

RIO HONDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

215 West Colorado Street
Rio Hondo, Texas 78583

**Official Minutes
Of the Regular Board Meeting
Of Monday, March 5, 2018**

The Board of Trustees of the Rio Hondo Independent School District met in a Regular Session on Monday, March 5, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building, 215 W. Colorado Street, Rio Hondo, Texas, with Mr. Flores, President, presiding.

TRUSTEES:	PRESENT -	President	Manuel Flores, Jr.
		Vice-President	Claudia Villalobos – 6:35 p.m.
		Secretary	Jessica Gonzales
			Noe Alaniz, Jr. – 6:35 p.m.
			Alonzo Garza
			Arnold Martinez, Jr.
	ABSENT -		Ernestina Rodriguez
SUPERINTENDENT:			Ismael Garcia
RECORDER:			Ron de la Garza
ADMINISTRATION:			Dr. Sylvia P. Atkinson
			Dr. Virginia G. Miller
			Jesus Alfaro, Jr.
			Veronica Puente
			Deyanira Martinez-Garcia,
			Liz Valdez, Asael Rubalcava
			Lisa Leal
SCHOOL DISTRICT ATTORNEY:			Leandra C. Ortiz
VISITORS:			See Attached List.

Items 1 & 2 Mr. Flores called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., 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>✓</u> Mr. Alonzo Garza, Member
<u>✓</u> Miss Claudia Villalobos, Vice-President	<u>✓</u> Mr. Arnold Martinez, Jr., Member
<u>✓</u> Mrs. Jessica A. Gonzales, Secretary	<u>x</u> Mrs. Ernestina Rodriguez, Member
<u>✓</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.

Ismael Garcia addressed Board President, Manuel Flores, Jr. to request that **Item #7** be moved and considered after **Item #8**.

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A Motion was made by **Arnold Martinez, Jr.** The Motion was seconded by **Alonzo Garza.** The Motion passed Unanimously.

Item 6 Open Forum:

a. Welcome of Visitors

Mr. Flores welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the meeting.

b. Hear from Patrons

Mr. Flores asked if anyone had signed up to speak under the Open Forum.

Ms. Elma Gomez expressed her grievances with the termination of the Head Coach for the varsity girls basketball team. Ms. Gomez stated that four different investigations took place in the Spring of 2017. She also stated that the coach was not found guilty in any investigation. Ms. Gomez claims that no UIL rules were broken during his coaching. She also presented letters to the Board, which were written by former and current players.

Ms. Lisa Zuniga requested that the online page for the Department of Human Resources be more informative and public friendly. She stated that she wants the Board to list administrators in charge on the page with their contact information. Ms. Zuniga also requested that the Board change its policy for the local forum. She stated that previous speakers spoke negatively about specific people. Ms. Zuniga stated that patrons should not be allowed to speak negatively about students, staff or employees because it can ruin reputations.

Ms. Mirna Garcia read out of the UIL Handbook in regards to the Parent-Coach Relationship. She stated that grievance procedures should be followed according to policies determined by UIL.

Ms. Susie Andrews expressed her grievances with the Board's decision of relieving the Head Coach for the varsity girls basketball team. Ms. Andrews stated that the district needs more quality educators and employees. She also stated that these educators and employees need to feel supported by the Board.

Mr. Guillermo Aguilar read a letter written by his daughter to the Board. His daughter wrote that the former Head Coach for the varsity girls basketball team taught her teamwork and leadership. She wrote that she benefited from having him as her mentor. She requested that the Board reconsider their previous decision of relieving the coach from his position.

Item 8 Closed Session or Meeting as authorized by Section 551.001 et seq of the Texas

Government Code (The Open Meetings Act), under the following provisions:

- Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act – Consultation with Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation, and regarding any matter in which the duty of the Attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

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- a. Consultation with Attorney under Texas Government Code 551.071 regarding legal issues related to the junior high construction project.
- b. Consultation with Attorney under Texas Government Code 551.071 regarding legal issues related to the renewal(s) of District Staff for One Year Term Contracts and One Year Non Chapter 21 Contracts.
- Section 551.074 – For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee.

Personnel:

- c. Report on Employee Resignation(s)/Retirement(s). (**Exhibit 8c**)
- d. Consider Employment of Personnel. (**Exhibit 8d**)
 - 1. Contract Renewal(s):
 - Recommend approval of District Professional Staff for One Year Term contracts for the 2018-2019 school year.
 - Recommend approval of District Professional Staff for One Year Non Chapter 21 contracts for the 2018-2019 school year.

Mr. Flores closed the regular session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The regular session resumed at 7:20 p.m. Personnel items were as follows:

At the close of the Executive Session the Board reconvened and took the following action as deliberated in Executive Session:

- d-1. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action regarding the renewal(s) of District Staff for One Year Term Contracts, One Year Non Chapter 21 Contracts and One Year Probationary Contracts for the 2018 – 2019 School Year.

