

RIO HONDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

215 West Colorado Street
Rio Hondo, Texas 78583

**Official Minutes
Of the Regular Board Meeting
Of Monday, May 13, 2019**

The Board of Trustees of the Rio Hondo Independent School District met in a Regular Session on Monday, May 13, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building, 215 W. Colorado Street, Rio Hondo, Texas, with Mr. Flores, President, and Miss Villalobos, presiding.

TRUSTEES:	PRESENT -	President	Manuel Flores, Jr.
		Vice-President	Claudia Villalobos
		Secretary	Jessica Gonzales
			Noe Alaniz, Jr.
			Alonzo Garza
			Arnold Martinez, Jr.
			Ernestina Rodriguez
SUPERINTENDENT:			Ismael Garcia
RECORDER:			Ron de la Garza
ADMINISTRATION:			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 6:30 pm., after noting a quorum was present and that the meeting notice had been posted as required by law.

Item 3 Mr. Flores led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 4 Invocation.

Item 5 **Canvass May 4, 2019, School Board Election Results.**
Mr. Garcia presented vote totals to the Board as follow:

Board Member, Place 5	
Ruben Canales, Jr. :	496 votes.
Alonso Garza:	441 votes.

Board Member, Place 6	
Valerie Flores:	362 votes.
Manuel Flores, Jr.	205 votes.
Rachel "Olive" Carrizales	383 votes.

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Board Member, Place 7
Ernestina “Ernie” Rodriguez 473 votes.
Jaime R. Lopez 473 votes.

Item 6 Certify May 4, 2019, School Board Election Results.

Mr. Flores certified election result totals to included early election votes in accordance with Section 87.1231 of the Texas Elections Code. He certified the following:

Board Member, Place 5
Ruben Canales, Jr. : 496 votes.
Alonso Garza: 441 votes.

Board Member, Place 6
Valerie Flores: 362 votes.
Manuel Flores, Jr. 205 votes.
Rachel “Olive” Carrizales 383 votes.

The Board and Administration requested for Mr. Remi Garza, County Elections Administrator to explain the process to address the tie between Ernestina Rodriguez and Jaime R. Lopez.

Words of gratitude were expressed by Mr. Manuel Flores, Jr. and Mr. Alonzo Garza.

Item 7 Administer “Oath of Office” to Newly Elected Board Members.

Mr. Garcia proceeded mention that, at this time, the process of administration of the ‘oath to office’ was to begin. He started with Place 5, Ruben Canales, Jr. Oath administered by Sylvia Garza-Perez. Mr. Garcia called on Place 6, Rachel Olive Carrizales to step up for the ‘oath of office’. Oath was administered by Sylvia Garza-Perez. Members were sworn in.

Claudia Villalobos, Board Vice-President presided the meeting from this point on.

Item 8 Student/Staff/Community Recognition. (Exhibit 8)

Miss Villalobos called on Agenda Item #8 - Student/Staff/Community Recognition (Exhibit 8).

Mr. Garcia mentioned that he was going to recognize several groups as follows:

Administration recognized Environmental Team for competing in the Envirothon competition at Stephen F. Austin University in Nacadoches, TX. The following students were recognized: Armando Garcia, Angelina Lopes, Genesis Martinez, Michael Martinez, Jake Mejia, Briana Sanchez, Maritza Trevino, Lilian Trevino Amanda Villareal, and Fabian Villareal. Students thanked administration for their support.

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Coach James discussed the success of the High School Boys Soccer team banquet with the Board. The team had dinner and was able to watch a professional soccer match. Coach James thanked the students and parents.

Item 9 Open Forum:

a. Welcome of Visitors

Miss Villalobos welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the meeting.

b. Hear from Patrons

Miss Villalobos asked if anyone had signed up to speak under the Open Forum.

Mr. Javier Romero, Southwest Foodservice Excellence

Javier Romero notified the Board that Food Services have not received payment for their services since January although they are still under contract. The Board agreed to look into the matter.

Item 10 Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to Approve Students Travel to the HOSA Future Health Professionals National Competition in Orlando, Florida. (Exhibit 10)

Miss Villalobos called on Agenda Item #10 - Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to Approve Students Travel to the HOSA Future Health Professionals National Competition in Orlando, Florida (Exhibit 10).

Mr. Garcia made the recommendation that the Board approve Students Travel to the HOSA Future Health Professionals National Competition in Orlando, Florida, as presented.

A Motion to Approve Student Travel to the HOSA Future Health Professionals National Competition in Orlando, Florida was made by **Jessica A. Gonzales**. The Motion was seconded by **Ernestina Rodriguez**. The Motion carried Unanimously.

Item 11 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.
 - a. Consultation with Attorney under Texas Government Code 551.071 regarding Legal Issues pertaining to the Change Order to the Argio Roofing & Construction, LLC Contract in connection with the Rio Hondo High School Roof Replacement.
 - b. Consultation with Attorney under Texas Government Code 551.071 Regarding Legal and Procedural Issues related to Recommended Proposed Nonrenewal of Chapter 21 contracts at the End of the Contract Term.

