

**RIO HONDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**215 West Colorado Street**

**Rio Hondo, Texas 78583**

**May 21, 2007**

**The Board of Trustees of the Rio Hondo Independent School District met in a Regular Session on Monday, May 21, 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**

**NEWLY ELECTED**

**Place 6: Manuel Flores, Jr.**

**Place 7: Thomas Wiesman**

**SUPERINTENDENT:**

**Anneliese McMinn**

**RECORDER:**

**Florence Landry**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

**J. Montez, K. McKinney,**

**M. Everett, I. Stevens,**

**Elda Garza, R. Lopez,**

**R. Savage**

**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 Presentation of Plaques to Board Members Linda V. Alaniz and Richard A. Serra**

**Mrs. McMinn presented Mrs. Linda V. Alaniz and Mr. Richard A. Serra a plaque in appreciation for their three years of service to Rio Hondo ISD as Board Members.**

**Item 5 Mrs. Garza called on Election Judge Barbara James who read canvass on results on Trustee Elections of Saturday, May 12, 2007:**

**Place 6**

*Elisa “Lisa” Zuniga Salinas*

Early Voting 82  
Ballots By Mail 0  
Election Day 157  
**Total 239**

*Manuel Flores, Jr.*

Early Voting 100  
Ballots By Mail 5  
Election Day 180  
**Total 285**

*Anna L. De Leon*

Early Voting 27  
Ballots By Mail 0  
Election Day 25  
**Total 52**

**Place 7**

*Richard A. Serra*

Early Voting 46  
Ballots By Mail 0  
Election Day 110  
**Total 156**

*Ray Bustamante*

Early Voting 59  
Ballots By Mail 0  
Election Day 51  
**Total 110**

*Thomas Wiesman*

Early Voting 125  
Ballots By Mail 5  
Election Day 224  
**Total 354**

**Item 6 Board President Noemi Garza read the “Summary of Elections Return” and certified the Election Results declaring **Manuel Flores, Jr.** for Place 6, and **Thomas Wiesman** for Place 7.**

**Item 7 Justice of the Peace David A. Wise administered the “Oath of Office” to **Newly Elected Board Members Manuel Flores, Jr. and Thomas Wiesman.****

**Item 8 Mrs. Garza opened the floor for the reorganization of the Board. Mrs. Garza called for nominations for **President of the Board.****

Mr. Rene Alfaro nominated Noemi Garza. The nomination was seconded by Mrs. Lopez. Mrs. Garza asked if there were any further nominations. Mr. Rene Alfaro moved, and Mr. Wiesman seconded, that nominations cease. There were no other nominations and nominations closed.

Being that there were no other nominations, **Mrs. Noemi Garza** was declared **President of the Board.**

Mrs. Garza opened the floor for nominations for **Vice President of the Board.**

Mr. Rene Alfaro nominated Mr. Thomas Wiesman. Mrs. Garza asked if there were any further nominations. Mr. Rene Alfaro moved, and Mr. Flores seconded, that nominations cease. There were no other nominations and nominations closed.

Being that there were no other nominations, Mrs. Garza declared **Mr. Thomas Wiesman as Vice President of the Board.**

Mrs. Garza opened the floor for nominations for **Secretary of the Board.**

Mrs. Susan Lopez nominated Mr. Rene Alfaro. Mrs. Garza asked if there were any further nominations. Mr. Rene Alfaro moved, and Mr. Hernandez seconded, that nominations cease. There were no other nominations and nominations closed.

Being that there were no other nominations, Mrs. Garza declared **Mr. Rene Alfaro as Secretary of the Board.**

**Item 9 Welcome/Open Forum:**

Mrs. Garza welcomed everyone and asked for public comments. There were none.

**Item 10 Student/Staff Recognition**

**Athletic Director Gus Cavazos gave an overview of the accomplishments in the Athletic Department: Cross-Country team won District, football team earned Bi-District recognition, boys basketball team are Bi-District Champions, softball team made the play-offs, the two track teams were outstanding, and the baseball team won the District Championship for the first time in six years, and earned the Area Championship Title for the first time in school history, said Mr. Cavazos. Coach Cavazos commended the coaches and all the team members for all of their hard work.**

**Head Baseball Coach Steve Marroquin mentioned the accomplishments of the team members and recognized them for their excellent performance.**

**Band Director Robert Garza presented awards won that had not yet been presented. Nine members of the Texas All State Band were introduced which included three State champions on their instruments. Also presented were the Sweepstakes awards won by Symphonic and Honors Bands, the TMEA Honor Band Certificate, which the Band received by placing 4<sup>th</sup> in the State, and awards and trophies from the Indoor Drumline and the Winterguard. Present were the RHISD band directors, Mr. Robert Garza, Mr. John Garza, Mr. David Noyola, Mr. Rolando Reyes, Mr. Juan Benavides, and Mrs. Valorie Garza. Also present were members of the Band, Winterguard, and Indoor Drumline.**

