

## Board Meeting Minutes of 10-19-2023

The Lamesa Board of Trustees met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, October 19, 2023 in the Board Room.

Board Members present: President Rebecca H. Gonzales, Ron Mann, Kevin Telchik and Melissa Cazares. Ernest Ogeda, Cindy Martinez and April Martinez were not in attendance.

The following Administrators were present: Superintendent David Ritchey, Ron McBee, Doug Tipton, Kristi Griffin, Stacy Stewart, Frankie Sauseda, Jaime Bahlman and Eddie Rocha.

Guest(s) in attendance: Demetri McCurley, Kymbra Parks, Jaylie Bolton, Kali McCurley, Katy Benton, Regina Crutcher, Julie Guerra, Vanessa Hernandez, Hannah Clements, Kelsie Gonzalez, Morgan Gonzalez, Kade Gonzalez, Noe Gonzalez, Brenda Gonzalez, Hannah Gonzalez, Olivia Gutierrez, Ysabella Gutierrez, Jodee Gutierrez, Jesse Gutierrez, Breana Justiss, Guadalupe Maldonado, Jazmin Lopez Maldonado, Trey Downer, Jose Roman Maldonado, Paulino Plaza, Mary Plaza, Evelyn Plaza, Anthony Garcia, Christy Vasquez, Janie Baltazar, Zayden Garcia, Jackee Plaza, Ethan Antuna, Reyna Garza, Rico Garza, Rick Casillas and Olivia Casillas. Mary Elizabeth Davis represented the *Lamesa Press Reporter*.

President Rebecca H. Gonzales called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

David Ritchey gave the invocation.

No one signed up for public speaking.

South Elementary Principal Doug Tipton introduced the Tors of the week. Tors stands for trustworthy, obedient, respectful and safe. These students are selected by teachers and put in a drawing. At the end of the week students' names are drawn to become Honorary Tors of the week. Those students are Cambrie Annalla, Kevin Mendoza, Olivia Gutierrez, Braley McCurley, Hero Flores and Alyssa Iglesias. Mr. Tipton also recognized Demetri McCurley, Custodian for South Elementary. Tipton stated McCurley is a magnetic person and brings good energy to the campus. Tipton also presented the Apple award to Breana Justiss. Apple stands for Academic excellence, Passion, Professionalism, Leadership and Educational impact. Mrs. Justiss will be given a crystal apple. North Elementary Principal Kristi Griffin introduced Kelsie Gonzalez, Social Emotional Support Specialist and Katy Benton. Ms. Griffin stated Kelsie is always eager to help with staff and students. Julie Guerra and Trey Downer gave Ms. Benton praises on the outstanding teacher she is. Ms. Griffin and Mrs. Clement handed out the Golden Tor Award Certificates to Zayden Garcia, Jazmin Lopez Maldonado, Ethan Antuna, Olivia Casillas, Rico Garza and Layla Rodriguez. Superintendent Ritchey highlighted Michael Boyd, School Resource Officer. Mr. Boyd runs the D.A.R.E. Program for the district. He loves kids. Ritchey added LISD is lucky to have Officer Boyd.

Ron Mann made the motion to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting of September 21, 2023. Melissa Cazares seconded it. It passed by a vote of 4-0.

CFO Ron McBee gave a brief report of the finances. Ron Mann made the motion to approve the Financial Report. Kevin Telchik seconded it. It passed by a vote of 4-0.

Vanessa Hernandez gave a brief overview of the ESL Program. Hernandez stated students are identified as ESL students from the Home Language Survey that parents fill out at the time of initial registration.

She added that all ESL students are eligible to exit the ESL Program if they meet the state mandated criteria. She stated currently LISD has 91 ESL students.

Superintendent Ritchey gave a brief overview of the legislature. He stated the school vouchers seem to be stuck in a holding pattern. Governor Abbot has made it clear that he will hold public vouchers hostage. Ritchey added that Lee Lewis Construction have stated they will repair all problems to the new buildings by December. He added that he had a conversation with Government Capitol to find a way to start replacing buses. He also had a conversation with Schneider Electric to help find ways for LISD to save money on energy at no initial cost to the district. In conclusion, Ritchey brought attention to the board to start a discussion for naming the LHS Gym.

The Board went to Closed Session as allowed by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 at 7:03 p.m. The Board reconvened at 8:02 p.m. No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.