

The Public Hearing was opened by President Jerry W. Bates Jr., at 7:30 p.m. Principal Rusty Baldwin led a discussion of the 2009-2010 Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) for Leakey ISD. Mr. Baldwin gave the assembly an overview of how our students performed on the TAKS test last spring. Mr. Baldwin informed the community members in attendance that we are an "Exemplary District" for the first time in the school's history. Anyone who was present was given the opportunity to ask questions. No one asked questions or commented on the information presented by Principal Baldwin and the Public Hearing was closed at 7:40 p.m.

**Leakey Independent School District  
Board of Trustees**

**December 13, 2010**

**Regular Meeting**

**Members Present:** Jerry W. Bates Jr., Alberto Gonzalez, Shawn Gray, Shane Hohman, Lem Lewis, Ruben Navarro, Charlie Reagor

**Members Absent:** None

**Visitors:** Administration, Media, members of the Leakey FFA and their sponsor Jennifer Pigg, Dallas and Bradley Hart, Jesse and Darlene Scott, Amie Scott, Robert Guidry, Rick and Shelly Collins, various community members.

**Called to Order:**

1. The meeting was called to order immediately following the Public Hearing by President Jerry Bates at 7:40 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:**

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by members of the Leakey FFA
3. The Opening Prayer was led by Charlie Reagor.

**Open Forum:**

4. President Bates welcomed the visitors and gave anyone that was present an opportunity to speak to the School Board. No one asked to speak.
5. The Students of the Month were recognized by the School Board. Students of the Month for December are Addison Scott, Hailey Hart, and Krystal Collins. Superintendent Fred R. McNeil presented each student with framed certificates and also a \$25.00 gift certificate to one of three restaurants; Mama Chole's Mexican Restaurant, Frio Canyon Lodge Restaurant or the Bent Rim Grill. All of the Students of the Month were present to receive their certificates and all were accompanied by their parents and family.
6. The Board reviewed the minutes from the November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Regular Board Meeting and the minutes from the November 30<sup>th</sup> Special Called Board Meeting.

- a. A motion was made by Lem Lewis to approve the minutes from the November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Regular Board Meeting and the November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Special Called Meeting.

This motion was seconded by Ruben Navarro.

**Motion carried 7-0**

7. The Board reviewed the report of bills and invoices to be paid in the amount of \$104,783.27 for the month of December.

- a. A motion was made by Shane Hohman to approve payment of bills and invoices in the amount of \$104,783.27 for December 2010.

This motion was seconded by Charlie Reagor.

**Motion carried 7-0**

8. Michael Hamby, a partner in the firm Merritt, McLane and Hamby CPA's gave the annual audit report for the year ending August 31, 2010. Leakey ISD received the highest audit opinion that can be given. Mr. Hamby's audit presentation continued with a discussion of the District's year ending Balance Sheet regarding assets and liabilities and the District's Statement of Revenue and Expenditures regarding budgeted revenue and expenditures versus actual revenue and expenditures. Mr. Hamby noted that there were no internal control deficiencies over financial reporting and concluded his audit presentation by explaining to the Board how the year's operations affected the year ending fund balance.
9. Charlie Reagor reported that the Strategic Planning/Facilities committee has not met since the last meeting of November 5. However, the consensus of committee members that he has spoken to feel the building project should be put on hold due to the financial insecurities at this time. The State Legislature will convene this spring and since there is such uncertainty about state school funding, it would be prudent to wait a while before starting any major building projects
10. Each School Board member reviewed a listing of their School Board training hours for 2010. Each School Board member has accumulated the following training hours during 2010: Jerry W. Bates Jr. (1); Alberto Gonzalez (4); Shawn Gray (3); Shane Hohman (3); Lem Lewis (4); Ruben Navarro (5.5); and Charlie Reagor (3).
11. Superintendent McNiel presented a letter from Mr. John Harrell, a representative with Keep Our Water Association. The Keep Our Water Association is working very hard to prevent the construction of a water pipeline to send water from Uvalde and Medina counties to San Antonio. Mr. Harrell is soliciting support from public school districts in the area of concern and would like to add our name to their list opposing the pipeline.
  - a. A motion was made by Shane Hohman to approve adding the District's name to Keep Our Water Association list opposing a water pipeline to send water from Uvalde and Medina counties to San Antonio.

This motion seconded by Alberto Gonzalez.

**Motion failed 3-3-1**

**Jerry Bates Jr, Charlie Reagor and Lem Lewis voted against.  
Shawn Gray abstained.**

12. Superintendent McNiel explained to the School Board that Southwest Texas Junior College would like to offer adult education classes in the evening via our Distance Learning Lab. They will offer a spring semester course in Government on Monday nights and Business Math 1325 on Tuesday nights. If anyone is interested they need to contact the college for an application.

a. A motion was made by Lem Lewis to approve using the Distance Learning Lab for adult education classes in the evening sponsored by Southwest Texas Junior College.

