

## 12-15-2016 Minutes

The Lamesa Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting on Thursday, December 15, 2016, in the Board Room.

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

The following administrators were present: Superintendent Jim Knight, David Rodriguez, Melissa Oliva, DeAnn Drake, Rick Berry, Misty Castro, Shelley Mann, Brad Froman, Leroy Mitchell, and Chris Riggins.

Guests in attendance were: Michael Boyd, Jacob Garza, and Chad Haskins. Regina Crutcher represented the *Lamesa Press Reporter*.

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

Superintendent Jim Knight gave the invocation.

Don Bethel made the motion that due to a discrepancy between the agenda language and certain Board action at the November 15, 2016 Board meeting, that all Board action taken at such meeting relating to the Application of Lamesa Solar II, LLC for a Limitation on Appraised Value on Qualified Property, including adoption of the Findings of Fact and approval of the Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operation Taxes, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code, be rescinded and is of no force or effect, and further direct that a copy of the minutes from this meeting at which such prior action was rescinded, be recorded with the official minutes of the November 15, 2016 meeting. Kelli Merritt seconded it. It passed by a vote of 5-0.

Ms. Raney opened the floor for public hearing on Application of Lamesa Solar II, LLC for a Limitation on Qualified Property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code. No one signed up. Ms. Raney concluded the hearing.

Kelli Merritt made the motion that the Board approve the Resolution adopting Findings of Fact as presented, relating to the Application of Lamesa Solar II, LLC for a Limitation of Appraised Value on Qualified Property, that such Resolution and Findings, as presented, be executed by the Board President and made a part of the Minutes of this meeting, and that Lamesa Solar II, LLC's Application be approved, all in accordance with Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code. Don Bethel seconded it. It passed by a vote of 5-0.

Kelli Merritt made the motion that the Board approve the Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operation Taxes, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code, with Lamesa Solar II, LLC, authorize the Board President to execute the Agreement on the District's behalf, and direct the Superintendent to take such other action as may be required under Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code or the Comptroller's related rules. Don Bethel seconded it. It passed by a vote of 5-0.

The Board went into Closed Session as allowed by the Texas Open Meetings at 6:06 p.m. Don Bethel left at 6:35 p.m. The Board reconvened at 6:58 p.m. No action was taken.

Albert Martinez made the motion to approve all consent items. Ernest Ogeda seconded it. It passed by a vote of 4-0.

All Principals present gave a brief report of their campuses.

Officers Jacob Garza and Michael Boyd gave a brief presentation of the D.A.R.E. Program currently being offered at the Middle School and North Elementary campuses. Officer Garza also gave a brief summary on the Law Enforcement classes currently being offered at the High School campus.

Ms. Raney opened the floor for the public Hearing on TAPR (Texas Academic Performance Report). No one signed up. Ms. Raney concluded the hearing.

Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations David Rodriguez informed the Board that the audit is still ongoing. The audit should conclude in mid January.

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum DeAnn Drake gave a report on the Texas Academic Performance.

President Raney announced the Continuing Education Hours for LISD Board of Trustees. Kelli Merritt 16.75 hours, Albert Martinez 9.25 hours, Rebecca Gonzales 22.75 hours, Beverly Brewer 12 hours, Don Bethel 15.50 hours, Ernest Ogeda 12 hours, and Sonya Raney 45.25 hours.

Superintendent Knight stated TEA visited LISD as a support system to get Middle School out of School Improvement. Knight gave a brief overview of the HB 2804 & A-F School Accountability Legislation and the Legislative Agenda in the House and Senate. Chad Haskins gave a brief insight on Lamesa ISD becoming a District of Innovation. In conclusion, Knight discussed the possibility of implementing options for a Sick Leave Bank and a Sick Leave Pool as a way to help employees that are critically ill.

Kelli Merritt made the motion to approve the Campus & District Improvement Plans for 2016-17. Albert Martinez seconded it. It passed by a vote of 4-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.