

**RIO HONDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

215 West Colorado Street

Rio Hondo, Texas 78583

January 11, 2010

The Board of Trustees of the Rio Hondo Independent School District met in a Regular Session on Monday, January 11, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, 215 W. Colorado Street, Rio Hondo, Texas, with Mrs. Lopez, Vice President, presiding.

**TRUSTEES:**

**PRESENT -**

Vice President

**Susan G. Lopez**

Secretary

**John D. Guevara**

**Thomas E. Wiesman**

**Rolando Alfaro**

**Rene Alfaro**

**ABSENT -**

President

**Noemi Garza**

**Manuel Flores, Jr.**

**SUPERINTENDENT:**

**Anneliese McMinn**

**RECORDER:**

**Florence Landry**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

**Elda Garza, Rita Lopez**

**Richard Savage, Veronica Puente,**

**Ida Stevens, Annette Jaramillo,**

**Juan Montez**

**VISITORS:**

**See Attached List**

**Items 1 & 2 Mrs. Lopez 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 Mrs. Lopez led in the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Item 4 Welcome/Open Forum:**

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

**Item 5 Presentation of Appreciation Certificates to Board Members**

**Superintendent McMinn thanked the Board Members for their commitment and service to the District. The administrators presented the board members with the appreciation certificates thanking them for their dedicated leadership in public education and continuing service to the children of our community.**

**Item 6 Student/Staff Recognition**

**Band Director Robert Garza presented the 2010 Texas All State Band Students. These students will perform with the All State Band in San Antonio on February 10-13, 2010, Mr. Garza stated. The students presented the trophies and awards that the Band won during the marching season, which included a 1<sup>st</sup> division at Pigskin, Best in Class for marching band, music, percussion, and colorguard at the Rio Hondo Deep River contest, the Donna Invitational, and the USSBA State Championships. The season concluded with the Band winning the USSBA State Marching Championship. Mr. Garza thanked all of the staff, students, parents, and school board for their support of the Band.**

**Item 7 A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Cameron County Juvenile Justice Department (CCJJD) and Rio Hondo I.S.D. related to the CCJD's Academy for the Rehabilitation and Motivation of Youth (A.R.M.Y.) Program, as revised. Seconded by Mr. Guevara, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Item 8 A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to approve consent agenda items 9, 10, and 11. Seconded by Mr. Rene Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Item 9 \*Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 14, 2009, approved.**

**Item 10 \*Notice of Grant Award (NOGA) SAS # A218-10, Texas Fitness Now Grant, accepted.**

**Item 11 \*Notice of Grant Award (NOGA) SAS #: SSIGAA10, Student Success Initiative Grant, accepted.**

**Item 12 Homeless Training Provided to the Board by the Assistant Superintendent of Special Programs.**

**Assistant Superintendent of Special Programs Rita Lopez provided a training on the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act and State law.**

**Item 13 Report by Principals on the Progress of Limited English Proficient (LEP) Students.**

**High School Principal Veronica Puente, Junior High School Principal Ida Stevens, Intermediate School Principal Annette Jaramillo, and Elementary School Principal Juan Montez reported on the progress of Limited English Proficient (LEP) students, and spoke on the different strategies being used at each campus to improve scores.**

- Item 14** A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to approve Monthly Financial Report, Cafeteria Report, and Tax Collection Report. Seconded by Mr. Rene Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.
- Item 15** A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to set the date of January 28, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. to accept 2008-2009 District Audit Report. Seconded by Mr. Guevara, the motion carried unanimously.
- Item 16** Mrs. Lopez closed the regular session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The regular session resumed at 8:17 p.m. Personnel items were as follows:

**Personnel:**

- a. Consider Accepting Resignation(s)

None.

- b. Consider Employment of Personnel

A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to offer a contract for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year to:

**Manning, Victoria**


**Junior High School Teacher**


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

- c. Consider Approving Addendum to the Substitute Teacher List for the 2009-2010 school year.

A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to approve the Addendum to the Substitute Teacher List for the 2009-2010 school year. Seconded by Mr. Rene Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.

- Item 17** There being no further business before the Board, Mrs. Lopez adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

  
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Noemi Garza, President

  
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John D. Guevara, Secretary

## VISITORS/GUESTS

Persons wishing to have their comments heard tonight during the public comment period must first complete, and present to the Board President, the "Citizen's Public Comment Request Form."

## VISITANTES/INVITADOS

Las personas que deseen presentar comentarios o problemas esta noche durante el periodo de comentarios publicos, primero deben completar y presentar al Presidente del Consejo Directivo Escolar la forma de "Petición para comentarios publicos".

**RIO HONDO I.S.D. BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING ON  
January 11, 2010**

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\*\*\*\* Parents and Band Students were in attendance

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