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- c. Consultation with Attorney under Texas Government Code 551.071 Regarding Legal and Procedural Issues related to Termination of Chapter 21 Probationary contracts at the End of the Contract Term.
- d. Consultation with Attorney under Texas Government Code 551.071 Regarding Cause No. 2019-DCL-02141; Robert Jaramillo v. Rio Hondo Independent School District, in the 444th Judicial District Court, Cameron County, Texas.
- e. Consultation with Attorney under Texas Government Code 551.071 Regarding Civil Action No. 1:18-cv-00128; Jennifer Silguero as next friend of T.S. v. Rio Hondo Independent School District and Pedro Tovar, Jr., Individually, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Brownsville Division.
- f. Consultation with Attorney under Texas Government Code 551.071 Regarding Legal and Procedural Issues related to personnel reassignments.
- g. Consultation with Attorney under Texas Government Code 551.071 Regarding Legal and Procedural Issues related to Post-Election Process.
- Section 551.072 - A governmental body may conduct a closed meeting to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.
- h. Discussion and Consideration regarding Change Order No. 1 to the Rio Hondo High School Roof Replacement Contract with Argio Roofing & Construction, LLC. **(Exhibit 11h)**
- 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.
 - i. Board Self Evaluation and Discussion of Officer Roles and Duties.

Personnel:
 - j. Report on Employee Resignation(s)/Retirement(s). **(Exhibit 11j)**
 - k. Consider Employment/Termination of Personnel.
 - 1. Contract Renewal(s)/Nonrenewal(s): **(Exhibit 11k1)**
 - a. Discussion and Consideration regarding the Proposed Nonrenewal of Chapter 21 Contract for administrator R.O. at the end of the 2018-2019 School Year.
 - b. Discussion and Consideration regarding the Termination of Chapter 21 Probationary contract for Employee A.E. at the end of the 2018-2019 School Year.
 - 2. Recommendation of New Hires. **(Exhibit 11k2)**
 - a. Executive Director for Technology, Assessment, Data Systems & Support.
 - b. Librarian(s).
 - c. Teacher(s).
 - 3. Discussion regarding personnel reassignments.

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

Miss Villalobos closed the regular session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The regular session resumed at 12:41 p.m. Personnel items were as follows:

h-1 Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to Approve Change Order No. 1 to the Rio Hondo High School Roof Replacement Contract with Argio Roofing & Construction, LLC.

Miss Villalobos called on Agenda Item #h-1 - Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to Approve Change Order No. 1 to the Rio Hondo High School Roof Replacement Contract with Argio Roofing & Construction, LLC.

Mr. Garcia made the recommendation that the Board approve Change Order No. 1 to the Rio Hondo High School Roof Replacement Contract with Argio Roofing & Construction, LLC, as presented.

Noe Alaniz, Jr. made a Motion by stating: “I move to Approve Change Order No. 1 to the Rio Hondo High School Roof Replacement Contract with Argio Roofing & Construction, LLC., in connection with the construction on the Roofing Replacement Project as submitted, increasing the cost of the Contract by the amount of \$96,239.99 for additional work and authorize execution of Change Order No. 1 by the Superintendent as submitted.” The Motion was seconded by **Jessica A. Gonzales**. The Motion carried Unanimously.

k-1a Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding the Recommendation of Proposed Nonrenewal of Chapter 21 Contract of administrator R.O. at the end of the 2018-2019 School Year.

Miss Villalobos called on Agenda Item k-1a - Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding the Recommendation of Proposed Nonrenewal of Chapter 21 Contract of administrator R.O. at the end of the 2018-2019 School Year.

Mr. Garcia made the recommendation to Propose Nonrenewal of Chapter 21 Contract of administrator Ric Ortiz at the end of the 2018-2019 School Year

Noe Alaniz, Jr. made a Motion by stating: “I move to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation to propose the nonrenewal of the 2018-2019 Chapter 21 contract of Ricardo Ortiz and further move that the Board authorize the Superintendent to provide written notice of this Board action, as required by law.” The Motion was seconded by **Ruben Canales, Jr.** The Motion **Failed** by a vote of three (3) For and three (3) Against and one (1) Abstention. **Claudia Villalobos** abstained.

k-1b Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to Terminate the Chapter 21 Probationary Contract for Employee A.E. at the end of the 2018-2019 School Year.

Miss Villalobos called on Agenda Item k-1b - Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to Terminate the Chapter 21 Probationary Contract for Employee A.E. at the end of the 2018-2019 School Year.

Mr. Garcia made the recommendation that the Board terminate the Chapter 21 Probationary Contract for employee Audrey Escobedo at the end of the 2018-2019 School Year.

Noe Alaniz, Jr. made a Motion by stating: “I move to Terminate the Chapter 21 Probationary Contract of employee, Audrey Escobedo, at the end of the 2018-2019 contract term, based upon the determination that termination of employment serves the best interest of the District, and further move to authorize the Superintendent to deliver written notice of this Board action, as required by law.” The Motion was seconded by **Arnold Martinez, Jr.** The Motion carried Unanimously.

k-2a Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action regarding the hiring of an Executive Director for Technology, Assessment, Data Systems Support for the 2018 – 2019 School Year.

