

RIO HONDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

215 West Colorado Street

Rio Hondo, Texas 78583

February 11, 2008

The Board of Trustees of the Rio Hondo Independent School District met in a Regular Session on Monday, February 11, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, 215 W. Colorado Street, Rio Hondo, Texas, with Mrs. Garza, President, presiding.

TRUSTEES:	PRESENT -	President	Noemi Garza
		Vice President	Thomas E. Wiesman
		Secretary	Rene Alfaro
			Rolando Alfaro
			Xavier Hernandez
			Susan G. Lopez
	ABSENT -		Manuel Flores, Jr.
SUPERINTENDENT:			Anneliese McMinn
RECORDER:			Florence Landry
ADMINISTRATION:			Elda Garza, Rita Lopez
			Richard Savage, Michelle Everett,
			Ida Stevens, Juan Montez,
			Kris McKinney
VISITORS:			See Attached List

Items 1 & 2 Mrs. Garza called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., after noting a quorum was present and that the meeting notice had been posted as required by law.

Item 3 ROTC Color Guard led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 4 Welcome/Open Forum:

Mrs. Garza welcomed everyone and invited comments from the audience. There were none.

Item 5 Student/Staff Recognition

Mr. Martin Cavazos, High School Agriculture Science Teacher, recognized the Rio Hondo Junior FFA and the Rio Hondo FFA members for their accomplishments at the South Texas Youth Stock Show, January 17 – 20, 2008, San Benito, Texas and the Cameron County Fair & Livestock Show January 31 – February 3, 2008, Los Fresnos, Texas competitions.

Item 6 Report From Elementary School Principal

Elementary School Principal Juan Montez introduced UIL Sponsors Patty Molina and Nancy Hinojosa. They called on the UIL team members present to identify themselves and tell the Board the subject area they competed in at the three UIL meets held this school year. Ms. Hinojosa informed the Board of the team's accomplishments.

Item 7 After Tom Lawrence from Lawrence Financial Consulting addressed this item, a motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to Adopt the Order authorizing the issuance of Rio Hondo Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2008; establishing procedures for the sale and delivery of the Bonds; levying an Annual Ad Valorem Tax for the payment of said bonds, and enacting other provisions relating to the subject. Seconded by Mr. Rene Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 8 Superintendent's Report:

•Update on Roofing

David Mendez from Mendez, Saenz, Inc. gave a progress report on the Intermediate and Junior High Roofing project. The Board and audience viewed photos of the areas the contractor is currently working on.

•Update on Chiller System at the High School

Mr. Miles Ponder, ACR Engineering, Inc., gave an update on the Chiller System at the High School. Mr. Ponder stated Phase II will continue during the summer and should be completed before the start of the 2008-2009 school year.

•Update on Parking

Maintenance Director Joel Carmona gave an update on the 60-Vehicle Parking Lot project at the Elementary.

Item 8 Superintendent's Report (CONTINUED)

•Information on District 32-3A UIL Realignment

Athletic Director Gus Cavazos informed the Board about the 32-3A UIL Realignment which would now include Lyford ISD, Raymondville ISD, and Zapata ISD.

•Restructuring Elementary/Intermediate Campuses

Superintendent McMinn spoke about the possibility of restructuring the Elementary/Intermediate Campuses. Elementary Curriculum Director Rita Lopez provided a Powerpoint presentation concerning the pros and cons of restructuring the Elementary/Intermediate Campuses.

•Security Cameras/Chief's Vehicle/Cameras for Buses

Superintendent McMinn informed the board that the police chief vehicle had burned and would need to be replaced. She also informed the board that Mr. Danny Rodriguez, Technology Director, would present a plan to the board at the March 17, 2008, board meeting regarding the purchase of security cameras for the district including cameras for the buses.

- Item 9 A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to approve consent agenda items 10, 11, and 12. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.**
- Item 10 *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 14, 2008, and Called Meeting of January 25, 2008, approved.**
- Item 11 *Notice of Grant Award (NOGA) SAS # A218-08, Texas Fitness Now Grant, accepted.**
- Item 12 *Notice of Grant Award (NOGA) SAS #: A 206, Optional Extended Year Program, accepted.**
- Item 13 A motion was made by Mr. Hernandez to approve the Monthly Financial Report, Cafeteria Report, and Tax Collection Report. Seconded by Mr. Rolando Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.**
- Item 14 A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to change the March 10, 2008, School Board Meeting to March 17, 2008. Seconded by Mr. Wiesman, the motion carried unanimously.**
- Item 15 A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to designate Public Schools Week for March 17-20, 2008. Seconded by Mr. Rene Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.**

- Item 16** A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to set the date of March 17, 2008, for the Superintendent Goal Setting session. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.
- Item 17** A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to approve the sale of a French-Fry Fryer. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.
- Item 18** After Secondary Curriculum Director Richard Savage explained the purpose of the three Waivers being requested, a motion was made by Mr. Hernandez to approve the Application for Expedited and General State Waivers. Seconded by Mr. Rene Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.
- Item 19** Mrs. Garza closed the regular session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The regular session resumed at 9:15 p.m. Personnel items were as follows:

Personnel:

a. Consider Accepting Resignation

A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to approve the resignation from:

Cavazos, Juan Martin

High School Agriculture Science Teacher

as recommended by the Superintendent. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.

b. Consider Approving Addendum to the Substitute Teacher List for the 2007-2008 school year.

A motion was made by Mr. Hernandez to approve the Addendum to the Substitute Teacher List for the 2007-2008 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent. Seconded by Mr. Wiesman, the motion carried unanimously.

c. Superintendent McMinn recommended a one year extension to the administrative staff as listed under Exhibit 19c with the exception of a new two year contract for Annette Jaramillo. She also recommended a one year contract for the part-time administrators as listed under Exhibit 19c. No motion was made. The recommendation failed.

Superintendent McMinn recommended a two year extension to the administrative staff as listed under Exhibit 19c with the exception of a new three year contract for Annette Jaramillo. She also recommended a one year contract for the part-time administrators as listed under Exhibit 19c. The motion was made by Mr. Wiesman and seconded by Mr. Rolando Alfaro. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 19c (CONTINUED)

Recommendation of Administrators' Two Year Extension Contract with the following assignments:

TWO YEAR EXTENSION TO 2011

Assistant Superintendent for Special Programs	-	Elda Garza
Director of Elementary Curriculum	-	Rita Lopez
Director of Secondary Curriculum	-	Richard Savage
Business Manager	-	Florence Landry
High School Principal	-	Michelle Everett
Junior High School Principal	-	Ida Stevens
*Intermediate School Principal	-	Annette Jaramillo
Elementary School Principal	-	Juan Montez
DAEP Administrator	-	Kristopher McKinney
Athletic Director	-	Gustavo Cavazos
Band Director	-	Robert Garza
Technology Director	-	Danny Rodriguez

***New Three Year Contract – 217 Days**

Item 19c (CONTINUED)

Recommendation of Administrators' Part-Time One Year Contract with the following assignments:

PART-TIME CONTRACT - 2008-2009

Administrative Assistant – PEIMS	-	David Jones
Staff Development Facilitator	-	Ina Tamez

Item 20 There being no further business before the Board, Mrs. Garza adjourned the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

Noemi Garza, President

Rene Alfaro, Secretary