**Item 11 Report From High School Principal**

High School Principal Michelle Everett commented on current activities at the high school. Mrs. Everett introduced Counselors Jon Bazan, Becky Mesa, and Janie Cavazos and thanked them for their work in assisting students academically. Ms. Mesa reported a total of approximately \$768,000 in scholarship funds and she, Mr. Bazan, and Mrs. Cavazos introduced the scholarship recipients. Mrs. Mesa explained the scholarship application process and commended the students and parents for all of their hard work.

**Item 12 Superintendent's Report:**

**•Preliminary TAKS Scores**

Superintendent McMinn reported on the preliminary TAKS results for grades 3-11.

**•Ag Department**

Mrs. McMinn informed the Board that the Ag Department had a section of fence put in to hold miscellaneous supplies. The department has cleaned up the entire outside perimeter and Mrs. McMinn asked the Board to go by and observe the difference.

**•Update on Roofing Project**

Mrs. McMinn shared an update on the roofing project that was supplied by Mr. David Mendez, Project Architect, from Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc., Brownsville.

**•Concrete Parking Blocks/Security Hut**

Mrs. McMinn shared with the Board the fact that concrete parking blocks have been placed at the high school parking lot to improve safety. The high school will also be receiving a security hut that will be manned by staff to monitor the student parking lot.

**•Lynn Moak**

Mrs. McMinn shared that due to the legislative session, Mr. Moak will not present to the Board until July 2007.

**•Demolition of Old High School Chiller**

Mrs. McMinn shared that the demolition of the high school old chiller will be done by our maintenance department in order to save the District money.

**Item 12 Superintendent's Report (Continued)**

**•Four-Year Financial Plan**

**Mrs. McMinn stated that she would present her four-year financial plan at the June 2007 board meeting.**

**•Accounting Position**

**Mrs. McMinn stated that the accounting position has been closed due to budget constraints.**

- Item 13 A motion was made by Mr. Hernandez to approve consent agenda items 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19. Seconded by Mr. Wiesman, the motion carried unanimously.**
- Item 14 \*Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 23, 2007, and Called Meeting of May 4, 2007, and approved.**
- Item 15 \*Statements of Monthly Financial Report, Cafeteria Report, and Tax Collection Report, approved.**
- Item 16 \*Notice of Grant Award (NOGA) SAS #: EIGPAA07, Texas Education Excellence Award Program, Intermediate, Junior High, and High School Campuses, accepted.**
- Item 17 \*Purchase of Physics Books and Workbooks for the High School Campus, approved .**
- Item 18 \*Purchase of Computers for Junior High Campus, approved.**
- Item 19 \*Payment of Temporary High School Chiller Installation and Rental from Tex Air, approved.**
- Item 20 A motion was made by Mr. Hernandez to approve Tax Collection Contract for Current Ad Valorem Taxes, for July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2010, with the correction on page 5 of the contract (change Harlingen to Rio Hondo). Seconded by Mrs. Lopez, the motion carried unanimously.**
- Item 21 A motion was made by Mr. Wiesman to authorize the District to sell old Chiller parts from the High School old chiller system. Seconded by Mr. Rene Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.**
- Item 22 A motion was made by Mr. Hernandez to approve the Adoption of the New Math Textbooks for Junior High and High School for the 2007-2008 School Year. Seconded by Mrs. Lopez, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Regular Board Meeting**

**May 21, 2007**

**Page 6**

- Item 23** A motion was made by Mr. Rene Alfaro to approve the request for the Reading First Coach to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual National Reading First Conference at St. Louis, Missouri, July 18-20, 2007. Seconded by Mr. Flores, the motion carried unanimously.
- Item 24** A motion was made by Mr. Hernandez to add, revise, or delete (LOCAL) policies as recommended by Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Policy Service and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 80. Seconded by Mr. Rene Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.
- Item 25** Mrs. Garza closed the regular session at 8:41 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The regular session resumed at 9:11 p.m. Personnel items were as follows:

**Personnel:**

**•Consider Accepting Resignations**

**A motion was made by Mr. Hernandez to approve the resignations from:**

<b>Bates, Kathy</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher</b>
<b>Marquez, Yesenia</b>	<b>Kinder Bilingual Teacher</b>
<b>Williams, Julia E.</b> <b>(Retiring)</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher</b>

**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 9:12 p.m.

---

**Noemi Garza, President**

---

**Rene Alfaro, Secretary**