This motion was seconded by Shawn Gray.

**Motion carried 7-0**

13. Superintendent McNiel explained to the School Board regarding adoption of the “Make Education a Priority” Resolution. Approximately 240 school districts across Texas have now adopted the same Priority Resolution. The purpose of this resolution is to create a unified voice with one message to hold education as the highest priority and protecting the pursuit of quality education during the 82<sup>nd</sup> legislative session.

a. A motion was made by Charlie Reagor to adopt the “Make Education a Priority Resolution.”

This motion was seconded by Alberto Gonzalez.

**Motion carried 7-0**

14. The agenda item “*Preliminary Discussion of Superintendent’s Contract*” was discussed in executive session

**15. Business Manager’s Report - Don Ferguson**

a. Mr. Ferguson presented to the School Board a comparison of revenue to budget report as of December, 2010 for the general fund, National School Breakfast and Lunch Program and the A.R.R.A. stimulus fund.

b. The financial summary and investment report showed a beginning balance of \$424,834.00. The total revenue for the month of November, 2010 was \$404,542.00 and total disbursements were \$407,807.00. The net cash position as of November 30, 2010 was \$421,569.00. The current interest rate for First State Bank of Uvalde is .15%. The Lone Star Pool current interest rate is .28%. Current year to date interest earned is \$141.00.

c. Mr. Ferguson reported that we had received the Rural Technology Grant from TEA in the amount of \$19,800. Michael Davis, Technology Coordinator is researching the advantages/disadvantages of purchasing twenty-five personal computers or using a new technology called Virtual Desktop Interface. The

Board requested that this agenda item be discussed further at the next School Board meeting.

**16. Principal's Report - Rusty Baldwin**

- a. Principal Baldwin reported that he will be holding Saturday School beginning next semester. This will be for students with attendance issues. Mr. Baldwin reported his attendance goals are to have 97% of the students in attendance everyday.
- b. Principal Baldwin wanted to publicly thank Mrs. Manglberger and Mrs. Kurz for the excellent Veteran's Day Program that the NHS/NJHS students put together on November 11, 2010. He stated he had received many positive comments from veterans and community members.
- c. Principal Baldwin gave each School Board member a copy of the PTO donations report (\$22,750.00) that was approved by the PTO Board.
- d. Principal Baldwin reported there was no report for canine detection since the campus has not been visited since the last School Board meeting.
- e. Principal Baldwin reported that a foreign exchange student from Australia will be attending our school beginning with the spring semester. Principal Baldwin also was notified today that the district would be getting another foreign exchange student from Germany.

**17. Superintendent's Report - Fred R. McNiel**

- a. Superintendent McNiel informed the School Board that the bus/building mishap had been reported to the insurance carrier. There is a \$5,000 deductible on the policy. The insurance adjuster has been out to access the damages and the district should get an estimate soon.
- b. Superintendent McNiel reported the Austin-Faulkner Fundraiser went very well. On Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> a barbecue dinner and auction was held in the Lloyd Buttler Gymnasium. The goal of \$10,000 was attained between these fundraisers and with the help of several school volunteers and community members/businesses.
- c. Superintendent McNiel reported the Leakey Lions Peace Poster Contest had been held and three students from Leakey ISD were selected as winners. They are Delaney Roark, Anahi Garcia and Darren Wright. Each student was honored at the local Leakey Lions Club Banquet that was held on November 18, 2010.
- d. Superintendent McNiel reported that he received a letter from First State Bank of Uvalde that they had approved the donation of \$1825.00 to replace the tile in the entrance way of the gymnasium. Superintendent McNiel informed the School Board this project would be completed during the Christmas break.
- e. Superintendent McNiel reported the new 2010-2011 Basketball Sports Calendar has been completed and delivered by the printer. He stated he has delivered these calendars to the staff, students and advertisers.

## **Executive Session**

The Board entered into executive session at 9:17 p.m. to discuss agenda item #14 "*Preliminary Discussion of Superintendent's Contract*".

The Board reconvened in open session at 10:34 p.m.

**Agenda Item #14 - Preliminary Discussion of Superintendent's Contract - No action taken.**

## **Adjourned:**

A motion was made by Shane Hohman to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 p.m.

This motion was seconded by Lem Lewis.

**Motion carried 7-0**

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**Jerry W. Bates Jr., President**

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**Shawn Gray, Secretary**

**Approved 1-17-11/jf**