

**Leakey Independent School District
Board of Trustees**

February 19, 2007

Regular Meeting

Members Present: Ann Auld, Shane Hohman, Neville Triplett, Ruben Navarro,
Martin Martinez, Roland Trees, Jerry Bates Jr.

Members Absent: none

Visitors: Administration, media, NJHS members and their sponsor, various
community members.

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Auld at 6:30 p.m. She 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 members of LISD National Junior Honor Society.
2. The Board and audience observed a moment of silent reflection.

Open Forum:

President Auld welcomed the visitors and gave anyone that was present an opportunity to speak to the Board. Mr. Bill Bradley asked to address the Board. He wanted to express to the Board that he felt Mrs. González was very dedicated to her position as principal and was doing an excellent job. He asked the Board to take this into consideration when they considered her contract renewal.

3. Students of the Month were recognized by the Board. They are Evan Jaworski, Dylan VanDeventer, and Josh Haby. Superintendent McNeil presented each one with a framed certificate and \$25.00 gift certificates to one of three restaurants; Mama Choles, Vinny's or Frio Canyon Lodge.
4. A presentation was made by LeAnn Martinez, Chief Appraiser of Real County, on the Comptroller's 2006 Property Value study for Real County. She reported that the Comptroller Property Value study is like a report card for the County Appraisal District. The Comptroller's office accepted the values established by our local appraisal district and confirmed what we already know: The Chief Appraiser and her staff are doing a great job!

5. The Board reviewed a proposal from Merritt & McLane, CPAs to perform audit services for 2006-2007 school year.
 - a. A motion was made by Jerry Bates Jr. to approve Merritt & McLane, CPAs to perform audit services for 2006-2007.

This motion was seconded by Neville Triplett **Motion Carried 6-0**

6. Karolen Baugh, Leakey ISD tax collector presented a request for a tax refund for the year 2006 in the amount of \$742.05 for Magers River Camp. Real County Appraisal District reported a depreciation factor was left off of the account in error, which resulted in a 1/3 error of value on the improvement on this account.
 - a. A motion was made by Jerry Bates Jr. to refund Magers River Camp \$742.05 for the tax year 2006.

This motion was seconded by Neville Triplett **Motion Carried 6-0**

7. The Board read and reviewed the minutes from the January 22, 2007 Regular Meeting and February 1, 2007 Called Meeting.
 - a. A motion was made by Neville Triplett to approve the minutes for the January 22, 2007 Regular Meeting and February 1, 2007 Called Meeting.

This motion was seconded by Martin Martinez **Motion Carried 6-0**

8. The Board reviewed payment of bills and invoices for February, 2007.
 - a. A motion was made by Martin Martinez to approve payment of bills and invoices for February, 2007.

This motion was seconded by Ruben Navarro **Motion Carried 6-0**

9. The Board discussed passing a resolution calling for a Trustee Election on May 12, 2007.
 - a. A motion was made by Martin Martinez to approve a resolution calling for a Trustee Election on May 12, 2007.

This motion was seconded by Neville Triplett. **Motion Carried 6-0**

10. Superintendent McNeil announced the School Board training hours for School Board members for school year 2006-2007. Ann Auld, Martin Martinez and Neville Triplett each had 13 hours. Jerry Bates Jr., Shane Hohman, Ruben Navarro and Roland Trees each had 3 hours.

11. The Board discussed appointing Luther Bushong as election judge and Trudy Florence as alternate judge.
 - a. A motion was made by Shane Hohman to appoint Luther Bushong as election judge and Trudy Florence as alternate judge.

This motion was seconded by Ruben Navarro. **Motion Carried 6-0**

12. The Board discussed the Joint Election Agreement between LISD and the City of Leakey. LISD and the City of Leakey would conduct their respective elections jointly on May 12, 2007.
 - a. A motion was made by Martin Martinez to approve the Joint Election Agreement between LISD and the City of Leakey for the election on May 12, 2007.

