

The Public Hearing was opened by School Board President, Ann Auld at 6:30 p.m. Superintendent Fred McNiel gave an analysis of the Leakey ISD proposed budget that would determine the tax rate that would be adopted at the regular meeting following the Public Hearing. The proposed (final draft #3) operating budget for the 2006-2007 school year will be \$2,726,977.00. This is an increase of \$182,276.00 from the 2005-2006 operating budget. Mr. McNiel reported that the district received the certified tax roll on August 10th and the taxable property values are \$171,694,672.00. If the projected tax rate of \$1.27/\$100 valuation is adopted by the Board then the local tax revenue would be \$2,180,522.33. Community members were given an opportunity to ask questions after Mr. McNiel presented the proposed budget. The Public Hearing meeting was closed at 7:05 p.m.

**Leakey Independent School District  
Board of Trustees**

**August 28, 2006**

**Regular Meeting**

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

**Members Absent:** Roland Trees

**Visitors:** Administration, Media, Members of the National Honor Society of Leakey Schools, and Bill Bradley, Sponsor.

The meeting was called to order, immediately following the Public Hearing, by President Ann Auld at 7:06 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 National 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. No one elected to address the Board.

3. The Board read and reviewed the minutes from the July 10<sup>th</sup> called meeting, July 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, and the August 7<sup>th</sup> called meeting.
  - a. A motion was made by Neville Triplett to approve the minutes of the July 10<sup>th</sup> called meeting, July 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, and the August 7<sup>th</sup> called meeting.  
This motion was seconded by Jerry Bates Jr. **Motion Carried 5-0**

4. The Board reviewed payment of bills and invoices that were due for August, 2006
  - a. A motion was made by Martin Martinez to approve payment of bills and invoices.  
This motion was seconded by Ruben Navarro. **Motion Carried 5-0**
  
5. Karolen Baugh, LISD Tax Collector gave her year end report. Fiscal year is September 1 to August 31<sup>st</sup>. As of August 28<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Baugh had collected \$2,128,447 in taxes. She also reported that she had collected penalties and interest revenue of \$45,073, and tax certificates totaling \$1,350 for a total of \$2,174,870.00.
  
6. Superintendent McNiel reported to the Board that the Lone Star Pool account still had the previous superintendent's name, Sam Preece, as the authorized representative of the district's account. A resolution needs to be passed in order to change the authorized representative on the account.
  - a. A motion was made by Shane Hohman to appoint Superintendent Fred R. McNiel to be the authorized representative for the Lone Star Pool account.  
This motion was seconded by Jerry W. Bates, Jr. **Motion Carried 5-0**
  
7. Mr. Ferguson explained to the Board the need for the proposed year end budget amendments for the 2005-06 school year. These amendments would allow funds to be transferred to different function accounts within the budget.
  - a. A motion was made by Neville Triplett to approve the year end budget amendments for 2005-2006 school year.  
This motion was seconded by Martin Martinez. **Motion Carried 5-0**
  
8. The Board reviewed and had an opportunity to ask questions regarding the proposed 2006-2007 budget (final draft #3).
  - a. A motion was made by Jerry W. Bates Jr. to adopt the 2006-2007 budget.  
This motion was seconded by Shane Hohman. **Motion Carried 5-0**
  
9. The Board reviewed the proposed tax rate of \$1.27/\$100 valuation for the 2006-2007 school year.
  - a. A motion was made by Shane Hohman to adopt the 2006-2007 tax rate of \$1.27/\$100 valuation.  
This motion was seconded by Ruben Navarro. **Motion Carried 5-0**
  
10. The approval for the purchase of a suburban vehicle was tabled until the district receives a final quote from the dealership.
  - a. A motion was made by Jerry W. Bates Jr. to tabled the approval for the purchase of a suburban vehicle until a final quote is received.  
This motion was seconded by Shane Hohman. **Motion Carried 5-0**

11. The Board Policy Update #78 from TASB was reviewed by the Board and discussed briefly.
  - a. A motion was made by Neville Triplett to adopt Board Policy Update #78.  
This motion was seconded by Martin Martinez **Motion Carried 5-0**
  
