

**RIO HONDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**215 West Colorado Street**

**Rio Hondo, Texas 78583**

**April 14, 2008**

**The Board of Trustees of the Rio Hondo Independent School District met in a Regular Session on Monday, April 14, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, 215 W. Colorado Street, Rio Hondo, Texas, with Mrs. Garza, President, presiding.**

<b>TRUSTEES:</b>	<b>PRESENT -</b>	<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Thomas E. Wiesman</b>
		<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Rene Alfaro</b>
			<b>Rolando Alfaro</b>
			<b>Xavier Hernandez</b>
			<b>Susan G. Lopez</b>
	<b>Present by Teleconference-</b>		<b>Manuel Flores, Jr.</b>
	<b>ABSENT -</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>Noemi Garza</b>
<b>SUPERINTENDENT:</b>			<b>Anneliese McMinn</b>
<b>RECORDER:</b>			<b>Florence Landry</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION:</b>			<b>Rita Lopez, Richard Savage, Michelle Everett, Ida Stevens, Annette Jaramillo, Juan Montez Kris McKinney</b>
<b>VISITORS:</b>			<b>See Attached List</b>

**Items 1 & 2 Mr. Wiesman 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:**

**Mr. Wiesman welcomed everyone and invited comments from the audience. There were none.**

**Item 5 Student/Staff Recognition**

**High School Band Director Robert Garza presented the winterguard, composed of 17 members, and directed by Mrs. Valorie Garza. The winterguard advanced to the State TECA Championships held on April 5, 2008, at Southwest High School in San Antonio, Mr. Garza stated. The winterguard came into the contest seeded 4<sup>th</sup> in their division and ended the contest with a second place finish. This is the highest place that the winterguard has placed at the state level, Mr. Garza reported.**

**Mr. Garza also recognized the Rio Hondo High School Honors and Symphonic bands for their most recent achievements. Both bands received Sweepstakes honors at the UIL Concert/Sightreading contest held on April 3, 2008, at Donna High School, he said. This marks the 12<sup>th</sup> sweepstakes in a row for the Honors Band and the 3<sup>rd</sup> one for the Symphonic Band, Mr. Garza stated. Directors for the bands are John Garza, Symphonic Band and Robert Garza, Honors Band.**

**Item 6 Report From Junior High School Principal**

**Junior High School Principal Ida Stevens introduced Junior High UIL Coordinator Dora Lee Rivera-Munoz. Ms. Rivera-Munoz thanked the Board for the opportunity to recognize the students and thanked the parents for the encouragement that they give their children. Ms. Rivera-Munoz asked the students to introduce themselves and announce the event and place they earned at the District UIL meet.**

**Item 7 Superintendent's Report:**

- a. Telemedicine Mobile Health Clinic Through University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, Texas**

**Superintendent McMinn introduced County Commissioner Edna Tamayo. Commissioner Tamayo explained to the Board that the County developed a partnership with Telemedicine Mobile Health Clinic through the University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, Texas a few years ago in an effort to benefit the people in the County. Commissioner Tamayo introduced Kelly Bolton, Project Coordinator. Ms. Bolton explained the history of the Clinic, the mission of the project, hours of operation, patient eligibility, and the frequently asked questions. The Telemedicine Mobile Health Clinic Unit will be stationed at the Community Learning Center parking lot in Rio Hondo for a period of four months to help people with their health needs, Commissioner Tamayo informed the Board.**

**Item 7 Superintendent's Report (Continued):**

**b. TEA's 2008-2009 Projected Expenditure Targets**

**Superintendent McMinn reviewed the 2008-2009 Projected Expenditure Targets report published by the Texas Education Agency. Mrs. McMinn explained the District's status on the spending categories which include instruction, leadership, support services-student-based, support services-non-student-based, and administrative.**

**c. Report on Restructuring Elementary and Intermediate Campuses**

**Superintendent McMinn explained that the restructuring of the Elementary and Intermediate campuses is in the preliminary stages. A committee was formulated to hear the pros and cons of the proposed restructuring and have held two meetings. At the second meeting, the committee voted to have the administration pursue the restructuring of the Elementary and Intermediate campuses. A public meeting will be held for the community to give their input and express any concerns they may have on the idea of the restructuring of the campuses, Mrs. McMinn stated. The Board will be presented with information at the May 12, 2008, board meeting and the Board will make the decision as to whether or not to restructure the Elementary and Intermediate campuses for the coming school year, Superintendent McMinn stated.**

**Item 8 A motion was made by Mr. Hernandez to approve consent agenda item 9. Seconded by Mr. Rene Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Item 9 \*Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 17, 2008, approved.**

**Item 10 A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to approve the Monthly Financial Report, Cafeteria Report, and Tax Collection Report. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Item 11 A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to approve the Standard Application System (SAS) Grants for Student Clubs. Seconded by Mr. Rene Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Item 12 A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to set the date of Monday, May 12, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. for the Training Session on School Safety for School Board Members. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Item 13 A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to approve the Accelerated Testing dates for the 2008-2009 School Year, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Rene Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.**

- Item 14** A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to allow the Superintendent to pursue the Parking Lot Project at the Elementary with the current architect, David Mendez, from Gomez, Mendez, Saenz, Inc. Seconded by Mr. Rene Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.
- Item 15** A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to approve the Option 2 School District Calendar for the 2008-2009 School Year. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.
- Item 16** After Superintendent McMinn reviewed the Revised Transportation Handbook, a motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to approve the Revised Transportation Handbook with the addition of “or any other electronic communications device” under “Prohibited Use of Cellular Phones” on page 33. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.
- Item 17** A motion was made by Mr. Hernandez to approve the Summer Schedule for District. Seconded by Mr. Rene Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.
- Item 18** Superintendent McMinn reviewed the Health Insurance for the 2008-2009 School Year.  
  
A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to approve the Health Insurance for the 2008-2009 School Year. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.
- Item 19** A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to approve the purchase of a vehicle from LT Boswell for the amount of \$20,286.70 for the Rio Hondo ISD Police Department. Seconded by Mr. Rene Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.
- Item 20** Mr. Wiesman closed the regular session at 8:06 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The regular session resumed at 8:22 p.m. Personnel items were as follows:

•Personnel:

a. Consider Accepting Resignations

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

Brown, James E. (Retiring)

Flores, Maria Helena (Retiring)

Gonzalez, Omar

Marroquin, Esteban

Rosales, Alex

Senior Aerospace Science Instructor

Intermediate Special Education Teacher

Junior High Science Teacher

High School Health/P.E. Teacher

High School Criminal Justice Teacher

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

**Item 20            Personnel (Continued)**

**b. Consider Employment of Personnel**

**A motion was made by Mr. Hernandez to offer a contract, as recommended by the Superintendent to:**

**Cortez, Daniel  
Landeros, Jesus  
Pena, Greg**

**P.E. Teacher  
Junior High School Teacher  
High School Special Education Teacher**

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

**c. Consider Approving Addendum to 2007-2008 Substitute Teacher List**

**A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to approve the Addendum to 2007-2008 Substitute Teacher List, as recommended by the Superintendent. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.**

**d. Consider Contract for Athletic Director/Head Football Coach**

**A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to offer a two-year contract, and salary as presented, to Rocky James for the position of Athletic Director/Head Football Coach, as recommended by the Superintendent. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Item 21    There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Wiesman adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.**

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**Noemi Garza, President**

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**Rene Alfaro, Secretary**