09-16-2014 School Board Minutes

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

The following board members were present: President Sonya Raney, Ernest Ogeda, Beverly Brewer, Rebecca Gonzales, Don Bethel, Albert Martinez, and Kelli Merritt.

The following administrators were present: Superintendent John Ramos, David Rodriguez, Melissa Oliva, Brian Yearwood, Debbie Park, Ann Duran, Adam Oliva, Jacob Garza, and Brandon Carter.

Guests in attendance were: Crystal Whited, and David Backus. Russell Skiles represented the Lamesa *Press Reporter*.

President Sonya Raney called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Dr. Brian Yearwood gave the invocation.

Mrs. Raney recognized all board members and guests present.

Don Bethel made the motion to approve the minutes of August 19, 2014. Albert Martinez seconded it. It passed by a vote of 7-0.

Albert Martinez made the motion to ratify bills as presented. Ernest Ogeda seconded it. It passed by a vote of 7-0.

There were no budget amendments to consider.

There were no bids to consider.

The board went into Closed Session at 6:04 p.m. to consult with the attorney under Texas Government Code 551.071 regarding pending or contemplated litigation. The board reconvened at 6:20 p.m. No action was taken.

The board went into Closed Session at 6:22 p.m. to hear Level Three complaint appeal filed by a parent of a student under Board Policy FNG (Local). The board reconvened at 7:04 p.m. Kelli Merritt made the motion to deny the grievances and uphold the administration's determination at Level Two regarding the grievance. Beverly Brewer seconded it. It passed by a vote of 7-0.

Don Bethel made the motion to approve the purchase of a passenger vehicle. Ernest Ogeda seconded it. It passed by a vote of 7-0.

Albert Martinez made the motion to approve the joint agreement with LISD and the City of Lamesa as it relates to the Student Resource Officer. Ernest Ogeda seconded it. It passed by a vote of 7-0.

Rebecca Gonzales made the motion to approve the Priority School Plan for Lamesa Middle School. Kelli Merritt seconded it. It passed by a vote of 7-0.

The board went into Closed Session at 7:10 p.m. as allowed by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Section 551.074. The board reconvened at 7:22 p.m. Albert Martinez made the motion to approve resignations from Zoanna McCord-North Elementary and Patricia Flores-Middle School Principal, and extend a contract to Brandi Adams-South Elementary Nurse for the 2014-2015 school year. Don Bethel seconded it. It passed by a vote of 7-0.

Superintendent John Ramos gave a brief overview of the LHS Construction and Pre-K addition at South Elementary. Ramos added that the TASA/TASB Convention will be in Dallas from September 26-28, 2014.

Business Manager David Rodriguez stated the LISD Financial Committee will have a meeting on October 9, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.

Executive Director of Special & Federal Programs Melissa Oliva gave a brief update of the various programs associated with the 21st Century Grant.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.