

School Board Minutes of 12-16-2014

The Lamesa Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 in the Board Room.

The following Board Members were present: President Sonya Raney, Beverly Brewer, Rebecca Gonzales, Albert Martinez, and Kelli Merritt. Ernest Ogeda and Don Bethel were not in attendance.

The following administrators were present: Superintendent John Ramos, David Rodriguez, Melissa Oliva, Brian Yearwood, Debbie Park, Ann Duran, Ed Crites, Joe Williams, Shelly Mann, Chris Riggins, Misty Castro, Stacy Leonard, and Brandon Carter.

Guests in attendance were: Clinton Gill, Vanessa Rita Silvas, Ryan Silvas, Evan Barboza, Micah Silvas, Brody Silvas, Charlie Silvas, Elonna Moore, Derinda Miller, Aaron Young, Jayli Hood, Makalyn Connor, Cassandra Rodriguez, Joseph Hood, Anessa Renfro, Mario Aguirre, Madelyn Garcia, Selyna Villapando, Shelly Angeley, Natalia Castro, Adrianna Olvera, Sonia Saldana, Daisy Hernandez, Laynde Swafford, Kayla Aguirre, Joey Rivas, Luz Cerna, J'Lynn Jackson, and Laura Ruvalcaba. Regina Crutcher represented the Lamesa *Press Reporter*.

President Sonya Raney called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Joey Rivas gave the invocation.

Mrs. Raney took a moment of silence on the passing of Mrs. Cora Brown.

Mrs. Raney recognized all board members and guests present.

Mario Aguirre, Middle School Band Director, introduced members of the LMS Choir to perform two Christmas songs for the Board.

Albert Martinez made the motion to approve the minutes from November 18, 2014. Rebecca Gonzales seconded it. It passed by a vote of 5-0.

Rebecca Gonzales made the motion to ratify bills as presented. Beverly Brewer seconded it. It passed by a vote of 5-0.

There were no budget amendments to consider.

The Board went into Closed Session as allowed by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 at 6:14 p.m. The Board reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

Rebecca Gonzales made the motion that this board finds that Rita Silvas, a contractual professional employee whose contract is governed by the Texas Education Code Chapter 21, did not have good cause to resign probationary contract with the district after penalty-free resignation date. Kelli Merritt seconded it. It passed by a vote of 5-0.

Rebecca Gonzales made the motion that the Board authorize the Superintendent to prepare, sign, and deliver to the State Board for Educator Certification on all documents necessary to file a complaint against Ms. Rita Silvas, on behalf of the Lamesa ISD Board of Trustees, for her abandonment of her contract with the district. Albert Martinez seconded it. It passed by a vote of 5-0.

Mrs. Raney gave a report of Continuing Education Hours for the Lamesa Board of Trustees. As of December 16, 2014, Don Bethel has 12.5 hours, Beverly Brewer has 14.25 hours, Rebecca Gonzales has 19.25 hours, Albert Martinez has 103.25 hours, Kelli Merritt has 20 hours, Ernest Ogeda has 18.5 hours, and Sonya Raney has 72.25 hours.

Superintendent Ramos gave a brief update on the LHS Renovation Project-Phase II Package I. He stated there will be a brief power outage in order to install electrical boxes. The contractors have begun to pour slab at the Pre-K Addition at South Elementary. Currently there are 77 seniors out of 86 that have been accepted to a 2 or 4 year University. Moses Pena is working on the remaining 9 seniors to possibly enroll them in a trade. The Board has scheduled the Superintendent Evaluation for January 6, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in a Special Meeting. Mr. Ramos added that the Math STAAR Testing in grades 5 and 8 have been moved from March to April for more instruction in the classrooms. Finally, Mr. Ramos informed the Board that LISD seeks additional money for the budget with the Building Capacity in Rural Schools Grant.

Melissa Oliva, Executive Director of Special and Federal Programs, gave an update on the 21st Century Grant and the various programs that are provided through this grant.

All Principals present gave a report on their campuses.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm.