

LAKE COUNTRY NEIGHBORS

SCHOOL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 4th, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President, Mary Hall at 11:59. 18 members and 10 guests were present. Mary thanked our hostesses, Pam Gilliard and Karen Brimer, and Rains ISD, who provided the luncheon. Invocation was done by Holly Wasson.

Mary then welcomed the Rains ISD guests and introduced Mr. Joe Nix, Superintendent, who then introduced the following:

Stacie Armstrong—Elementary Principal

JC Vance—Intermediate Principal

Jennifer Moore—Junior High Principal

Jeff Aken—High School Principal

Pam Gilliard and Lilly Aguayo— Administrative Assistants

Laticia Jarrett—District nurse

Karra Davis—Cosmetology Teacher

PROGRAM

Joe Nix gave a talk to explain the importance of voting for VATRE (Voter Approval Tax Rate Election). It would add a 9-cent tax for citizens of Rains County. It would raise \$900,000 from the citizens and \$900,000 from the state. The money would be used for:

Teacher compensation (\$2500 for teachers and professional staff, 2.5% raise for hourly staff, for a total of \$600,000)

1.2 million would be used for operational upgrades including:

Technology

Transportation

Facilities

Security

Mr. Nix then took questions.

Laticia Jarrett then spoke. She thanked LCN for all of the supplies, which are much needed. Many students don't bathe on a daily basis, so they get helped by the clinic. She spoke about how they handle kids coming to school sick. She has 4 aides located at different campuses and she travels from school to school. She keeps up with vaccinations; meds kids have to take at school and help those kids dealing with depression and anxiety.

Karra Davis, cosmetology class, then spoke. She discussed her background and training. She has been with the district for 2 years. She then introduced 3 of her students and asked them to tell us what the favorite part of her class is to the meeting. All 3 were VERY supportive of Ms. Davis and told us what a great teacher she is and how they love the training they are getting from her. Karra then explained what will be involved in the students' requirements in order to get licensed by the state

once they graduate. On Saturdays, the students work on the public and family members in their classroom.

BUSINESS MEETING

Reports of Officers

Secretary—A motion was made by Margie Hooper and seconded by Betsy Woodland to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer—Pam Bowden reported all accounts were reconciled. The Mini-Market account was closed and transferred to the Veterans' Event account. The current balance is \$42,563.31. The report will be filed for audit. She also reminded the committee chairs that their budgets for 2026 are due to her in November.

Membership—Jimmie Standridge reported we currently have 58 members.

EXTRAS

The district nurse preferred to NOT have all the supplies we brought to be stuffed in bags. She said it is much better to just hand the student the exact supply he/she needs.

The next meeting is on Oct 9 at Krista Payne's home.

Pam Bowden then made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Fawncyne Worley. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debby Keenan, Secretary