

**Leakey Independent School District
Board of Trustees**

May 15, 2007

Regular Meeting

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

New Members Present: Charlie Reagor, Pablo “Beatsie” Rubio

Absent: none

Visitors: Administration, Media, Melissa Bates, Shawn Gray, various community members.

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Auld at 6:00 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 FFA members and sponsor Tom Hickerson.
2. The Board and audience observed a moment of silent reflection.

Open Forum:

President Auld welcomed visitors and invited anyone that was present an opportunity to speak to the Board. Shawn Gray asked to address the Board. She asked the Board to consider splitting the 5th grade class because of the number of students that will be in the 5th grade in the 2007-2008 school year. She also feels the computer lab classes would benefit from a smaller class. Melissa Bates also addressed the Board in regards to the size of the 5th grade class next school year.

3. Students of the Month were recognized by the Board. They are Cole Petrovics, Louisa Escobedo, and Jonathan Billings. Superintendent McNiel presented Cole and Louisa with a framed certificate and \$25.00 gift certificate to one of three restaurants; Mama Chole’s Vinny’s or Frio Canyon Lodge. Jonathan Billings was absent from the presentation but Mr. McNiel will present his certificate and gift certificate to him tomorrow.
4. The Board adopted an order canvassing the May 12, 2007 election.
 - a. A motion was made by Neville Triplett to adopt an order canvassing the May 12, 2007 election.

This motion was seconded by Jerry Bates Jr.

Motion carried 6-0

5. Superintendent McNiel recognized the departing School Board Trustees, Ann Auld and Roland Trees, with a framed certificate thanking them for serving on the Board.
6. Superintendent McNiel introduced the new Board Trustees, Charlie Reagor and Pablo “Beatsie” Rubio. The Oath of Office was given to each new Trustee by Jan Faulkner.
7. Shane Hohman opened the floor for nomination of new officers.
 - a. A motion was made by Neville Triplett to elect Jerry Bates Jr. as President.
This motion was seconded by Martin Martinez. **Motion carried 7-0**
 - b. A motion was made by Beatsie Rubio to elect Charlie Reagor as Vice-President.
This motion was seconded by Shane Hohman. **Motion carried 7-0**
 - c. A motion was made by Martin Martinez to elect Neville Triplett as Secretary. This motion was seconded by Shane Hohman. A second motion was made by Charlie Reagor to elect Martin Martinez as Secretary. This motion was seconded by Neville Triplett.
 - d. Vote was taken to elect Neville Triplett. **Motion carried 5-2**
Charlie Reagor and Neville Triplett voted against the motion.
 - e. Vote was taken to elect Martin Martinez. **Motion did not carry 2-5**
Charlie Reagor and Neville Triplett voted for the motion. Jerry Bates Jr, Shane Hohman, Martin Martinez, Ruben Navarro, Beatsie Rubio voted against the motion.
 - f. Neville Triplett was voted in as Secretary by majority vote.
8. The Board read and reviewed the minutes from the April 16, 2007 regular meeting.
 - a. A motion was made by Martin Martinez to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2007 regular meeting.

This motion was seconded by Charlie Reagor. **Motion carried 7-0**
9. The Board read and reviewed payment of bills and invoices for May, 2007.
 - a. A motion was made by Shane Hohman to approve payment of bills and invoices for May, 2007.

This motion was seconded by Ruben Navarro. **Motion carried 7-0**

10. LeAnn Martinez, Chief Appraiser, presented the Appraisal District's 2007-2008 budget for approval.
 - a. A motion was made by Beatsie Rubio to approve the 2007-2008 Appraisal District budget.

This motion was seconded by Charlie Reagor. **Motion Carried 7-0**

11. After much discussion among the Board Trustees, agenda item #12: Consider for approval spending a portion of the fund balance to pay for renovations, was tabled. Agenda item #13 consider for approval borrowing money to pay for renovations was tabled. Agenda item #14 consider for approval awarding contracts for facility renovations/construction was also tabled.
 - a. A motion was made by Charlie Reagor to table agenda items #12, 13 & 14 in order to obtain some additional information from the contractors and to give the new Trustees time to review the proposed 2007 summer renovations. A special called meeting will be held on May 22, 2007 to discuss and act on these agenda items.

This motion was seconded by Beastie Rubio. **Motion carried 7-0**

12. The Board read the resignations of Faye Caldwell, Family and Consumer Science teacher, and Jeff Caffey, Head Football Coach/Teacher both effective at the conclusion of the 2006-2007 school year.
 - a. A motion was made by Beatsie Rubio to accept the resignations of Faye Caldwell and Jeff Caffey effective at the conclusion of the 2006-2007 school year.

