

**RIO HONDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**215 West Colorado Street**

**Rio Hondo, Texas 78583**

**August 14, 2006**

**The Board of Trustees of the Rio Hondo Independent School District met in a Regular Session on Monday, August 14, 2006, 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>President</b>	<b>Noemi Garza</b>
		<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Rolando Alfaro</b>
		<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Susan G. Lopez</b>
			<b>Linda V. Alaniz</b>
			<b>Richard A. Serra</b>
			<b>Xavier Hernandez</b>
			<b>Rene Alfaro</b>
	<b>ABSENT -</b>		<b>None</b>
<b>SUPERINTENDENT:</b>			<b>Anneliese McMinn</b>
<b>RECORDER:</b>			<b>Florence Landry</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION:</b>			<b>J. Montez, K. McKinney, M. Everett, I. Stevens, Elda Garza, R. Lopez, R. Savage</b>
<b>VISITORS:</b>			<b>See Attached List</b>

**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 thanked them for their interest in the District.**

**Parent Volunteer Marisol Galdez said she was proud to participate in parental involvement activities and would like to continue helping as a volunteer.**

**Item 5 Student/Staff Recognition**

**Mary Salas, Varsity Cheerleader Sponsor, introduced the cheerleader squad and shared with the Board and community members their summer camp activities and achievements.**

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- Item 6** A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to approve consent agenda items 7, 8, and 9. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.
- Item 7** \*Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 10, 2006, and Called Meeting of August 7, 2006, approved.
- Item 8** \*Statement of Monthly Financial Report and Tax Collection Report, approved.
- Item 9** \*Budget Amendment #6, approved.
- Item 10** After Tom Lawrence, Lawrence Financial Consulting, Dallas, Texas, explained the Bond Order, a motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to Adopt An Order Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Rio Hondo Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building Bond, Series 2006A; and Enacting Other Provisions Relating to the Subject. Seconded by Mr. Serra, the motion carried unanimously.
- Item 11** Business Manager Florence Landry discussed the Tax Rate for 2006-2007 School Year.
- A motion was made by Mr. Hernandez to set the District Budget Hearing date for August 28, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Rolando Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.
- Item 12** Discuss providing University Interscholastic League (UIL) Passes for Rio Hondo ISD Retirees.
- Superintendent McMinn informed the Board that a community member submitted a request asking that the Board consider granting retirees a UIL Pass to attend athletic District activities. Athletic Director Gus Cavazos stated that the only concern he has is varsity football games due to the game shares contract. Attorney Ricardo Morado suggested that the Board instruct the administration to contact other districts to find out what their rules are for complimentary passes. Should the Board decide to grant such a pass, a formalized structured policy specifying eligibility requirements should be approved by the Board, Mr. Morado stated.
- Item 13** A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to dispose of property in the Transportation Department no longer necessary for District Operations. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.
- Item 14** A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to approve the Campus Language Proficiency Assessment Committee Members (LPAC) for the 2006-2007 school year. Seconded by Mrs. Lopez, the motion carried unanimously.
- Item 15** A motion was made by Mr. Hernandez to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement and Memo of Understanding for Cameron County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) for the 2006-2007 school year. Seconded by Mr. Serra, the motion carried unanimously.

- Item 16** Business Manager Florence Landry reviewed the 2006 Appraisal Roll. A motion was made by Mrs. Alaniz that the Board acknowledge Certification of the 2006 Appraisal Roll, with the addendum, as presented by the Cameron County Appraisal District. Seconded by Mr. Serra, the motion carried unanimously.
- Item 17** A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to endorse the candidacy of Gloria Casas to fill a position on the TASB Board of Directors. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.
- Item 18** A motion was made by Mr. Serra to hire an independent architect for the Intermediate and Junior High Roofing projects. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.
- Item 19** A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to table the Master Agreement for Mutual Aid with-in the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Region. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.
- Item 20** A motion was made by Mr. Serra to table the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Brownsville I.S.D. for Regional Day School Program for the Deaf for 2005-2006 (note: should be 2006-2007) school year. Seconded by Mr. Rene Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.
- Item 21** After Secondary Curriculum Director Richard Savage reviewed the changes to the Gifted and Talented Handbook, a motion was made by Mr. Hernandez to approve the changes to the Gifted and Talented Handbook. Seconded by Mrs. Alaniz, the motion carried unanimously.
- Item 22** 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. Serra, the motion carried unanimously.
- Item 23** Elementary School Principal Juan Montez, Intermediate School Principal Kris McKinney, Junior High Principal Ida Stevens, and High School Principal Michelle Everett, reviewed the 2006-2007 Student Handbooks for the Elementary, Intermediate, Junior High, and High School campuses.
- Item 24** Mr. Montez, Mr. McKinney, Ms. Stevens, and Ms. Everett reviewed the 2006-2007 Faculty Handbooks for the Elementary, Intermediate, Junior High, and High School campuses.
- Item 25** Report on the 2005-2006 Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) results.

Secondary Curriculum Director Richard Savage reviewed the TAKS scores explaining the criteria used to meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) based upon group performance and shared the grade standards for scores. Mr. Savage reported that all campuses in the District had earned the rating of "Academically Acceptable".

**Item 26 Mrs. Garza closed the regular session at 10:13 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The regular session resumed at 10:44 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:**

**Kretz, Richard D.**

**Junior High P.E. 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 2006-2007 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent to:**

**Dean, Merrijo T.**

**Junior High Teacher**

**Garza, Maria Teresa**

**Elementary Teacher**

**Seconded by Mrs. Lopez, the motion carried unanimously.**

**c. Consider Approving Substitute Teacher List for the 2006-2007 school year.**

**A motion was made by Mrs. Alaniz to approve the Substitute Teacher List for the 2006-2007 school year. Seconded by Mr. Serra, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Item 27 There being no further business before the Board, Mrs. Garza adjourned the meeting at 10:47 p.m.**

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**Noemi Garza, President**

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**Susan G. Lopez, Secretary**