Recommendation was made by Mr. Garcia for the following One Year Chapter 21 Term Contracts for the 2018 – 2019 School Year: Administrator for Support Services, Veronica Puente; High School Principal, Ms. Liz Valdez; Junior High School Principal; Mr. Asael Ruvalcaba; and Intermediate School Principal, Ms. Lisa Leal.

A Motion to Approve the the renewal(s) of District Staff for One Year Term Contracts for the 2018 – 2019 School Year was made by **Arnold Martinez, Jr.** The Motion was seconded by **Alonzo Garza.** The Motion carried Unanimously.

Recommendation was made by Mr. Garcia for the following Non Chapter 21 Term Contracts for the 2018-2019 School Year: Executive Director for Instructional Service, Mr. Jesus Alfaro; and Business Manager, Ron de la Garza.

A Motion to Approve the the renewal(s) of District Staff for One Year Non Chapter 21 Term Contracts for the 2018 – 2019 School Year was made by **Alonzo Garza.** The Motion was seconded by **Arnold Martinez, Jr.** The Motion carried Unanimously.

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Item 7 Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action regarding the Weight Room at the New Middle School Project. (Exhibit 7)

Mr. Garcia addressed Mr. Flores, Board President and the Members of the Board regarding the location of the Weight Room. The last time the location was considered was at a Facilities workshop. We were looking at locating the Weight Room in the girls PE Lockers area. The concern was whether it would be a Title IX issue. Legal Counsel look into the matter and it is not an issue as long as we have adequate facilities for both the boys and girls.

Mr. Garcia recommended that the Girls PE locker room be used and converted into the Weight Room.

A Motion to locate the Weight Room at the girls PE locker room by conversion was made by **Noe Alaniz, Jr.** The Motion was seconded by **Arnold Martinez, Jr.** The Motion carried Unanimously.

Item 9 Presentation by Administration on Parental Involvement Activities. (Exhibit 9)

Administration along with Ms. Ronnie Puente, presented on the various family and community activities throughout the campuses and the district as part of Parental Involvement. Ms. Puente responded to questions and comments from the Board.

Item 10 Presentation by Administration on Safety Protocols. (Exhibit 10)

Administration and Chief of Police presented on District Safety Protocols. A video was presented which demonstrated how K-9 units are well trained to seek out drugs and paraphernalia. Questions from the Board, in regards to school safety and trainings, were answered. The Board will review and update job descriptions for police officers and security guards.

Item 11 Vote for Board of Directors for Region Education Service Center - Region One - by Board of Trustees by Casting Ballots for Board of Directors Vacancies. (Exhibit 11)

Recommendation was made by Mr. Garcia that the Board vote by casting ballots for the Board of Directors – Region One, as presented.

Motion was made by **Noe Alaniz, Jr.** Motion was seconded by **Arnold Martinez, Jr.** Motion to vote passed Unanimously.

Item 12 Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to Amend the District School Calendar for the 2017 – 2018 Academic School Year. (Exhibit 12)

A Motion to Amend the District School Calendar for the 2017 – 2018 Academic School Year was made by **Alonzo Garza.** The Motion was seconded by **Arnold Martinez, Jr.** The Motion carried Unanimously.

Item 13 Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to Approve Property Tax Refund. (Exhibit 13)

A Motion to Approve the Property Tax Refund was made by **Mr. Martinez, Jr.** The Motion was seconded by **Noe Alaniz, Jr.** The Motion carried Unanimously.

Item 14 Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to Approve the Purchase of Lease Vehicles for Career and Technology for the 2017 – 2018 School Year. (Exhibit 14)

Recommendation was made by Mr. Garcia that the Board approve the Selection of the Three (3) Year Option and authorize him to sign the Purchase/Lease Agreement for three (3) new vehicles, as presented.

A Motion to Approve the Purchase of Lease Vehicles for Career and Technology for the 2017 – 2018 School Year was made by **Arnold Martinez, Jr.** The Motion was seconded by **Noe Alaniz, Jr.** The Motion carried Unanimously.

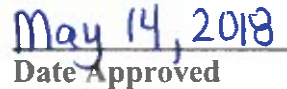
Item 15 There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made by **Arnold Martinez, Jr.** to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by **Noe Alaniz, Jr.** The motion carried unanimously and **Mr. Flores** adjourned the meeting at **8:02 p.m.**



Manuel Flores, Jr., President



Jessica A. Gonzales, Secretary



Date Approved

VISITORS/GUESTS

Persons wishing to have their comments heard tonight during the public comment period must first complete, and present to the Board President, the "Citizen's Public Comment Request Form."

VISITANTES/INVITADOS

Las personas que deseen presentar comentarios o problemas esta noche durante el periodo de comentarios publicos, primero deben completar y presentar al Presidente del Consejo Directivo Escolar la forma de "Petición para comentarios publicos".

RIO HONDO I.S.D. BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING OF Monday, March 5, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

1. Yara R. Lara 26. _____
2. PRISCILLA ESCAMILLA 27. _____
3. George Mondiel 28. _____
4. Sandy P. Aguilar 29. _____
5. Guillermo Aguilar 30. _____
6. Ray Villan 31. _____
7. Juan Peiff 32. _____
8. Jim L. J. 33. _____
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