

**Leakey Independent School District  
Board of Trustees**

**November 13, 2006**

**Regular Meeting**

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

**Members Absent:** Roland Trees

**Visitors:** Administration, Media, Future Farmers of America (FFA) members and their sponsor, Tom Hickerson , 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 Future Farmers of America.
2. The Board and audience observed a moment of silent reflection. Ann Auld requested that everyone please remember the family of Edna Rushing, a long time teacher at LISD, who passed away today.

**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. Students of the Month were recognized by the Board. They are Chase Reagor, Emilio Navarro, and James Wally. Superintendent McNiel presented each one with a framed certificate and a \$25.00 gift certificate to one of three restaurant; Mama Choles, Vinny's or Frio Canyon Lodge.
4. Our 2006 Area Championship Volleyball team was also recognized by the Board. President Auld presented framed certificates to Coach James & Dusty Crafton for their hard work and dedication. All the volleyball girls received framed certificates recognizing their outstanding performance and their superior representation of our school.
5. The Board read and reviewed the minutes from the October 16<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.
  - a. A motion was made by Neville Triplett to approve the minutes for the October 16<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.  
This motion was seconded by Martin Martinez. **Motion Carried 5-0**

6. The Board reviewed payment of bills and invoices that were due for November, 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**
  
7. Superintendent McNiel informed the Board that it was time to schedule the 3 hour team building training that is required Board training. Taylor Stephenson, field service agent for Region 20, will be conducting this training. After much discussion of possible dates that the Board would be available, on either December 18<sup>th</sup> or December 13<sup>th</sup>. Mr. McNiel said he would contact Taylor Stephenson to confirm a date and then notify the Board members.
  
8. Superintendent McNiel presented a proposed calendar to the Board for school year 2007-2008 and a proposed calendar from the Site-Base Committee. There was discussion on the differences of the two calendars. Superintendent McNiel said he would like input from the teachers and hopes to adopt an official school calendar at the February School Board meeting.
  
9. Superintendent McNiel ask the Board about giving appreciation gifts for faculty and staff this holiday season. He would like to give a turkey and ham to each staff member like we did last year. The total cost would be \$2,820.00. He explained if we buy the meat from the FFA students they will receive a profit of \$543.00.
  - a. A motion was made by Jerry Bates Jr. to purchase the turkey and hams for a total of \$2,820.00 from the FFA for appreciation gifts to the faculty and staff.  
This motion was seconded by Martin Martinez. **Motion carried 5-0**
  
10. Business Manager, Mr. Ferguson explained to the Board that the District will be receiving additional state funding due to the increase in enrollment. The projected increase will be \$54,236.00 less high school allotment of \$19,855.00. (House Bill 1 has separated the High School Allotment from the total State Aid and requires it to be accounted for in fund 429). Funding available for an amendment is \$34,381.00.
  - a. A motion was made by Neville Triplett to amend the budget allowing \$2,820.00 for appreciation gifts for faculty and staff. The balance of \$31,561.00 would be applied to special projects.  
This motion was seconded by Martin Martinez. **Motion Carried 5-0**
  
11. The Superintendent recommended the following applicants be added to the 2006-2007 Substitute List. They are Melissa Bates, Kelsey Tom and Christina Bludworth.
  - a. A motion was made by Shane Hohman to approve Melissa Bates, Kelsey Tom and Christina Bludworth to the 2006-2007 Substitute List.  
This motion was seconded by Ruben Navarro. **Motion Carried 4-0-1**  
Jerry W. Bates Jr. abstained.

## **12. Business Manager's Report – Mr. Don Ferguson**

- a. Mr. Ferguson gave an Enrollment & State Funding report for the 2<sup>nd</sup> 6-weeks. Enrollment as of November 7 was 250. Total state aid for the year will be \$530,689.00 and the budgeted amount was \$493,270.00 for a budget variance of \$44,295.50.
- b. Mr. Ferguson reported Leakey ISD cash position as of October 31, 2006 was \$915,509.00. Cash receipts for the month were \$397,210.00 and disbursements were \$439,814.00. Current interest rates at Bank of Frio Canyon is 4.07% and the Lone Star Pool is 5.19%. Year to date interest earned is \$7,748.00.

## **13. Principal's Report – Mrs. Lorri González**

- a. Mrs. González reported the National Honor Society & National Junior Honor Society put on a very heartfelt Veteran's Day Program. Musical accompaniment was provided by the Leakey band, choir and elementary students under the direction of Mr. Rick Austin. Shaniece, Tell & Sackett Hohman gave a very moving tribute honoring the sacrifice their cousin, Chris Zimmerman made for our country.
- b. Mrs. González reported Coach Crafton and Coach Lovett had a mock election for our students in grades 9-12. There were 4 students selected to portray the 4 major candidates running for governor. They each gave a campaign speech and they engaged in a debate. On election day the students in grade 9-12 voted. Mrs. González reported the students really enjoyed learning about the election process.
- c. Mrs. González reported the Canine Detection Service was on campus November 6<sup>th</sup>. There were 2 alerts but no contraband was found.

## **14. Superintendent's Report – Mr. Fred McNeil**

- a. Superintendent McNeil informed the Board that the District had been successful in purchasing the Thurmond property after more than a year of negotiations. Mr. McNeil would like to remodel this structure and create a band rehearsal facility along with a weight room for our athletes. He feels if we can relocate these two programs the District would be in position to tear down the old maintenance building which has been an eyesore for many years. After much discussion with the Board, it was decided before the renovations begin, the Board would like to get an estimate on a new metal building.
- b. Superintendent McNeil reported he attended the Superintendent's retreat at Tapatio Springs Resort & Conference Center on November 1-2. The conference topic was "Creating and Maintaining an Effective Board-Superintendent Relationship."
- c. Superintendent reported to the Board that 2 AEDs had been donated to our school. Coach Crafton, Coach Caffey, Amanda Triplett, R.N. and Mr. Rick Austin have been trained in using the AEDs. They will be located in the gym and the teacher's workroom.

- d. Superintendent reported that the new school website is operational. The website address is [leakeyisd.net](http://leakeyisd.net).
- e. Superintendent McNiel reported the LISD journalism class will be producing and publishing a 2 page insert in The Leakey Star. The first publication was in the November 10<sup>th</sup> issue.
- f. Superintendent McNiel shared with the Board the TASB Board minutes for October.
- g. Superintendent McNiel reported to the Board that he had been selected to serve as a mentor to a new superintendent in South Texas. He has attended the required training and is waiting to be assigned a superintendent to mentor.

**Executive Session:**

The Board did not have to go into executive session.

**Adjourned**

- a. A motion was made by Neville Triplett to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. This motion was seconded by Jerry W. Bates Jr. **Motion carried 5-0**

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**Ann Auld, President**

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**Neville Triplett, Secretary**

**Approved 12-11-06/jf**