Roosa as a nominee for a directorship of the Uvalde County Appraisal District for fiscal years' 2008-2009.

This motion was seconded by Beatsie Rubio.

Motion Carried 6-0

7. The Board discussed passing a resolution nominating three (3) candidates for the Real County Appraisal District for a term beginning January, 2008. The Board discussed nominating Caroline Breshears, Randall Brice and Dub Suttle.
 - a. A motion was made by Charlie Reagor to nominate the following candidates, Caroline Breshears, Randall Brice and Dub Suttle for directors of the Real County Appraisal District.

This motion was seconded by Shane Hohman.

Motion Carried 6-0

8. The Board reviewed the request from Joel Pigg, Real County Agent, to sanction 4-H as an extracurricular activity so the students absences due to 4-H activities would be considered excused absences.
 - a. A motion was made by Shane Hohman to pass a resolution to sanction 4-H as an extracurricular activity for the students.

This motion was seconded by Martin Martinez.

Motion Carried 6-0

9. Approval of policy regarding absences for extracurricular activities was discussed but no decision was made regarding this issue.
 - a. A motion made by Charlie Reagor to table approval of policy regarding absences for extracurricular activities until further study by the Board and administration.

This motion was seconded by Martin Martinez.

Motion carried 6-0

10. Business Manager's Report – Don Ferguson

- a. Mr. Ferguson gave the monthly Board report and financial summary. He reported as of August 31, 2007 the District's cash position is \$1,059,274.00. Total revenue for the month of August was \$96,359.00 and total disbursements for August was \$802,055.00. Current interest rates at 1st State Bank of Uvalde is 5.39% and the Lone Star Pool is 5.21%. Year to date interest earned is \$63,223.00
- b. Mr. Ferguson reported the current enrollment is 243 students.

11. Principal's Report – Lorri Gonzalez

- a. Ms. Gonzalez reported to the Board the administration decided to hold junior high and high school pep rallies only when there was a home game. Students are missing a lot of instructional time due to the extracurricular activities and the administration felt this would be a way to maximize instructional time.
- b. Principal Gonzalez reported to the Board the administration is considering extended field trips for Grades 7-12. Seniors would go on a 10 day field trip and then the lower grade levels would go but for less days. Ms. Gonzalez reported the teachers and students have had a meeting and the classes are excited about the field trips. These trips will be taken in the Spring after TAKS and only students with good conduct and attendance records would be allowed to go.

12. Superintendent's Report – Fred McNiel

- a. The Superintendent shared a copy of the TASB Board Briefs with the Trustees.
- b. The Superintendent reminded the Trustees the TASB Convention will be held September 28th in Dallas. Those attending will be Beatsie Rubio, Charlie Reagar, Ruben Navarro and Neville Triplett.
- c. Superintendent McNiel reported the installation of new lights at Eagle Stadium is progressing well. He reported Bandera Electric has erected two light poles and the project should be completed soon.
- d. Superintendent McNiel reported to the Board that the local churches and the FCA sponsors have agreed to host the Fifth Quarter activities after our home games. This will allow our students to have somewhere to socialize and have some fun after the game. The churches will provide the food and there will be sponsors there to organize the activities.
- e. The Superintendent was pleased to inform the Board that First State Bank of Uvalde has agreed to purchase two (2) new scoreboards that will be displayed on both ends of the gym. He informed the Board that the scoreboards should be in place by our first home basketball game early November.

Executive Session:

The Board entered into executive session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss goals/objectives for the Superintendent for 2007-2008 school year and to discuss student discipline issues.

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:50 p.m.

Adjourned:

- a. A motion was made by Martin Martinez to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

This motion was seconded by Beatsie Rubio.

Motion Carried 6-0

Jerry W. Bates, Jr., President

Neville Triplett, Secretary

Approved 10-15-07/jf