

RIO HONDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

215 West Colorado Street

Rio Hondo, Texas 78583

August 13, 2007

The Board of Trustees of the Rio Hondo Independent School District met in a Regular Session on Monday, August 13, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, 215 W. Colorado Street, Rio Hondo, Texas, with Mrs. Garza, President, presiding.

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| 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 Mrs. Garza led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 4 Welcome/Open Forum:

Mrs. Garza welcomed everyone and invited comments from the audience.

Parent Erika Martinez commented on the issue of children in the District with food allergies. Ms. Martinez stated that as a parent, she wants to make sure that the District is doing everything in its power to ensure the safety of its students with food allergies, as mandated by federal law. Ms. Martinez said District-wide policies need to be in place to provide the necessary safeguards for these students so that they may achieve their academic goals.

Item 5 Student/Staff Recognition

Community member, Javier Adames, Coach for the Rio Hondo Pony Baseball League, thanked the Board and Administration for their support of the League. Mr. Adames recognized the All-Star Team, "The Dirt Divas", Shetland Pony Division. He stated that the T-Ball team earned Second Place, out of 16 teams, in the National competition held in Slidel, Louisiana, July 11-15, 2007. The team members, ages 5 and 6 introduced themselves and were congratulated by the Board for their accomplishments.

Martin Cavazos, High School FFA teacher, recognized seven students of the Rio Hondo FFA Chapter who were awarded the Lone Star FFA Degree at the 79th Annual Texas FFA Convention held July 10, 2007, in Corpus Christi. The Lone Star FFA Degree is the highest degree bestowed by the Texas FFA, Mr. Cavazos stated.

Item 6 A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to approve consent agenda items 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11. Seconded by Mr. Rene Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 7 *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 16, 2007, and Called Meeting of July 23, 2007, approved.

Item 8 *Statements of Monthly Financial Report, Tax Collection Report, and Property Tax Refunds, approved.

Item 9 *Notice of Grant Award (NOGA) SAS #: A206, Optional Extended Year Program, accepted.

Item 10 *Funds from Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts for the Mater Mathematics Teacher Program, accepted.

Item 11 *Budget Amendment # 5, approved.

Item 12 Superintendent's Report:

•Report on Citizens' Facilities Committee Meeting of August 2, 2007

Superintendent McMinn informed the Board that a Citizens' Facilities Committee Meeting was held on August 2, 2007. Mr. Miles Ponder, Vice President, ACR Engineering Inc., provided an update on the High School Chiller System Project. Mr. David Mendez, AIA, Gomez, Mendez, Saenz, Inc. informed the Committee of the Intermediate/Junior High School Roofing Project status, Mrs. McMinn reported.

Item 12 Superintendent's Report (Continued)

•AYP/TAKS Scores – September 2007

Superintendent McMinn was glad to report that the District met AYP and will give a report on the results of AYP/TAKS scores at the September 2007 board meeting.

•Update on Governor's Excellence Grant

Superintendent McMinn reported that the teachers will be paid the Governor's Excellence Grant funds in the month of September based on the TAKS scores.

Item 13 Report on how District is following Section 504 Regulations regarding students with food allergies.

Rita Lopez, 504 Coordinator, explained the process followed by the administration and staff for students with special needs, including food allergies. Ms. Lopez stated that all appropriate staff members are trained to respond to situations of special needs students accordingly. Ms. Lopez informed the Board that the District has a plan in place that explains the process to be followed in these situations.

Item 14 Report by Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP on Delinquent Tax Collections for Rio Hondo Independent School District

Mr. John D. Guevara with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson explained to the Board the process used by their office to collect delinquent taxes for the District. Mr. Guevara also reported on the delinquent tax amounts collected this year.

Item 24 A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to have School District Attorney present at Board Meetings as needed. Seconded by Mr. Wiesman, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 15 (RESUMED)

Item 15 Discuss and Consider Adopting TASB Board Policy FNA(LOCAL) (Student Rights and Responsibilities: Student Expression).

Mrs. Garza closed the regular session at 8:03 p.m. to discuss Item 15. The regular session resumed at 8:33 p.m. Item is as follows:

A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to adopt TASB Board State Model Policy FNA(LOCAL) (Student Rights and Responsibilities: Student Expression), with the proposed modifications. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 16 Report on the Texas Primary Reading Inventory (TPRI) Summary

Juan Montez, Elementary School Principal, reviewed the end-of-year Texas Primary Reading Inventory (TPRI) Summary report. Mr. Montez also shared the ITBS results at the Elementary Campus.

Item 17 Mr. Richard Savage, Director of Secondary Curriculum, reviewed the District Improvement Plan for 2007-2008 school year summarizing the changes in the Plan.

A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to approve the District Improvement Plan for the 2007-2008 school year. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 18 After Superintendent McMinn reviewed the District Employees' Handbook, a motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to approve the District Employees' Handbook. Seconded by Mr. Flores, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 19 Juan Montez, Elementary School Principal, Annette Jaramillo, Intermediate School Principal, Ida Stevens, Junior High School Principal, and Michelle Everett, High School Principal, reviewed the changes to the 2007-2008 Student Handbooks for Elementary, Intermediate, Junior High, and High School campuses.

Item 20 Juan Montez, Elementary School Principal, Annette Jaramillo, Intermediate School Principal, Ida Stevens, Junior High School Principal, and Michelle Everett, High School Principal, reviewed the changes to the 2007-2008 Faculty Handbooks for Elementary, Intermediate, Junior High, and High School Campuses.

Item 21 After Elda Garza, Assistant Superintendent for Special Programs, reviewed the 2007-2008 Student Code of Conduct, a motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to approve the Student Code of Conduct. Seconded by Mr. Flores, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 22 A motion was made by Rolando Alfaro to designate Susan Lopez as the Delegate and Thomas Wiesman as the Alternate to the 2007 Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Delegate Assembly in Dallas, Texas, September 28-30, 2007. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 23 A motion was made by Mr. Hernandez to adopt the Superintendent's Four-Year, Five-Step Plan for Financial Growth. Seconded by Mr. Wiesman, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 24 Discuss and Consider Having School District Attorney Present at Board Meetings as Needed.

Addressed After Item 14.

- Item 25** A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to set the date of August 20, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. for the final Budget Workshop. Seconded by Mr. Rene Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.
- Item 26** A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to schedule the date of August 27, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. for the Budget Hearing and to Set Tax Rate for the 2007-2008 School Year. Seconded by Mrs. Lopez, the motion carried unanimously.
- Item 27** Mrs. Garza closed the regular session at 9:58 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The regular session resumed at 10:19 p.m. Personnel items were as follows:

•Personnel:

a. Consider Accepting Resignations

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

Ledbetter, Gilmer Junior High Science Teacher

Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.

b. Consider Employment of Personnel

A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to offer a contract for the 2007-2008 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent, to:

Escobedo, Eusebio Junior High Teacher
Salinas, Laura Junior High Teacher
Tijerina, Diana Gear Up Facilitator

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

c. Consider Approving Addendum to the Substitute Teacher List for the 2007-2008 school year.

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

- Item 28** There being no further business before the Board, Mrs. Garza adjourned the meeting at 10:21 p.m.

