

RIO HONDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

215 West Colorado Street

Rio Hondo, Texas 78583

January 14, 2008

The Board of Trustees of the Rio Hondo Independent School District met in a Regular Session on Monday, January 14, 2008, 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:			Florence Landry
ADMINISTRATION:			Elda Garza, Rita Lopez
			Richard Savage, Michelle Everett,
			Ida Stevens, Annette Jaramillo,
			Juan Montez
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 and invited comments from the audience. There were none.

Item 7 Discuss and Consider Accepting 2006-2007 District Audit Report

Quentin Anderson, Auditor with Long, Chilton, Payte & Hardin, reviewed the 2006-2007 District Audit Report. A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to approve the 2006-2007 District Audit Report as presented. Seconded by Mr. Wiesman, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 5 (RESUMED)

Presentation of Appreciation Certificates to Board Members

The board members were presented Appreciation Certificates by the administrative staff. Superintendent McMinn thanked the board members for the many hours of service that they dedicate to the school district and the community.

Item 6 Student/Staff Recognition

Athletic Director Gustavo Cavazos recognized his coaching staff and the Varsity Football Team for their successful season. Coach spoke on the team's accomplishments which included a perfect season, winning District and Bi-District. Mr. Cavazos reported that 25 team members earned All-District titles, 7 members earned All-Valley, and 5 members were named to All-State.

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Addressed After Item 4.

Item 8 Report from High School Principal

High School Principal Michelle Everett called on GEAR UP Coordinator Diana Tijerina. Ms. Tijerina introduced three of the GEAR UP Youth Advisory Committee members who shared a video about how they would like their school to be in 2011. The students also commented that they are working on a Spring project which involves researching what careers Rio Hondo High School graduates have followed.

Mrs. Everett informed the Board on the 2007 October TAKS Retest Results. She also reported on the intervention tools in place to help students succeed. Mrs. Everett provided information on the TAKS Retest dates and the semester exam schedule.

Item 9 Superintendent's Report

a. Refunding of Bonds

Superintendent McMinn presented information on the refunding of bonds. Mrs. McMinn informed the Board that a proposal on the refunding of bonds will be presented at the February 11, 2008, board meeting.

b. American Electric Power (AEP) Incentive Funds for Chiller Replacements

Superintendent McMinn reported that American Electric Power (AEP) awarded the District the 2008 AEP Texas SCORE Program incentive of \$17,850.00 due to the District taking the initiative to replace the high school chillers at a more efficient level.

c. Update on Chillers

Superintendent McMinn gave an update on the high school chillers. Mrs. McMinn stated that Miles Ponder, ACR Representative, will report to the Board on the chillers at the February 11, 2008, school board meeting.

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

Item 11 *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 10, 2007, approved.

Item 12 *Notice of Grant Award (NOGA), SAS #: RLISAA08, Title VI, Part B. SubPart 2, Rural & Low-Income School Program accepted.

Item 13 A motion was made by Mr. Hernandez to set the date of Friday, January 25, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. for the Superintendent's Evaluation and Consideration of Superintendent's Contract. Seconded by Mr. Wiesman, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 14 A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to give the Superintendent permission to pursue securing bids for the construction of a high school weight room. Seconded by Mr. Rene Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 15 A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to approve the Monthly Financial Report, Cafeteria Report, and Tax Collection Report, with the correction on the fund balance report. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 16 Public Hearing – Report of 2006-2007 Annual Performance Report.

- School Safety**
- Performance Objectives**
- Accountability Data Tables**
- TASP/Alternative Test H.S. Summary Report**
- School Report Cards**
- Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) Reports**
- Campus Comparisons**
- Public Comments**

Assistant Superintendent Elda Garza reviewed the 2006-2007 Annual Performance Report. Mrs. Garza gave an overview of the Report and asked if there were any questions or comments.

There were no Public Comments.

Item 17 There being no further business before the Board, Mrs. Garza adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Noemi Garza, President

Rene Alfaro, Secretary

