

RIO HONDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

215 West Colorado Street

Rio Hondo, Texas 78583

February 12, 2007

The Board of Trustees of the Rio Hondo Independent School District met in a Regular Session on Monday, February 12, 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
		Secretary	Susan G. Lopez
			Linda V. Alaniz
			Richard A. Serra
			Xavier Hernandez
			Rene Alfaro
	ABSENT -	Vice President	Rolando Alfaro
SUPERINTENDENT:			Anneliese McMinn
RECORDER:			Isabel Rios
ADMINISTRATION:			J. Montez, K. McKinney, M. Everett, I. Stevens, Elda Garza, R. Lopez,
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, invited comments under the Open Forum and read the Open Forum procedure policy.

Jessica Gonzales, Parent Volunteer, read a prepared statement. Ms. Gonzales said that parents and students of PAWS were discontent with the lack of support for the program. She listed the different activities and benefits the program has provided for the participating students in the last seven years.

Parent Alicia Rodriguez commented that she met with the Junior High School principal and the principal did not give her a reason for the changes in the PAWS program. She said she is concerned for her son and feels that the principal did not take the students into consideration when she made the decision to remove the person in charge of the program.

Item 4 Open Forum (CONTINUED)

Junior High student Jason Rodriguez spoke on the different fundraisers they have had as part of the PAWS program and how these activities have helped the students. He stated he hopes the program will be placed back the way it was before, with the same staff member in charge of the program.

Parent Refugia Edwards expressed a concern regarding an employee approaching her 13 year-old son telling him not to sign a petition regarding the PAWS program. Ms. Edwards stated that the program means a lot to her son and a school employee should not tell her son what to do.

Junior High Counselor Rene Cortez stated that the counselors at the Junior High feel it is a great opportunity to work with the PAWS program and commented on some of the activities available for the students.

Junior High Science Teacher Edna Gonzales commended the Junior High principal for her leadership. She said that everyone at the Junior High does their part to help things run smoothly. Ms. Gonzales also praised the counselors for having an open door policy for the students.

Item 5 Student/Staff Recognition

Community Member Lupe Ramirez introduced some of the members of the Boys and Girls Club, Boys Basketball team. Mr. Ramirez stated the team had 12 wins and no losses and it is a team with 9 All-Academic members. The team presented their trophy to Elementary School Principal Juan Montez.

Tennis Coach Kelly Holder recognized seventh graders earning first, second, and 4th place at the February 2007 tournament in Harlingen. Coach Holder stated the students competed against 5-A schools; our students are outstanding student athletes with great character, he said.

Intermediate School Principal Kris McKinney reported that a fifth grade girl was chosen to be Suzanne Young's (NASA Astronaut) pen pal. Mr. McKinney called on 5th Grade Teacher Pedro Treviño who shared a power point presentation of the NASA Space Day Event attended by 45 fifth graders on Saturday, January 13, 2007, at the University of Texas in Brownsville as a part of the STEMS Program.

Item 6 Report From Intermediate School Principal

Principal Kris McKinney shared with the Board a newspaper article that made mention of two Rio Hondo ISD students and their visit to NASA Space Day Event on January 13, 2007.

Mr. McKinney also spoke on activities at the Intermediate campus.

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

Item 8 *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 15, 2007, and Called Meeting of January 22, 2007, approved.

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

Item 10 *Budget Amendment # 2, approved.

Item 11 Dicuss and Consider Architect for Roofing Project for Intermediate and Junior High Campuses.

Proposal presentations were made by the following:

<u>Name of Company</u>	<u>Name of Presenters</u>
eddieP, LLP San Antonio, Texas	Primitivo Araujo, Assoc. A.I.A. Mary Shuckman/Partner
Gignac & Associates, LLP Harlingen/Corpus Christi, Texas	Raymond Gignac, AIA Juan Mujica, Representative
Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. Brownsville, Texas	David Mendez, AIA Isaac Ochoa, Draftsman

School District attorney Rick Morado questioned each presenter in regards to modifications to AIA Contract and concerning the project plans.

A motion was made by Mr. Hernandez to select Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. as the Architect for the Roofing Project for Intermediate and Junior High Campuses, and to authorize the Administration to contact Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc. to negotiate the contract. Seconded by Mrs. Alaniz, the motion carried unanimously.