This motion was seconded by Neville Triplett. **Motion carried 7-0**

13. The Board reviewed the participation commitment for 2007/2008 school year from the Education Service Center Region 20 (ESC-20)
 - a. A motion was made by Shane Hohman to approve the Cooperative Commitment contract for the school year 2007-2008.

This motion was seconded by Beatsie Rubio. **Motion carried 7-0**

14. The Board discussed certification of textbooks. These books are state adopted textbooks.
 - a. A motion was made by Neville Triplett to certify that the district is using state adopted textbooks.

This motion was seconded by Martin Martinez. **Motion carried 7-0**

15. The Board discussed the lease/purchase agreement from Apple Computer.

The high school will be receiving 31 computers, 12 laptops, and maintenance for 36 months.. The total lease purchase agreement will be \$53,929.33. The elementary department will be receiving 30 Mac minis and AppleCare Protection Plan for a total lease/purchase agreement of \$17,340.00.

- a. A motion was made by Neville Triplett to proceed with the lease/purchase plan with Apple Computer Inc.

This motion was seconded by Charlie Reagor. **Motion carried 7-0**

16. Mrs. Gonzalez explained to the Board the Texas Educator's Excellence Grant (TEEG) had been submitted but she was notified that the District could not use the accountability rating as a guideline in distribution of funds. The District needed to change the wording in the grant application.

- a. A motion was made by Neville Triplett to change the wording in the TEEG grant application.

This motion was seconded by Charlie Reagor. **Motion Carried 7-0**

17. Business Manager's Report – Don Ferguson

- a. Mr. Ferguson reported on the enrollment and state funding for fiscal year 2007. Enrollment as of April 30, 2007 was 243. He reported the budget was based on 240 students and the District has averaged 243.6 students. This will increase our funding by approximately \$86,438.00 for fiscal year 2007.
- b. Mr. Ferguson reported as of April 30, 2007 the District's cash position is \$1,383,378.00. Total revenue for the month of April was \$61,641.00 and total disbursements for April was \$235,652.00. Current interest rates at 1st State Bank of Uvalde is 5.32% and the Lone Star Pool is 5.18%. Year to date interest earned is \$42,385.00.
- c. Mr. Ferguson reported he sent letters on April 16, 2007 to Linda Brice and Clyde Cox notifying them they had been appointed to serve as Deputy Early Voting Clerks for the Leakey ISD, May 12, 2007 Trustee election.

18. Principal's Report – Lorrie González

- a. Mrs. González reported the Relay for Life school team had raised \$5,072.00. She said she appreciated everyone's hard work with the fund raisers and their participation at the Relay for Life event which was held May 4 & 5th.
- b. Mrs. Gonzalez reported the TAKS test results are in. She reported overall our students did well. The sophomore class scored much lower this year in science and math. Mrs. Gonzalez reported more of our special education students are testing with the mainstream students.

- c. Mrs. González reported the Canine Detection dog made a visit to our campus on May 8, 2007. There were no alerts or contraband found.
19. **Superintendent's Report – Fred McNiel**
- a. Superintendent McNiel reported the highway sign project is close to completion.
 - b. Superintendent McNiel reported to the Board that James Crafton, Athletic Director will be conducting a Summer Strength, Speed & Conditioning Program for our athletes in grades 9-12.
 - c. Superintendent McNiel reported the USDA Rural Development Grant is still pending on some additional information. He advised the Board that soon they will need to make a decision on whether to proceed with this grant application.
 - d. Superintendent McNiel reported the Teacher/Staff Appreciation Banquet went very well this year. He reported there were approximately 200 in attendance.

Executive Session:

The Board entered into executive session at 8:00 p.m. for an update on prospective property acquisition, hiring teachers/coaches and a contract extension for the principal for 2008-2009 school year.

The Board reconvened in open session at 10:57 p.m.

20. The Superintendent recommended the hiring of Jennifer Pigg to fill the Ag teacher position , Doug Moczygemba and Joe Thomasson to fill the teacher/coach positions.
- a. A motion was made by Neville Triplett to hire Jennifer Pigg as the Ag teacher, Doug Moczygemba and Joe Thomasson as teacher/coaches.

This motion was seconded by Shane Hohman. **Motion carried 7-0**

21. The Superintendent recommended a one year contract extension for Principal Lorrie Gonzalez for the 2008-2009 school year.
- a. A motion was made by Neville Triplett to extend Principal Lorrie Gonzalez's contract for the 2008-2009 school year.

This motion was seconded by Martin Martinez. **Motion carried 7-0**

Adjourned:

22. A motion was made by Neville Triplett to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 p.m.

This motion was seconded by Martin Martinez. **Motion carried 7-0**

Jerry W. Bates, Jr., President

Neville Triplett, Secretary

Approved 6-11-07/jf