

**RIO HONDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

215 West Colorado Street  
Rio Hondo, Texas 78583

**Official Minutes  
Of the Special Board Meeting  
Of Monday, February 12, 2018**

The Board of Trustees of the Rio Hondo Independent School District met in a Special Session – Public Hearing on Monday, February 12, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, 215 W. Colorado Street, Rio Hondo, Texas, with Mr. Flores, President, presiding.

<b>TRUSTEES:</b>	<b>PRESENT -</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>Manuel Flores, Jr.</b>
		<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Jessica Gonzales</b>
			<b>Arnold Martinez, Jr.</b>
			<b>Ernestina Rodriguez</b>
	<b>ABSENT -</b>	<b>Vice-President</b>	<b>Claudia Villalobos</b>
			<b>Noe Alaniz, Jr.</b>
			<b>Alonzo Garza</b>
<b>SUPERINTENDENT:</b>			<b>Ismael Garcia</b>
<b>RECORDER:</b>			<b>Ron de la Garza</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION:</b>			<b>Dr. Sylvia P. Atkinson</b>
			<b>Dr. Virginia G. Miller</b>
			<b>Jesus Alfaro, Jr.</b>
			<b>Veronica Puente</b>
			<b>Deyanira Martinez-Garcia,</b>
			<b>Liz Valdez, Asael Rubalcava</b>
			<b>Lisa Leal, Ricardo Ortiz</b>
<b>SCHOOL DISTRICT ATTORNEY:</b>			<b>Leandra C. Ortiz</b>
<b>VISITORS:</b>			<b>See Attached List.</b>

**Items 1 & 2 Mr. Flores called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm., after noting a quorum was present and that the meeting notice had been posted as required by law.**

**Item 3 Roll Call**

<u>✓</u> Mr. Manuel Flores, Jr., President	<u>x</u> Mr. Alonzo Garza, Member
<u>x</u> Miss Claudia Villalobos, Vice-President	<u>✓</u> Mr. Arnold Martinez, Jr., Member
<u>✓</u> Mrs. Jessica A. Gonzales, Secretary	<u>✓</u> Mrs. Ernestina Rodriguez, Member
<u>x</u> Mr. Noe Alaniz, Jr., Member	<u>✓</u> Mr. Ismael Garcia, Superintendent

**Item 4 Mr. Flores led in the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Item 5 Invocation.**

**Item 6 Public Hearing - Report of the 2016-2017 Annual Performance Report. (Exhibit 5)**

- **Texas Academic Performance Reports**

Mr. Alfaro used a powerpoint to inform the Board on recent academic performance. Mr. Alfaro reports that all campuses met the accountability standard required by the state. Received distinctions for the intermediate in science and student progress at the junior high and high school. Student achievement, Index 1 (percentage of students passed): 3<sup>rd</sup> grade stayed about the same with an 11 point increase, 4<sup>th</sup> grade had a 5 point increase in reading, 10 point increase in math, and 1 percentage point increase in writing, 5<sup>th</sup> grade had a 5 point increase in reading, 1 point increase in math, and a 6 point drop in science. For middle school, 6<sup>th</sup> grade had a range of 16-24 point increase for reading and math. 7<sup>th</sup> grade had a slight drop in math. 8<sup>th</sup> grade had an increase in reading and science, with a decline in social studies. Mr. Alfaro stated that math declines might be due to recent addition of algebra course. For high school, there was a state wide drop in writing scores for English 1 and 2. Mr. Alfaro stated that the state test has been changed. Questions that once offered partial credit are no longer available. He also stated that although state wide drops were shown for English 2, the district scores remained the same. Mr. Alfaro stated there was a 27 point increase in Algebra 1 and increases in biology and U.S. History.

Mr. Alfaro also reported the following:

- Across all subjects at the district level, increases were seen all across the board except social studies for the approaches, increases were seen all across the board except social studies for the meets, and increases were seen in all areas for the masters. Index 2 (percent of students met or exceeded progress based on state criteria): increase in all, except a 2 point decrease in math.
- Attendance: 2016-2017 increases except in junior high by <.10%, 5 point increase as a district.
- AP or Dual Credit courses completed: increase of 2% for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade, 1.5% increase 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade, and a 9 point increase for students that completed 2 dual credit or AP courses.
- Distribution of demographics have remained the same in the previous year; no significant change.

Mr. Flores called on Dr. Atkinson to answer questions from the Board.

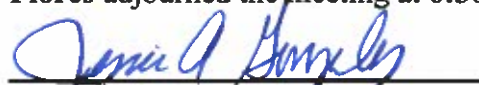
**The following items were summarized jointly:**

- PEIMS Financial Standard Reports (2015-2016 Financial Actual Reports)
- District Accreditation Status
- Campus Performance Objectives
- Report on Violent or Criminal Incidents
- Student Performance in Postsecondary Institutes
- **Public Comments**

**No Public Comments were made.**

**Item 7** There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made by **Jessica A. Gonzales** to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by **Arnold Martinez, Jr.** The motion carried unanimously and **Mr. Flores** adjourned the meeting at **6:30 p.m.**

  
**Manuel Flores, Jr., President**

  
**Jessica A. Gonzales, Secretary**

  
**Date Approved**

## VISITORS/GUESTS

Public Forum is scheduled during our Regular Board Meetings. At that time, persons wishing to have their comments and/or concerns heard by the Board of Trustees during Public Forum, must first complete, and present to the Board President, the "Citizen's Public Comment Request Form."

## VISITANTES/INVITADOS

Foro para Comentarios Públicos se programa durante las Juntas Regulares del Consejo Directivo Escolar. En ese momento, las personas que deseen presentar comentarios públicos o problemas al Consejo Directivo, podrán hacerlo durante ese Foro. Sin embargo, primero deben completar y presentar, al Presidente del Consejo Directivo Escolar, la forma de "Petición para Comentarios Públicos".

**RIO HONDO I.S.D. BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING – PUBLIC HEARING of Monday, February 12, 2018, 6:00 p.m.**

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