

RIO HONDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

215 West Colorado Street

Rio Hondo, Texas 78583

September 10, 2007

The Board of Trustees of the Rio Hondo Independent School District met in a Regular Meeting on Monday, September 10, 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:			Janie Ramos
ADMINISTRATION:			Elda Garza, Rita Lopez Richard Savage, Michelle Everett, Ida Stevens, Annette Jaramillo, 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 AFJROTC 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 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent McMinn informed the Board of the following:

•Due to the RSCCC Accounting System being down, the August report on the Payment of Bills will be provided at a later date.

Item 5 Superintendent's Report (Continued)

•Mrs. McMinn congratulated Mrs. Leonor Gomez, Cafeteria Director, and her staff for being recognized by Channel 4's Food Patrol for receiving zero demerits on the health department inspections done at all four cafeterias.

•Mrs. McMinn informed the Board about the status on the Food Allergy Policy.

•Mrs. McMinn reviewed the student enrollment summary provided to the Board.

•Mrs. McMinn also commented on the number of Limited English Proficient (LEP)/English as a Second Language (ESL) students.

Item 6 A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to approve consent agenda items 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 7 *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 13, 2007; Called Meeting of August 20, 2007; Public Meeting on Budget and Proposed Tax Rate, August 27, 2007; and Called Meeting of August 27, 2007, approved.

Item 8 *Statement of Tax Collection Report, approved.

Item 9 *Notice of Grant Award (NOGA) SAS #: SSIPAA08, SSI-ARI/AMI, accepted.

Item 10 *Notice of Grant Award (NOGA), SAS #: NCLBAA08, Title I, Part A-Improving Basic Programs; Title I, Part C-Migrant; Title II, Part D-Enhancing Education Through Technology; Title II, Part A-LEP; Title V, Part A-Innovative Programs; Title IV, Part A-Safe & Drug-Free Schools & Communities; Title II, Part A-Teacher & Principal Training & Recruiting.

Item 11 *Notice of Grant Award, SAS-A771-08, Texas Reading First Initiative-GR K-3 CY2 YR4, accepted.

Item 12 *Report on Investments.

- Item 13 Discuss and Consider Awarding Contract for Junior High and Intermediate School Re-Roofing Project.**

Mr. David Mendez, AIA, from Gomez, Mendez, Saenz, Inc., reviewed the Junior High and Intermediate School Re-Roofing Project bids submitted by:

**American Contracting - Combes, Texas
Sechrist Hall Company – Harlingen, Texas
Rain Seal Master Co. – Victoria, Texas
J. Reynolds & Co. – Saginaw, Texas**

After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to award the bid for the Junior High and Intermediate School Re-Roofing Project bid to American Contracting, Combes, Texas for the Base Bid of \$1,256,032.00 plus unit prices as presented in the amendments. Seconded by Mrs. Lopez, the motion carried unanimously.

- Item 14 Report on Governor’s Educator Excellence Award Program – Texas Educator Excellence Grant (TEEG), Cycle 2, for Junior High School Campus.**

Ida Stevens, Junior High Principal, explained the criteria used to award incentives to staff under the Governor’s Educator Excellence Award Program - Texas Education Excellence Grant (TEEG), Cycle 2.

- Item 15 A motion was made by Mr. Hernandez to approve the Campus Language Proficiency Assessment Committee Members (LPAC). Seconded by Mr. Rene Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.**

- Item 16 Report on the 2006-2007 Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Results. Math, Reading**

Mr. Richard Savage, Director for Secondary Curriculum, reviewed in detail the 2006-2007 Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) districtwide and campuses results.

- Item 17 A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to Identify and Accept Honors or Advanced Classes to the No Pass, No Play Exemption Rule. Seconded by Mr. Wiesman, the motion carried unanimously.**

- Item 18 After Mrs. McMinn reviewed the Maintenance & Custodian Handbook, a motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to approve the Maintenance & Custodian Department Handbook. Seconded by Mr. Rene Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.**

- Item 19** After Rita Lopez, Director for Elementary Curriculum, reviewed the Revised Bilingual/ESL Program District Handbook, a motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to approve the Revised Bilingual/ESL Program District Handbook. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.
- Item 20** After Mr. Richard Savage, Director for Secondary Curriculum, reviewed the Revised Gifted and Talented Manual, a motion was made by Mr. Roland Alfaro to approve the Revised Gifted and Talented Manual. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.
- Item 21** A motion was made by Mr. Hernandez to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement and Memo of Understanding for Cameron County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) for the 2007-2008 School Year. Seconded by Mr. Rolando Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.
- Item 22** A motion was made by Mr. Hernandez to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Brownsville I.S.D. for Regional Day School Program for the Deaf for 2007-2008 School Year. Seconded by Mr. Wiesman, the motion carried unanimously.
- Item 23** A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to name Mr. Jose N. Diaz, Sr. as the Nominee to hold Position Eight (8) of the Cameron Appraisal District Board of Directors. Seconded by Mr. Rene Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.
- Item 24** A motion was made by Mr. Wiesman to authorize the Superintendent to Lease the Community Learning Center (CLC) Building (Old Hartzog Building). Seconded by Mr. Flores, the motion carried unanimously.
- Item 25** Mrs. Garza closed the regular session at 8:22 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The regular session resumed at 9:18 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 2007-2008 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent, to:

Campos, Loraine

Elementary Bilingual Teacher

Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 25 Personnel (Continued):

- 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.

- d. Consider Possible Suspension Without Pay and/or Possible Termination of Junior High Science Teacher**

A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to authorize the Superintendent and School District Attorney to resolve the Junior High Science Teacher matter. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.

- Item 26 There being no further business before the Board, Mrs. Garza adjourned the meeting at 9:21 p.m.**

Noemi Garza, President

Rene Alfaro, Secretary