

RIO HONDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

215 West Colorado Street
Rio Hondo, Texas 78583

**Official Minutes
Of the Regular Board Meeting
Of Monday, March 4, 2019**

The Board of Trustees of the Rio Hondo Independent School District met in a Regular Session on Monday, March 4, 2019, 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
		Secretary	Jessica Gonzales
			Alonzo Garza
			Ernestina Rodriguez
	ABSENT -		Noe Alaniz, Jr.
			Arnold Martinez, Jr.
SUPERINTENDENT:			Ismael Garcia
RECORDER:			Ron de la Garza
ADMINISTRATION:			Raul Treviño
			Veronica Puente
			Lisa Leal
			Dr. Mayte Lozano-Chapa
			Asael Ruvalcaba,
			Ramiro Moreno,
			Adriana Arce, Ricardo Ortiz
SCHOOL DISTRICT ATTORNEY:			Leandra C. Ortiz
VISITORS:			None.

Items 1 & 2 Manuel Flores, Jr., Board President called the meeting to order at 6:34 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>✓</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.

Item 6 Student/Staff/Community Recognition. (Exhibit 6)

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Mr. Flores called on Agenda Item #6 – Student/Staff/Community Recognition (Exhibit 6).

Mr. Gracia addressed the Board President and the Board Members. He stated that Administration would like to recognize the intermediate robotics team for competing at the TCEA area robotics competition and placing high out of 148 teams. The board recognized the three competing teams and introduced the students. Discussed upcoming robotics events/competitions.

Item 7 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.

There were none.

Mr. Garcia address the Board President and requested that Agenda Item #11 - Presentation by Administration – Technology Update be moved up after Item #7.

A Motion to move Agenda Item #11 after Agenda Item #7 was made by **Claudia Villalobos**. The Motion was seconded by **Jessica Gonzales**. The Motion carried Unanimously.

Item 11 Presentation by Administration – Technology Update. (Exhibit 11)

Mr. Flores called on Agenda Item #11 – Presentation by Administration – Technology Update (Exhibit 11).

Mr. Garcia requested that Mr. Alfaro address the Board and provide a Past, Present and Future of the Technology at Rio Hondo ISD. Also included in the presentation were the future priority needs of the District. Mr. Alfaro presentation included the District’s growth in regards to technology. Mr. Alfaro answered questions from the Board and discussed how the District is structured by campuses. Recommendations and further efforts to expand technology District-wide were discussed.

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 regarding legal issues related to the value, sale, and transfer by deed of District owned real property located in Rio Hondo, Cameron County, Texas.
- b. Consultation with the District's attorney concerning legal issues in declaring a program change due to consolidation of campuses.
- Section 551.072 – For the purpose of deliberating the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
 - c. Discussion and Consideration Regarding Legal Issues related to the Value, Sale, and Transfer by Deed of District Owned Real Property located in Rio Hondo, Cameron County, Texas, a 0.07 acre tract legally described as Farm Lot 22, Rio Hondo Townsite Cameron County, Texas. **(Exhibit 8c)**
- 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:

- d. Report on Employee Resignation(s)/Retirement(s). **(Exhibit 8d)**

At the close of the Executive Session the Board will reconvene and take such action as deliberated in Executive Session.

- a-1. Discuss, Consider and take Possible Action to Approve the Consolidation of the Rio Hondo Elementary Campus and the Rio Hondo Intermediate Campus.
- a-2. Discuss, Consider and take Possible Action to Declare that the Necessity of a Program Change Exists due to the Consolidation of the Rio Hondo Elementary Campus and the Rio Hondo Intermediate Campus requiring the Nonrenewal of District Employees.
- a-3. Discuss, Consider and take Possible Action to Determine the Employment Areas to be Affected as a Result of the Program Changes requiring the Nonrenewal of District Employees.
- c-1. Discuss, Consider and take Possible Action Regarding the Resolution Approving the Negotiation and Sale of Real Property located in Rio Hondo, Cameron County, Texas, a 0.07 acre tract legally described as Farm Lot 22, Rio Hondo Townsite Cameron County, Texas.

Mr. Flores closed the regular session at 7:18 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The regular session resumed at 8:37 p.m. Personnel items and other matters were as follows:

a-1. Discuss, Consider and take Possible Action to Approve the Consolidation of the Rio Hondo Elementary Campus and the Rio Hondo Intermediate Campus.

Mr. Flores called on Agenda Item a-1 - Discuss, Consider and take Possible Action to Approve the Consolidation of the Rio Hondo Elementary Campus and the Rio Hondo Intermediate Campus.

Mr. Garcia made the recommendation that the Board approve the Consolidation of the Rio Hondo Elementary Campus and the Rio Hondo Intermediate Campus.

Claudia Villalobos made a Motion by stating: “I move to approve the Consolidation of the Rio Hondo Elementary Campus and the Rio Hondo Intermediate Campus.” The Motion was seconded by **Ernestina Rodriguez**. The Motion carried Unanimously.

a-2. Discuss, Consider and take Possible Action to Declare that the Necessity of a Program Change Exists due to the Consolidation of the Rio Hondo Elementary Campus and the Rio Hondo Intermediate Campus requiring the Nonrenewal of District Employees.

Mr. Flores called on Agenda Item a-2 - Discuss, Consider and take Possible Action to Declare that the Necessity of a Program Change Exists due to the Consolidation of the Rio Hondo Elementary Campus and the Rio Hondo Intermediate Campus requiring the Nonrenewal of District Employees.

Mr. Garcia made the recommendation that the Board Declare that the Necessity of a Program Change Exists due to the Consolidation of the Rio Hondo Elementary Campus and the Rio Hondo Intermediate Campus requiring the Nonrenewal of District Employees.