12. The Board read the written resignation of Conon Emmons, who held the position of Athletic Director. The resignation was to take effect immediately.
  - a. A motion was made by Martin Martinez to accept the resignation of Conon Emmons.  
This motion was seconded by Jerry W. Bates Jr. **Motion Carried 5-0**
  
13. Mr. Ferguson explained the differences on the workman's compensation bids that were received from Claims Administrative Services and Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Risk Management Funds. The Board reviewed the plans and upon Mr. Ferguson's recommendation decided on the TASB Risk Management Funds, Option 1 Plan.
  - a. A motion was made by Shane Hohman to accept the proposal from TASB Risk Management Funds, Option 1 Plan.  
This motion was seconded by Martin Martinez. **Motion Carried 5-0**
  
14. **Business Manager's Report – Mr. Don Ferguson**
  - a. Mr. Ferguson reported to the Board that he will be giving a Year-End Report for 2005-2006 school year at the next Board Meeting on September 11th.
  - b. Mr. Ferguson gave the financial summary and investment report. He reported as of July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006 there was \$1,171,267.00 cash in the bank and the district earned \$5,035.00 in interest for the month of July.
  - c. Mr. Ferguson reported the current interest rate with Bank of Frio Canyon is 3.82% and the Lone Star Pool is 5.19%.
  - d. Mr. Ferguson reported the TEA "FIRST" (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) report was received for the 2004-2005 school year and that the district received "Superior Achievement". He reported the District has received this rating for the fourth year in a row.
  
15. **Principal's Report – Mrs. Lorri González**
  - a. Mrs. González gave the Board the current football and volleyball schedules. There were some changes to the original schedules due to the fact the coaches were able to add some additional games.
  - b. Mrs. González reported the District had received the Federal Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) report for 2005-2006 school year. Mrs. Gonzalez reported the students are tested in Reading/English Language Arts and Mathematics. The District had 100% participation. There were 132 students tested and 116 students met the standard (88%) in Reading/English Language Arts and 101 students met the standard (77%) in Mathematics. This is an improvement from the 2004-2005 school year.

- c. Mrs. González reported the District is now offering Advance Placement (AP) classes in biology and history for the 2006-2007 school year. Mrs. Clark is teaching the biology class and Coach James Crafton is teaching the history class.

**16. Superintendent – Mr. Fred R. McNiel**

- a. Superintendent McNiel reported that the summer projects were completed except for putting the benches back around by the gym. Mr. McNiel reported Jeff Pannell did an excellent job in a timely manner.
- b. Superintendent McNiel reported to the Board he had been talking to a representative with USDA regarding an alternative way to receive some funding other than a bond issue. He reported that the USDA will loan/grant money to help small rural schools for new construction. This would be a low interest loan (4½%) and a portion of the principal may be forgiven by the government. Superintendent McNiel expresses his thoughts that we desperately need a new high school facility. He said if the District wanted to apply for a loan he would begin the application process with the Boards' approval. He gave an example; if the district borrowed \$2,000,000 at 4½% interest rate for 30 years, the annual payment would be approximately \$120,000 a year. The Board ask the Superintendent to proceed with the application.
- c. The Superintendent gave the Board information on upcoming training opportunities at ESC Region 20 for superintendents and Board members.
- d. The Superintendent reported that the TASB Board Briefs were not included in the Board packets for this meeting but will be included for the next Board meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup>.
- e. The Superintendent reported the current enrollment as of August 28<sup>th</sup> is 249.
- f. The Superintendent reported that Dick Mitchell had made a donation to the school to buy school supplies for our students that needed assistance.

**Executive Session:**

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:09 p.m. for a personnel report from Superintendent McNiel.

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

- 17. The Superintendent recommended the hiring of Mr. Rick Austin to fill the position of teacher/band director.

- a. A motion was made by Neville Triplett to hire Rick Austin to fill the Band/Music position.

This motion was seconded by Jerry Bates Jr.

**Motion Carried 5-0**

**Adjourned:**

- a. A motion was made by Jerry Bates Jr. to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.  
This motion was seconded by Martin Martinez. **Motion Carried 5-0**

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**Ann Auld, President**

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**Neville Triplett, Secretary**

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