

The Public Hearing was opened by School Board Vice-President Shane Hohman at 6:30 p.m. Don Ferguson, Business Manager, gave the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) report. He reported Leakey ISD had received a "Superior Achievement" rating for the 2004-2005 school year. The rating is comprised of 21 indicators that ensure the school district is held accountable for the quality of their financial management practices. This is the 4th year in a row that Leakey ISD has achieved the "superior achievement" rating. Mr. Ferguson asked for comments from the public. There was no one present who wanted to speak regarding this issue. The Public Hearing meeting was closed at 6:40 p.m.

**Leakey Independent School District
Board of Trustees**

October 16, 2006

Regular Meeting

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

Members Absent: Ann Auld

Visitors: Administration, Media, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) members Carlos Navarro and Alex Farley, various community members

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m., immediately following the Public Hearing by Vice President Shane Hohman. 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 members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
2. The Board and audience observed a moment of silent reflection.

Open Forum:

Vice President Shane Hohman 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 Keyanna Perez, Maria Cabrera and Bryan Hill. 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. The Board read and reviewed the minutes from the September 18th regular meeting.
 - a. A motion was made by Roland Trees to approve the minutes for the September 18th regular meeting.
This motion was seconded by Martin Martinez. **Motion Carried 5-0**

5. The Board reviewed payment of bills and invoices that were due for October, 2006
 - a. A motion was made by Jerry W. Bates to approve payment of bills and invoices.
This motion was seconded by Roland Trees. **Motion Carried 5-0**

6. Superintendent McNeil reported that he and Ann Auld, Martin Martinez and Neville Triplett attended several different workshops at the TASB/TASA Convention in Houston. All Board Trustees that attended received the required 10 hours of Board training and reported the workshops were very interesting and informative. The superintendent hopes that next year all Board Trustees will be able to attend. The scheduled date for next years meeting will be September 28-30, 2007 in Dallas, Texas.

7. The Board discussed the need to pass a resolution authorizing the Superintendent, Principal and Business Manager to administer the Orrell Scholarship Fund as a Committee. The Orrell Scholarship Fund was set up several years ago when the Orrell family donated \$10,000 to establish a scholarship fund. The interest from this \$10,000 CD is given annually to a deserving LISD senior student.
 - a. A motion was made by Neville Triplett to approve the resolution authorizing the Superintendent, Principal and Business Manager to administer the Orrell Scholarship Fund.
This motion was seconded by Martin Martinez. **Motion Carried 5-0**

8. **Business Manager's Report – Mr. Don Ferguson**
 - a. Mr. Ferguson gave an Enrollment & State Funding report for the first 6-weeks. Enrollment as of October 2, 2006 was 246. Total state aid will be \$544,442.00 and the budgeted amount was \$493,270.00 for a budget variance of \$51, 172.00
 - b. Mr. Ferguson reported Leakey ISD cash position as of September 30, 2006 was \$958,113.00. Cash receipts for the month were \$263,726.00 and disbursements were \$262,786.00. Current interest rates at Bank of Frio Canyon is 3.82% and the Lone Star Pool is 5.19%. Year to date interest earned is \$3,795.00.

9. **Principal's Report – Mrs. Lorri Gonzalez**
 - a. Mrs. Gonzalez reported the Canine Detection Services was on campus October 3 and received 1 hit. She reported that the student has been disciplined.
 - b. Mrs. Gonzalez reported the school had received a \$41,000 math grant for professional development. The teachers are receiving training in the Sharon Wells Math program for grades 2-5. The teachers are pleased with the training they are receiving and feel it is very beneficial.

- c. The secondary scholarship application class is going well. The students have researched over 100 scholarships and have applied for about 25 of them. Some of the students have completed college applications through the e-scholarship program.

10. Superintendent's Report – Mr. Fred McNiel

- a. Superintendent McNiel reported he had met with Val Thompson from TXDOT Regional Office regarding the proposed LISD billboards. She indicated when the paperwork came across her desk she would approve the application but feels her superior may not approve because of the eagle in the layout. Mr. McNiel indicated that if the application was not approved then he would contest the decision and meet with the District Engineer.
- b. Superintendent McNiel reported to the Board that the new suburban has been delivered and has already been used by the volleyball team.
- c. Superintendent McNiel reported as of this date \$8,000.00 has been donated to the school for the benefit of air-conditioning/heating the gymnasium. He reported this is a parent driven fundraiser and they are trying to set-up an auction to generate more donations for this project.
- d. Superintendent McNiel reported the new lockers for the secondary students have been received and assembled. Maintenance has installed the lockers on the second floor of the administration building and combination locks have been ordered. When the combination locks are received they will be assigned to the secondary students.
- e. The new walk-in freezer/cooler has been received and installed. Superintendent McNiel reported the school will be taking sealed bids to sell the old walk-in freezer/cooler.
- f. The Superintendent shared a copy of the TASB Board Briefs with the Trustees.

Executive Session:

The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. for an update on property acquisition and approval of a transfer student.

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:59 p.m.

- 11. The Superintendent recommended the transfer of Joe Holoway, a student from Concan.

- a. A motion was made by Roland Trees to approve the student transfer of Joe Holoway.

This motion was seconded by Ruben Navarro.

Motion Carried 5-0

Adjourned:

- a. A motion was made by Jerry W. Bates Jr. to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.
This motion was seconded by Ruben Navarro **Motion Carried 5-0**

Ann Auld, President

Neville Triplett, Secretary

Approved Nov. 13th/jf