

**Leakey Independent School District
Board of Trustees**

July 9, 2007

Regular Meeting

Members Present: Jerry W. Bates Jr., Shane Hohman*, Martin Martinez, Ruben Navarro, Charlie Reagor, Pablo “Beatsie” Rubio
*Shane Hohman arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Members Absent: Neville Triplett

Visitors: Administration, Media, various community members.

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Bates at 6:55 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:

1. The pledge of allegiance was led by Jerry Bates Jr.
2. The Board and audience observed a moment of silent reflection.

Open Forum:

President Bates welcomed visitors and invited 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 June 11th regular meeting and the June 25th called meeting/public hearing.
 - a. A motion was made by Martin Martinez to approve the minutes from the June 11th regular meeting and the June 25th called meeting/public hearing.

This motion was seconded by Charlie Reagor. **Motion Carried 5-0**

4. Superintendent McNiel reported to the Board the USDA Grant/Loan application was near completion. He reported that he was waiting on letters of support from several community members that was required and also Cadco Architects & Engineers was sending additional requested information to him. It seems USDA wants the site plan to be enlarged (11x17) so it can be read easily. After a lengthy discussion among the Board members a motion was made to approve the submission of the grant/loan application.

- a. A motion was made by Shane Hohman to approve the submission of the USDA Rural Development Grant/Loan application.

This motion was seconded by Martin Martinez. **Motion carried 4-2**

Charlie Reagor and Beatsie Rubio opposed the motion.

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

This motion was seconded by Beatsie Rubio. **Motion carried 6-0**

6. Engagement Letter with Cadco Architects-Engineers is a requirement for the USDA Rural Development Grant/Loan application. This is a letter of agreement signed by the President of the Board, that Leakey ISD will enter into a contractual agreement with Cadco Architects-Engineers, Inc for all required architectural and engineering design services at the following fee of 7.5% of \$3,500,000. If the grant/loan/bond is not approved by either the District's Board of Trustees or the USDA or funded by the USDA, no monies would be due to Cadco Architects-Engineers, Inc.

- a. A motion was made by Martin Martinez to approve the Engagement Letter with Cadco Architects-Engineers Inc..

This motion was seconded by Shane Hohman. **Motion carried 4-2**

Charlie Reagor and Beatsie Rubio opposed the motion.

7. Discussion of proposed Budget for 2007-2008 school year was tabled. Superintendent McNiel informed the Board that Mr. Ferguson had been working on the USDA Grant/Loan application and would like to schedule a special called meeting for a budget workshop early in August.
8. Superintendent McNiel reported the District has received an application for transfer students, Joanie and Frankie Elliott. This family has moved to Concan and would like their children to attend Leakey ISD.
 - a. A motion was made by Beatsie Rubio to accept the transfer students Joanie and Frankie Elliott.

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

9. Consider for approval local policy to allow early admission for kindergarten and first grade did for lack of a motion.

10. A Resolution was read by Jerry Bates authorizing the issuance of Leakey ISD Maintenance Tax Note, Series 2007 in the amount of \$163,300,00
 - a. A motion was made by Ruben Navarro to approve a resolution authorizing the issuance of Leakey ISD Maintenance tax note series 2007 in the amount of \$163,300, 00.

This motion was seconded by Beatsie Rubio. **Motion carried 6-0**

11. Mr. Ferguson presented to the Board for approval July Budget Admendent #1 for a water wheel and pump in the amount of \$8,766.00 for the football field.
 - a. A motion was made by Charlie Reagor to approve the July Budget Admendent #1 for a water wheel and pump in the amount of \$8,766.00.

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

12. Business Manager's Report – Don Ferguson

- a. Mr. Ferguson gave each Board member a summary of the enrollment and state funding report as of May 31, 2007. He reported the budget for state aid was \$513,125.00 and the District received \$586,670.17. The District is scheduled to received \$73,545.17 additional funds. The budget was based on enrollment of 240 students but as of May 31, 2007 the enrollment was 244.
- b. Mr. Ferguson reported as of June 30, 2007 the District's cash position is \$1,034,388.00. Total revenue for the month of June was \$110,913.00 and total disbursements for June was \$277,783.00. Current interest rates at 1st State Bank of Uvalde is 5.39% and the Lone Star Pool is 5.17%. Year to date interest earned is \$54,602.00.
- c. Mr. Ferguson gave the Board a preliminary TEA FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) financial report. The District as received "Superior Achievement" for the fifth year.

13. Superintendent's Report – Fred McNiel

- a. Superintendent McNiel reported to the Board that the District has partnered with Rock Springs ISD and Nueces Canyon ISD to apply for a \$500,000 STAR Grant. This grant is through TEA to help districts to improve their technology departments. Our portion of this grant if approved will be approximately \$135,000.
- b. Superintendent McNiel reported the summer renovations are going well. The weather had slowed the contractors some but with a few good days the circle drive and paving will be completed.
- c. Superintendent McNiel reported the USDA Grant/Loan application is ready to be submitted.
- d. Superintendent McNiel informed the Board members he had received confirmation on their registration for the TASA/TASB Convention on September 28-30 in Dallas, Tx.

Adjourned:

14. A motion was made by Shane Hohman to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

This motion was seconded by Martin Martinez.

Motion carried 6-0

Jerry W. Bates, Jr., President

Neville Triplett, Secretary

Approved 8-27-07/jf