This motion was seconded by Neville Triplett. **Motion Carried 6-0**

13. Don Ferguson informed the Board that they need to designate how the fund balance would be spent. He reported that the fund balance as of 8-31-06 was \$590,908. The board discussed using \$361,000 for facility construction, maintenance, and operations. The remaining balance of \$230,113.00 would be held in reserve.
 - a. A motion was made by Shane Hohman to designate \$361,000 of the fund balance for facility construction, maintenance and operations with the balance of \$230,113 held in reserve.

The motion was seconded by Ruben Navarro. **Motion Carried 6-0**

14. The Board President read the resignation letters from J. R. Martinez and Lynda Mayer.
 - a. A motion was made by Neville Triplett to accept the resignations of J. R. Martinez and Lynda Mayer.

This motion was seconded by Jerry Bates Jr. **Motion Carried 6-0**

15. The Board reviewed the proposed changes to the Board Policy Manual on Attendance: open/closed campus.
 - a. A motion was made by Jerry Bates Jr. to accept the changes to the Board Policy Manual on Attendance: open/closed campus.

This motion was seconded by Martin Martinez. **Motion Carried 6-0**

16. The Appointment of a Committee to study Gym Renovations was tabled.
 - a. A motion was made by Neville Triplett to table the appointment of a committee to study gym renovations.

This motion was seconded by Martin Martinez **Motion Carried 6-0**

17. The Board discussed adding an additional substitute, Stephanie DeLeon to the official substitute list.
 - a. A motion was made by Jerry Bates Jr. to add Stephanie DeLeon to the substitute list.

This motion was seconded by Martin Martinez. **Motion Carried 6-0**

18. Business Manager's Report – Don Ferguson

- a. Mr. Ferguson reported Leakey ISD cash position as of January 31, 2007 to be \$1,649,617.00. Cash receipts for the month were \$870,223.00 and disbursements were \$325,435.00. Current interest rates at 1st State Bank of Uvalde (formerly Bank of Frio Canyon) is 5.17% and the Lone Star Pool is 5.17%. Year to date interest earned is \$22,032.00.
- b. Mr. Ferguson reported the current enrollment as of January 31, 2007 is 243 students.

19. Superintendent's Report – Mr. Fred McNiel

- a. Superintendent McNiel reported to the Board that he had attended the TASA Mid-Winter Conference in Austin. He reported while networking with other superintendents he learned of a student organization called Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC). He informed the Board he has already created such a council and that the first meeting is on February 28th.
- b. Superintendent McNiel reported the renovations on the Thurmond Property are almost complete and an estate sale will be held on March 3 to dispose of the household items that were left in the house. Proceeds from the sale will go to the gym a/c fund.
- c. Superintendent McNiel gave copies of the January, 2007 TASB Board Briefs to each Trustee.

Executive Session:

The Board entered into executive session at 7:45 p.m. to receive an update on property acquisition, personnel report, and to conduct evaluations, contracts and salary increases of the Principal and Athletic Director.

The Board reconvened in open session at 10:08 p.m.

- a. A motion was made by Shane Hohman to give Lorri Gonzalez, Principal, a one year contract for the 2007-2008 school year with a 5% increase in salary.

This motion was seconded by Roland Trees.

Motion Carried 6-0

- b. A motion was made by Shane Hohman to give James Crafton, Athletic Director, a one year contract for the 2007-2008 school year with a 5% increase in salary.

This motion was seconded by Neville Triplett.

Motion Carried 6-0

- c. A motion was made by Ruben Navarro to approve Budget Amendment 1 (one) for \$17,000 matching grant from Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA)

This motion was seconded by Martin Martinez

Motion Carried 6-0

- d. A motion was made by Jerry Bates Jr. to approve Budget Amendment 2 (two) for maintenance and custodial salary increase.

This motion was seconded Roland Trees.

Motion Carried 6-0

Adjourned:

- a. A motion was made by Jerry Bates Jr. to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 p.m..

This motion was seconded by Shane Hohman

Motion Carried 6-0

Ann Auld, President

Neville Triplett, Secretary

Approved 3-12-07/jf