Claudia Villalobos made a Motion by stating: “I move to Declare that the Necessity of a Program Change requiring the potential nonrenewal of District Employee based on reasons including modification and reorganization of staff, departments, and school operations and a redirection of financial resources for the students of Rio Hondo ISD.” The Motion was seconded by **Alonzo Garza**. The Motion carried Unanimously.

a-3. Discuss, Consider and take Possible Action to Determine the Employment Areas to be Affected as a Result of the Program Changes requiring the Nonrenewal of District Employees.

Mr. Flores called on Agenda Item a-3 - Discuss, Consider and take Possible Action to Determine the Employment Areas to be Affected as a Result of the Program Changes requiring the Nonrenewal of District Employees.

Mr. Garcia made the recommendation that the Board determine the Employment Areas to be Affected as a Result of the Program Changes requiring the Nonrenewal of District Employees.

Claudia Villalobos made a Motion by stating: “I move to determine the Employment Areas to be Affected by the Program Changes resulting in the Nonrenewal of District Employment include principals, assistant principals, teachers, facilitators, nurses and counselors.” The Motion was seconded by **Ernestina Rodriguez**. The Motion carried Unanimously.

c-1. Discuss, Consider and take Possible Action Regarding the Resolution Approving the Negotiation and Sale of Real Property located in Rio Hondo, Cameron County, Texas, a 0.07 acre tract legally described as Farm Lot 22, Rio Hondo Townsite Cameron County, Texas.

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Mr. Flores called on Agenda Item c-1 - Discuss, Consider and take Possible Action Regarding the Resolution Approving the Negotiation and Sale of Real Property located in Rio Hondo, Cameron County, Texas, a 0.07 acre tract legally described as Farm Lot 22, Rio Hondo Townsite Cameron County, Texas.

Mr. Garcia made the recommendation that the Board approve the Resolution Approving the Negotiation and Sale of Real Property located in Rio Hondo, Cameron County, Texas, a 0.07 acre tract legally described as Farm Lot 22, Rio Hondo Townsite Cameron County, Texas.

Manuel Flores, Jr. made a motion by stating: “I move the Board, with acknowledgement of a resolution passed by a prior Board on February 15, 2000 authorizing the sale of the District property described herein, authorize the Superintendent to negotiate the sale of the surface only of the District’s approximate 0.08 acre property located between the 3.04 acres of Farm Lot 21 and 2.964 acres of Farm Lot 22 of the Rio Hondo Park Townsite Subdivision, in Rio Hondo, Cameron County, Texas, in compliance with Section 272 of the Texas Local Government Code and the procedures set forth in the District’s School Board Policy Manual, and that the Board President be authorized to sign a deed and all other documents required to finalize the conveyance of the property.” The Motion was seconded by **Alonzo Garza**. The Motion carried with a vote of three (3) For and one (1) Against. **Claudia Villalobos** opposed.

Item 9 Approval of Consent Agenda (*) Item.

Item 10 (*) Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meetings and Special Board Meetings. (Exhibits 10 a-b)

Mr. Flores called on Agenda Items #9 and #10 – Consent Agenda Item - Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meetings and Special Board Meetings (Exhibits 10 a-b).

Mr. Garcia made the recommendation that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meetings and Special Board Meetings (Exhibits 10a-b) as presented.

A Motion to Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meetings and Special Board Meetings was made by **Claudia Villalobos**. The Motion was seconded by **Ernestina Rodriguez**. The Motion carried Unanimously.

Item 12 Presentation by Rio Hondo Independent School District Police Department – Update. (Exhibit 12)

Mr. Flores called on Agenda Item #12 - Presentation by Rio Hondo Independent School District Police Department – Update (Exhibit 12).

Mr. Garcia asked Chief Garza to make a presentation of the thing being done for the Police Department throughout the year. This was one of the requirements that the Board requested asking that the major departments, by turn, provide an update at the regularly scheduled board meetings. Chief Garza presented recent updates on Rio Hondo ISD’s Police Department to the Board.

Item 13 Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to Approve the Campuses Improvement Plans. (Exhibit 13)

Mr. Flores called on Agenda Item #13 - Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to Approve the Campuses Improvement Plans (Exhibit 13).

Mr. Garcia made the recommendation that the Board approve the Campuses Improvement Plans, as presented.

A Motion to Approve the Campuses Improvement Plans was made by **Claudia Villalobos**. The Motion was seconded by **Ernestina Rodriguez**. The Motion carried Unanimously.

Item 14 Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to Approve Contracting with Cameron County Elections Office for a Joint Election to be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019 and to Authorize the Superintendent to sign the Contract. (Exhibit 14)

Mr. Flores called on Agenda Item #14 - Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to Approve Contracting with Cameron County Elections Office for a Joint Election to be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019 and to Authorize the Superintendent to sign the Contract (Exhibit 14).

Mr. Garcia made the recommendation that the Board approve Contracting with Cameron County Elections Office for a Joint Election to be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019 and to Authorize the Superintendent to sign the Contract.

A Motion to Approve Contracting with Cameron County Elections Office for a Joint Election to be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019 and to Authorize the Superintendent to sign the Contract was made by **Alonzo Garza**. The Motion was seconded by **Ernestina Rodriguez**. The Motion carried Unanimously.

Item 15 There being no further business before the Board, a Motion was made by **Claudia Villalobos** to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was seconded by **Manuel Flores, Jr.** The Motion carried Unanimously and **Mr. Flores** adjourned the meeting at **9:15 p.m.**



Claudia Villalobos, President



Jessica A. Gonzales, Secretary



Date Approved