

10-21-20104 School Board Minutes

The Lamesa Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 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, Adam Oliva, Joe Williams, Stacy Leonard, Ed Crites, Shelley Mann, Brandon Carter, Ann Duran, Chris Riggins, Dalia Benavides.

Guests in attendance were: Yari Lopez, Wes Jackson, Orlando Puig, Madelyn Garcia, Shelley Angeley, Antonio Soto, Shirley Blevins, David Backus, Randy McDowel, Fred Stormer, and Kristen Vargas. Russell Skiles represented the *Lamesa Press Reporter*.

President Sonya Raney called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Dr. Brian Yearwood gave the invocation.

Mrs. Raney recognized all board members and guests present. Joe Williams, Principal of LMS introduced Ed Crites, Assistant Principal of LMS, Kristen Vargas, teacher and sponsor for the Student Council, Yari Lopez President, Madelyn Garcia Vice President, and Antonio Soto the Treasurer. They presented their Anti-Bullying Program that is being offered to Middle School students. The students stated that October 22, 2014 was set for Orange Day or Unity Day. Students purchased shirts to wear to promote Hope, Support, and Unity. Superintendent Ramos challenged the students to create an Advisory Council to inform him of ways LISD can further help with this cause. The Board applauded the Student Council and thanked them for their efforts.

Albert Martinez made the motion to approve the minutes for September 16, 2014. Ernest Ogeda seconded it. It passed by a vote of 7-0.

Don Bethel made the motion to ratify bills as presented. Rebecca Gonzales seconded it. It passed by a vote of 7-0.

There were no budget amendments to consider.

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Kelli Merritt made the motion to amend the Board Policy CCG (LOCAL) concerning tax limitation agreements. Albert Martinez seconded it. It passed by a vote of 7-0.

The Board went to Closed Session at 6:23 p.m. The Board reconvened at 7:02 p.m. No action was taken. Don Bethel made the motion to accept the application for consideration and set application fee at \$75,000 for a limited assessed valuation agreement for qualified property under the Texas Economic Development Act, Texas Tax Code, Chapter 313. Kelli Merritt seconded it. It passed by a vote of 7-0.

Rebecca Gonzales made the motion to authorize Parkhill, Smith & Cooper to begin design development for Phase III of the Lamesa HS Renovation. Beverly Brewer seconded it. It passed by a vote of 7-0.

Don Bethel made the motion to pass the action to designate Lamesa ISD Fund Balance usage. Albert Martinez seconded it. It passed by a vote of 7-0.

Board President Raney opened the floor for hearing concerning the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas. No one signed up. Mrs. Raney closed the hearing. David Rodriguez stated Lamesa ISD received Above Standard Achievement.

Albert Martinez made the motion to approve the Campus Parent Involvement Plans. Beverly Brewer seconded it. It passed by a vote of 7-0.

The Board went into Closed Session as allowed by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 at 7:38 p.m. The Board reconvened at 7:49 p.m. No action was taken.

There were no personnel resignations or new hires.

Don Bethel made the motion to approve the purchase of a 72 passenger bus. Ernest Ogeda seconded it. It passed by a vote of 7-0.

Superintendent John Ramos gave a brief overview of the LHS Renovations and Pre-K Additions.

Business Manager David Rodriguez gave the quarterly investment report. He stated a total of \$28,472,939.40 is currently in the savings accounts combined.

All Principals gave a brief report of their campuses.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.