

**Leakey Independent School District
Board of Trustees**

April 16, 2007

Regular Meeting

Members Present: Ann Auld, Jerry W. Bates Jr., Shane Hohman, Martin Martinez,
Ruben Navarro, Roland Trees, Neville Triplett (arrived at 6:43 p.m.)

Members Absent: None

Visitors: Administration, Media, Leakey FCA members, Melissa Bates, and 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 LISD Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).
2. The Board and audience observe 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. Melissa Bates asked to address the Board. She expressed her concerns about the state of technology in the district and the lack of an elementary visual arts program. She also expressed dissatisfaction with the elementary computer lab. Principal Gonzalez informed Mrs. Bates that the district was in the process of purchasing new computers for the elementary and secondary classes.

3. Students of the Month were recognized by the Board. They are Sadie Harwood, Billy Chisum, and Andrew Trejo. Superintendent McNiel presented Billy Chisum and Andrew Trejo with a framed certificate and \$25.00 gift certificates to one of three restaurants; Mama Choles, Vinny's or Frio Canyon Lodge. Sadie Harwood was not in attendance this evening. Mr. McNiel will present her framed certificate and \$25.00 gift certificate in class tomorrow.
4. The Board read and reviewed the minutes from the March 12, 2007 regular meeting.
 - a. A motion was made by Martin Martinez to approve the minutes for the March 12, 2007 regular meeting.

This motion was seconded by Roland Trees.

Motion Carried 5-0

5. The Board reviewed payment of bills and invoices for April, 2007.
 - a. A motion was made by Roland Trees to approve payment of the bills and invoices for April, 2007.

This motion was seconded by Shane Hohman. **Motion Carried 5-0**

6. LeAnn Martinez, Chief Appraiser for Real County Appraisal District gave the Board an overview of the proposed Appraisal District Budget for 2007-2008 school year. The proposed budget is \$162,164.00 and the District is financially responsible for 54.78% of their budget which is \$88,833.44. Mrs. Martinez informed the Board if there were no questions regarding the proposed budget then it would need to be approved at the May, 2007 Board meeting.

7. The appointment of a committee to study gym renovations was tabled.
 - a. A motion was made by Shane Hohman to table the appointment of a committee to study gym renovations until the next Board meeting.

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

8. Superintendent McNiel discussed with the Board and asked permission to solicit bids for some major construction/renovation projects that would be done this summer. Mr. McNiel informed the Board if he had to prioritize the projects it would be handicap ramps/sidewalks; paving circle drive and bus parking; demolition of old ag building; and painting exterior of school buildings. Mr. McNiel informed the Board if bids were accepted the money would have to come from the fund balance.
 - a. A motion was made by Neville Triplett to solicit bids for demolition of old Ag building.

This motion was seconded by Shane Hohman. **Motion Carried 6-0**

9. Superintendent McNiel asked permission to solicit bids for paving circle drive and bus parking area.
 - a. A motion was made by Ruben Navarro to solicit bids for paving circle drive and bus parking area.

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

10. Superintendent McNiel asked permission to solicit bids for painting exterior of school buildings.
 - a. A motion was made by Jerry Bates Jr. to solicit bids for painting exterior of school buildings.

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

11. Superintendent McNiel asked permission to solicit bids for additional handicap ramps/sidewalks.

- a. A motion was made by Neville Triplett to solicit bids for additional handicap ramps/sidewalks.

This motion was seconded by Roland Trees.

Motion carried 6-0

12. The Board discussed the lease/purchase plan for new computers through Apple Computer. The agenda item was tabled until an updated lease agreement could be attained.

- a. A motion was made by Roland Trees to table the approval of the lease/purchase agreement until an updated lease agreement is received.

This motion was seconded by Jerry W. Bates Jr.

Motion carried 6-0

13. The Board reviewed the updated Technology Plan. In order to apply for e-rate funds the Technology Plan must be updated each year.

- a. A motion was made by Neville Triplett to approve the updated Technology Plan.

This motion was seconded by Ruben Navarro.

Motion carried 6-0

14. **Business Manager's Report – Don Ferguson** (Report was given by Superintendent McNiel in Mr. Ferguson's absence.)

- a. Leakey ISD cash position as of March 31, 2007 is \$1,575,707.00. Cash receipts for March was \$130,622.00 and disbursements were \$257,051.00. Current interest rates at First State Bank of Uvalde is 5.32% and the Lone Star Pool is 5.18%. Year to date interest earned is \$39,146.00.
- b. Superintendent McNiel reported to the Board all functions within the budget are still within budget.

15. **Principal's Report – Lorri González**

- a. Mrs. Gonzalez reported the Relay for Life team had raised \$3,800 so far and she expects to raise our goal of \$5,000 after we conduct the basketball tournament on April 21, 2007.
- b. Mrs. González also reported to the Board she had received the TAKS results for 3rd & 5th grade reading. The 3rd grade had 9 out of 12 students passed (75%) and in 5th grade there were 14 out of 16 students that passed (88%).
- c. Mrs. González reported to the Board that the Canine Detection Unit had visited the school twice since her last report. The first visit was March 20th and no contraband was found. The second visit was on March 29th which resulted in contraband being found. She reported the student was placed in DAEP for the remainder of the school year

- d. Mrs. González reported to the Board that two LISD students will be going to the Academic UIL Regional Meet. They are Andrew Trejo and Michelle Bingham. The High School Track team has two students going to the Regional Track Meet. They are James Fletcher and Ricardo Barrientos.

16. Superintendent's Report – Mr. Fred McNiel

- a. Superintendent McNiel reported to the Board that he had conducted another Superintendents Student Advisory Council meeting. The student reps are doing a good job of providing input into their perceived needs of our school.
- b. Superintendent McNiel reported to the Board the Peterson Foundation grant application had been denied for the second time. The foundation was not comfortable buying 50 acres of land when only 20 acres was needed. The Foundation suggested that the District find someone to purchase 30 acres and then resubmit the grant application for 20 acres.
- c. Superintendent McNiel informed the Board that he is making progress on the USDA Rural Development Grant application. He reported that the State office in Temple has notified the District that it is eligible for funding and we should know something later this fall.
- d. Superintendent McNiel reminded the Board that the Teacher/Staff Appreciation Banquet would be held on April 30th. He encouraged all Board members to come and fill a table with guests. He also said the PTO has agreed to pay for the teachers and staff meal tickets.
- e. Superintendent McNiel informed the Board that two 8th graders had been selected to participate in the Geo-force Summer Enrichment Camp. The participants will be Sarah Rubio and Leah Carrillo.
- f. Superintendent McNiel informed the Board that LISD student Michelle Bingham had won first place in the diabetes essay contest sponsored by our local Lions Club. She will compete in the District contest in San Antonio on May 11th.

Executive Session:

The Board entered into executive session at 8:06 p.m. to consider a Level III Grievance filed by Penny Maguire and to hear an update on the acquisition of property.

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:02 p.m.

Adjourned:

1. A motion was made by Neville Triplett to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

This motion was seconded by Roland Trees.

Motion Carried 6-0

Ann Auld, President

Neville Triplett, Secretary

Approved 5-15-07/jf