

RIO HONDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

215 West Colorado Street

Rio Hondo, Texas 78583

April 5, 2007

The Board of Trustees of the Rio Hondo Independent School District met in a Called Session on Thursday, April 5, 2007, at 6:30 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
			Richard A. Serra
			Xavier Hernandez
			Rene Alfaro
	ABSENT -	Vice President	Rolando Alfaro
			Linda V. Alaniz
SUPERINTENDENT:			Anneliese McMinn
RECORDER:			Florence Landry
ADMINISTRATION:			M. Everett, R. Savage
VISITORS:			See Attached List

Items 1 & 2 Mrs. Garza called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., after noting a quorum was present and that the meeting notice had been posted as required by law.

Item 3 Mrs. Garza led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 4 A motion was made by Mr. Serra to change the regularly scheduled May 2007 Board Meeting Date from May 14, 2007, to May 21, 2007. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 5 A motion was made by Mr. Serra to approve the Voter Equipment Lease Contract with Cameron County, with the correction of the misspelled word under Article IV; “alternations” should be “alterations”. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 6 Discuss and Consider Repair or Replacement of High School Chillers and Compressors.

Kevin Mercer, P.E., ACR Engineering, Harlingen, Texas, Account Managers Scott Nabb and Mike Alvarez from Trane, San Antonio, and Arturo Roel, Representative for Southern Services, Harlingen, presented their proposals for the High School Chiller System project.

A motion was made by Mr. Hernandez to table this item until further information is received. Seconded by Mr. Rene Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 7 Consideration and Action Regarding Contract Negotiations with Architect for Roofing Project at Intermediate and Junior High Campuses.

Mr. Rudy Gomez and David Mendez from Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc., Brownsville, Texas, wished to review and discuss the modifications and deletions posed by Mr. Ricardo Morado, the school district's attorney, to the AIA Contract on Forms B151-1997 and A201-1997, and explain reasons or situations that needed to be discussed that related to the changes to the contract.

Three sections were discussed with the Board and Mr. Morado:

- 1. According to Mr. Mendez, Form B151-1997 Section 10.3.4 where contract states Rio Hondo ISD has the right to cancel or terminate the contract without consequences is not necessary. Reviewing the entire section would mean the architect would prepare plans and specifications for work which Rio Hondo ISD would have the right to cancel. He explained, the district has a budget (i.e., \$500,000); it is his obligation to bring the job within that budget. You (Rio Hondo ISD) tell him what you want, the scope of the project, (i.e., additions or deletions to the job, etc.) he will do it. If he has to bid again he will do it for free. Mr. Mendez agreed he would put it in writing. (This is on tape.)**
- 2. Mr. Mendez disagrees with Form B151-1997 section 11.5.4. He disagrees that the architect's compensation be reduced by the owner for direct costs incurred because of architect's errors or failures. Mr. Gomez states that they have liability insurance to cover such incidents.**
- 3. On Form A201-1997 section 2.2.3 regarding modification requiring the contractor to acquire at its cost surveys for the site: He believes this will limit bids on the project. He felt the district should provide as much information to the contractor at the beginning.**

Mr. Morado explained that the district already has the obligation to address the conditions stated in section 10.3.5 once the district is notified of any of these discoveries. This section seems redundant.

- Item 7** Consideration and Action Regarding Contract Negotiations with Architect for Roofing Project at Intermediate and Junior High Campuses. **(CONTINUED):**

Summation:

Mr. Mendez accepted the changes to section 7.3, Form B151-1997.

Mr. Mendez did not agree to delete section 10.3.4, Form B151-1997.

Mr. Mendez agreed to include section 11.5.4, Form B151-1997.

Mr. Morado referred to section 10.3.4 and stated it should go on record that the architect recognizes that the school district intends this project to be a fixed cost project. Mr. Morado stated that with this in mind, inclusion of 10.3.4 is acceptable, provided the architect acknowledges in writing that this is a fixed cost project. Mr. Mendez agreed.

- Item 8** A motion was made by Mr. Serra to approve the creation of a new accounting position. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez the motion carried unanimously.

- Item 9** Mrs. Garza closed the regular session at 9:20 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The regular session resumed at 9:40 p.m. Personnel item was as follows:

Personnel:

- a. Consider Approving Addendum to the Substitute Teacher List for the 2006-2007 school year.**

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

- Item 10** There being no further business before the Board, Mrs. Garza adjourned the meeting at 9:41 p.m.

Noemi Garza, President

Susan G. Lopez, Secretary