- Item 12 Discuss and Consider Options for Current Windstorm Insurance and for Building Certification Engineer.**

Superintendent McMinn explained the status of the Windstorm Insurance and the Building Certification Engineer Project.

After Mr. David Day, Engineer, reviewed his proposal, a motion was made by Mrs. Alaniz to hire CASA Engineering, L.L.C., Harlingen, Texas, as the Engineer to perform the Building Certification. Seconded by Mr. Rene Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.

- Item 13 A motion was made by Mr. Hernandez to allow Rio Hondo ISD Police Officers to work at South Padre Island during 2007 Spring Break and at 2007 Easter and Bike Fest Events. Seconded by Mr. Rene Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.**

- Item 14 A motion was made by Mr. Serra to deny the request from Geophysical Explorer to conduct a Geophysical Survey for Sanchez Oil & Gas. Seconded by Mrs. Alaniz, the motion carried unanimously.**

- Item 15 A motion was made by Mr. Serra to approve the Sale or Trade of six 15-passenger vans, two police vehicles, and the body of one school bus, in the best interest of the District. Seconded by Mrs. Alaniz, the motion carried unanimously.**

- Item 16 A motion was made by Mr. Serra to designate Public Schools Week for March 5-9, 2007. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.**

- Item 17 A motion was made by Mr. Hernandez to set the date of March 26, 2007, (regular Board Meeting) at 7:00 p.m. for the Superintendent Goal Setting meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Alaniz, the motion carried unanimously.**

- Item 18 Report on Continuing Education Hours received by School Board Members**

Board President Garza stated that according to Board Policy BBD(LEGAL), the Board President is required to announce the name of each board member who has completed the required continuing education, who has exceeded the required hours of continuing education, and who is deficient in the required education.

Mrs. Garza said she was pleased to announce that all Board Members: Linda V. Alaniz, Rene Alfaro, Rolando Alfaro, Noemi Garza, Xavier Hernandez, Susan G. Lopez, and Richard Serra have met and exceeded the required number of continuing education hours.

Item 18 Report on Continuing Education Hours (CONTINUED)

Mrs. Garza also reported that Rene Alfaro, Rolando Alfaro, Noemi Garza, Xavier Hernandez, Susan G. Lopez, and Superintendent Anneliese McMinn participated in a three-hour team-building session, and the Update to the Texas Education Code workshop, as required annually. Mr. Richard A. Serra was unable to attend the team-building session. Mrs. Linda V. Alaniz was unable to attend the team-building session and the Update to the Texas Education Code workshop.

Item 19 A motion was made by Mr. Serra to appoint Mary Ann Gusler As Judge for the Election Day, and Allow Judge to appoint Three Election Clerks for the May 12, 2007, School Trustees Election. Seconded by Mr. Rene Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 20 A motion was made by Mr. Rene Alfaro to appoint Mary Ann Gusler as Voting District Clerk and Janie Ramos, Ronald De La Garza, Esmeralda Sanchez, and Hilda Rendon, as Deputy Clerks. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 21 Report on the 2005-2006 School District Budget.

Tabled.

Item 22 Report on the 2006-2007 School District Budget.

Mr. Lynn Moak, Texas Schools Finance Expert, gave an overview of the 2006-2007 School District Budget that will be reviewed in greater detail at the March 2007 board meeting.

Item 23 Discuss and Consider Reviewing Payment of Bills at the Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings.

A motion was made by Mr. Hernandez to review the Payment of Bills at the regularly scheduled Board Meetings. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alaniz. Votes in favor: Mr. Hernandez, Mrs. Alaniz, and Mr. Serra. Votes opposed: Mr. Rene Alfaro, Mrs. Garza, and Mrs. Lopez. Motion failed.

Item 24 Discuss NSBA Conference.

The Board discussed the upcoming NSBA Conference scheduled for April 14-17, 2007.

Item 25 (CONTINUED)

**Recommendation of Administrator's Two- Year Contract with the following assignment:
TWO-YEAR CONTRACT - 2007-2009**

Band Director	-	Robert Garza
Technology Director	-	Danny Rodriguez

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

PART-TIME CONTRACT - 2007-2008

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

Seconded by Mr. Rene Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 26 There being no further business before the Board, Mrs. Garza adjourned the meeting at 10:47 p.m.

