

Item 5 Student/Staff Recognition

High School Principal Everett read a letter from the Department Of The Air Force Air University (AETC) commending Rio Hondo High School's AFJROTC unit for earning the score of "Exceeds Standards" on their visit of February 8, 2007. The purpose of the visit was to evaluate how effectively, efficiently and safely Unit TX-961 accomplished its mission as well as determine the school's compliance with Public Law, Department of Defense and Air Force Instructions, and the contract between the school district and the Air Force.

The Board recognized AFJROTC Program Instructors Col. James Brown and Sgt. Juan Barrera, and the students for this accomplishment.

Carlos Garza, High School Agriculture Mechanics Teacher, recognized students who participated at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show, March 2007, and mentioned the awards they received. Mr. Garza also called on five students who earned Grand Champions on their 20-foot Cattle Trailer project entry.

Item 6 Report From Rio Hondo Elementary School Principal

Principal Montez called on University Interscholastic League (UIL) Coaches/Second Grade Teachers Patty Molina and Nancy Hinojosa. They introduced and recognized the students for earning 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th places in Creative Writing, Storytelling, and Spelling competitions at the January 18, 2006, January 13, 2007, and January 27, 2007, meets.

Item 7 A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to approve consent agenda items 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, and 16. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Serra to Table Item 14. Seconded by Mr. Rolando Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 8 *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 12, 2007, and Called Meetings of March 6, 2007, approved.

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

Item 10 *Notice of Grant Award (NOGA) Increase, SAS -A650-07, Title VI, Part B, Subpart 2-Rural and Low-Income School Program FY 2007, accepted.

Item 11 *Funds from Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, accepted.

Item 12 *Maximum Entitlement NOGAS, accepted.

Item 13 *Budget Amendment # 3, approved.

Item 14 *Proposal to Replace Compressors and Corroded Chiller Condenser Coils at High School, Tabled.

Item 15 *License Renewal Fees for Plato Software for Intermediate, Junior High, and High School Campuses, approved.

Item 16 *Report on Investments.

Item 17 Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent McMinn reported on the following:

•**Vehicles** – Six school vans were traded with a dealership for three suburbans and one Ford Truck; this was an even trade.

•**Payment of Bills on Line** – The Payment of Bills report will be placed on-line beginning on April 2, 2007.

•**School Board Trip to NSBA Conference, San Francisco, California** – The Board and Superintendent will not be attending the NSBA Conference.

•**Building Windstorm Certification** – Windstorm Certification been completed on District buildings.

•**Information on Called Meeting of March 6, 2007, (Windstorm Insurance)** – Mrs. McMinn shared the results of the March 6, 2007, Called School Board Meeting.

•**Preliminary TAKS Scores** – Elementary Curriculum Director Rita Lopez shared the Preliminary TAKS Scores with the Board.

Item 18 A motion was made by Mr. Serra to appoint Barbara James as the Early Voting District Clerk and Appoint Barbara James as the Judge for Election Day and allow Judge to Appoint three Election Clerks for the May 12, 2007, School Trustees Election. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 19 A motion was made by Mrs. Alaniz to approve the Revised Student Health Educational Advisory Council (SHEAC) Members for 2006-2007 School Year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rolando Alfaro. Votes in favor: Mrs. Alaniz, Mr. Rene Alfaro, Mr. Rolando Alfaro, Mrs. Garza, and Mr. Hernandez. Mr. Serra abstained. The motion carried.

Item 20 Election of Region One Education Service Center Board of Directors, Place 3, and Place 6.

The Board of Trustees cast their vote for the Region One Education Service Center Board of Directors, Place 3, and Place 6.

Item 21 Report From Lynn Moak, Texas Schools Finance Expert

Mr. Lynn Moak from Moak, Casey & Associates updated the Board on the status of the current school district budget and made recommendations for corrective action.

Item 22 Review and Discuss Payment of Bills.

The Board President asked if there were any questions on the Payment of Bills. There were none.

Item 23 Mrs. Garza closed the regular session at 9:03 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The regular session resumed at 9:44 p.m. Personnel items were as follows:

•Personnel:

a. Consider Accepting Resignations

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

**Ortega, Feliciano
Dean, Merrijo**

**High School Teacher
Junior High School Teacher**

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

b. Consider Approving Addendum to 2006-2007 Substitute List

A motion was made by Mr. Serra to approve the Addendum to the Substitute Teacher List for the 2006-2007 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent. Seconded by Mr. Rolando Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 23 (CONTINUED)

- c. Consider Contract Renewal for Professional Personnel for the 2007-2008 School Year**

A motion was made by Mr. Hernandez to approve the Contract Renewal for Professional Personnel for the 2007-2008 School Year, as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent. Seconded by Mr. Rolando Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.

- d. Consider Contract for Elementary School Principal**

A motion was made by Mrs. Alaniz to approve the Contract, as recommended by the Superintendent, for:

One Year Extension to 2009

Elementary School Principal

- Juan Montez

Seconded by Mr. Serra, the motion carried unanimously.

- e. Superintendent Goal Setting Session**

A motion was made by Mr. Serra to accept Superintendent goals as presented in closed session. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 24 There being no further business before the Board, Mrs. Garza adjourned the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

Noemi Garza, President

Susan G. Lopez, Secretary