

RIO HONDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

215 West Colorado Street

Rio Hondo, Texas 78583

October 8, 2007

The Board of Trustees of the Rio Hondo Independent School District met in a Regular Session on Monday, October 8, 2007, 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
			Manuel Flores, Jr.
	ABSENT -		None
SUPERINTENDENT:			Anneliese McMinn
RECORDER:			Florence Landry
ADMINISTRATION:			Elda Garza, Rita Lopez
			Richard Savage, Michelle Everett,
			Ida Stevens, Annette Jaramillo,
			Juan Montez
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:

Community Member Ms. Elisa Z. Salinas expressed her concerns regarding how the C-Scope Curriculum is being implemented. Ms. Salinas suggested the District consider holding off on implementing this curriculum until it has been made out and presented in the best format possible.

Item 5 Report From Elementary Principal

Elementary School Principal Juan Montez reported on enrollment and current activities at the Elementary campus. Mr. Montez informed the Board of upcoming events including Fire Prevention Week, Don't Mess with Texas Assembly, Book Fair, and Red Ribbon Week.

Item 6 Superintendent's Report:

***Superintendent McMinn informed the Board of the colors selected by the architect for the roof trim and soffit for the Jr. High and Intermediate roofing project.**

***Mrs. McMinn reported that a C-Scope presentation has been scheduled for the November 12, 2007, board meeting.**

***2007 Texas SCORE Program Sponsored by AEP**

Superintendent McMinn explained that the School Board has to set a goal to reduce utilities cost by 5% annually for the next five years or more, as per a new legislative act that was passed. Under the 2007 Texas SCORE Program sponsored by AEP, a representative from AEP will assist the District with this endeavor, she informed the Board. Superintendent McMinn also reviewed the terms of the agreement.

Item 7 A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to approve consent agenda items 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 8 *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 10, 2007, approved.

Item 9 *Statements of Monthly Financial Report, Cafeteria Report, Tax Collection Report, and Property Tax Refund, approved.

Item 10 *Notice of Grant Award (NOGA) for SAS #: A309, Carl D. Perkins Basic Grant Formula For CATE, accepted.

Item 11 *Budget Amendment #1, approved.

Item 12 A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to approve the sale of Rio Hondo ISD Police Equipment. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 13 A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to give the Superintendent the authority to go out for bids to build a 60-vehicle parking lot at the Elementary Campus. Seconded by Mrs. Lopez, the motion carried unanimously.

- Item 14** Tony Berry, Project Coordinator, for Geophysical Explorer explained the specifics in regards to their request to run cables around some of the school district property (approximately 34.50 acres) to conduct a geophysical survey using Vibroseis 3D method for Sanchez Oil & Gas.

A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to approve the request from Geophysical Explorer/Sanchez Oil & Gas for the District to grant permission to run cables around some of the school district property, in accordance with the permit that will be drafted by School District Council and Geophysical Explorer, within a 30-day window. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.

- Item 15** A motion was made by Mr. Hernandez to approve the revised list of Honors or Advanced Classes to the No Pass, No Play Exemption Rule. Seconded by Mr. Rene Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.

- Item 16** A motion was made by Mr. Wiesman to Adopt Resolution authorizing Rio Hondo Independent School District to join and participate in the 2013 Purchasing Cooperative being organized and administered by the Education Service Center, Region 20 and Education Service Center, Region 13. Seconded by Mr. Rene Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.

- Item 17** A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to change the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Board Policy DC(LOCAL) regarding advertising for administrative positions. Seconded by Mr. Rene Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.

- Item 18** School District Attorney Ricardo Morado stated that the Food Allergy Policy FFAG(LOCAL) is a new policy and explained the pros and cons of adopting the policy. The Board and Mr. Morado discussed the proposed policy in detail.

A motion was made by Mr. Wiesman to approve the Food Allergy Policy FFAG(LOCAL). Seconded by Mrs. Lopez, the motion carried unanimously.

- Item 19** A motion was made by Mr. Wiesman to authorize the Superintendent to pursue a Resolution to change Board Elections from three to four years. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.

- Item 20 Mrs. Garza closed the regular session at 8:23 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The regular session resumed at 8:40 p.m. Personnel items were as follows:**

Personnel:

a. Consider Accepting Resignations

A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to approve the resignation, as recommended by the Superintendent, from:

Lucas, Stephen G. Junior High Science Teacher

Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.

b. Consider Employment of Personnel

A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to offer a contract for the 2007-2008 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent, to:

Villalobos, Laura Junior High Teacher

Seconded by Mr. Wiesman, the motion carried unanimously.

c. 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. Rolando Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.

- Item 21 There being no further business before the Board, Mrs. Garza adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.**

Noemi Garza, President

Rene Alfaro, Secretary