Miss Villalobos called on Agenda Item k-2a - Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action regarding the hiring of an Executive Director for Technology, Assessment, Data Systems Support for the 2018 – 2019 School Year.

Mr. Garcia made the recommendation to hire Mr. Saul Rodriguez for the position of Executive Director for Technology, Assessment, Data Systems Support on a Probationary Contract starting the 2018-2019 School Year.

A Motion regarding the hiring of Saul Rodriguez as Executive Director for Technology, Assessment, Data Systems Support for the 2018 – 2019 School Year was made by **Noe Alaniz, Jr.** The Motion was seconded by **Jessica A. Gonzales.** The Motion carried Unanimously.

k-2b Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action regarding the hiring of Librarian(s) for the 2019-2020 School Year.

No discussion, consideration, nor action was taken.

k-2c Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action regarding the hiring of Teacher(s), Rolando Reyes, for the 2019 – 2020 School Year.

Miss Villalobos called on Agenda Item k-2c - Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action regarding the hiring of Teacher(s) for the 2019 – 2020 School Year.

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Mr. Garcia made the recommendation to approve the hiring of Rolando Reyes on a Probationary Contract for the 2019 – 2020 School Year, as discussed in Executive Session.

A Motion regarding the hiring of Teacher(s) for the 2019 – 2020 School Year was made by **Jessica A. Gonzales**. The Motion was seconded by **Ernestina Rodriguez**. The Motion carried Unanimously.

Item 12 Approval of Consent Agenda (*) Item.

Item 13 (*) Approve Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of May 1, 2019. (Exhibits 13)

Miss Villalobos called on Agenda Items #12 and #13 Consent Agenda Item to Approve Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of May 1, 2019. (Exhibits 13).

Mr. Garcia made the recommendation that the Board approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of May 1, 2019, as presented.

A Motion to Approve Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of May 1, 2019 was made by **Jessica A. Gonzales**. The Motion was seconded by **Claudia Villalobos**. The Motion carried Unanimously.

Mr. Garcia made the recommendation to table Agenda Items 14 & 15 and address these at a future board meeting.

A Motion to Table Items 14 & 15 was made by **Jessica Gonzales**. The Motion was seconded by **Claudia Villalobos**. The Motion carried Unanimously.

Item 14 Presentation by Administration on Special Services – Update. (Exhibit 14)

Item was tabled.

Item 15 Presentation by Administration on the 2019 Summer School Programs. (Exhibit 15)

Item was tabled.

Item 16 Presentation of the Monthly Financial Report, Cafeteria Report, and Tax Collection Report. (Exhibit 16)

Miss Villalobos called on Agenda Item #16 - Presentation of the Monthly Financial Report, Cafeteria Report, and Tax Collection Report (Exhibit 16).

Mr. Garcia presented financial reports to the Board reminding them that these were for informational purposes only.

Item 17 Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to Approve the Termination of Contract between the Rio Hondo Independent School District and Southwest Foodservice Excellence (SFE) Food Service Management Company at the end of the 2018 - 2019 School Year. (Exhibit 17)

Miss Villalobos called on Agenda Item #17 - Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to Approve the Termination of Contract between the Rio Hondo Independent School District and Southwest Foodservice Excellence (SFE) Food Service Management Company at the end of the 2018 - 2019 School Year (Exhibit 17).

Mr. Garcia made the recommendation to **TABLE** Agenda Item #17 - Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to Approve the Termination of the Contract between the Rio Hondo Independent School District and Southwest Foodservice Excellence (SFE) Food Service Management Company at the end of the 2018 - 2019 School Year.

A Motion to **TABLE** Agenda Item #17 – Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to Approve the Termination of Contract between the Rio Hondo Independent School District and Southwest Foodservice Excellence (SFE) Food Service Management Company at the end of the 2018 - 2019 School Year was made by **Jessica A. Gonzales**. The Motion was seconded by **Noe Alaniz, Jr.** The Motion carried Unanimously.

Item 18 Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to Extend the Depository Services Contract for the July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021 Biennium. (Exhibit 18)

Miss Villalobos called on Agenda Item #18 - Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to Extend the Depository Services Contract for the July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021 Biennium. (Exhibit 18).

Mr. Garcia made the recommendation that the Board approve and extend Depository Services Contract for the July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021 Biennium , as presented.

A Motion to Extend the Depository Services Contract for the July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021 Biennium was made by **Jessica A. Gonzales**. The Motion was seconded by **Ernestina Rodriguez**. The Motion carried Unanimously.

Item 19 Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to Approve Property Tax Refund(s). (Exhibit 19)

Miss Villalobos called on Agenda Item #19 - Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to Approve Property Tax Refund(s) (Exhibit 19).

Mr. Garcia made the recommendation that the Board approve the Tax Refunds totaling **\$2,396.17**, as presented.

A Motion to Approve Approve Property Tax Refund(s) was made by **Jessica Gonzales**. The Motion was seconded by **Ernestina Rodriguez**. The Motion carried Unanimously.

Item 20 Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Rio Hondo Independent School District and Neighbors In Need of Services, Inc. (NINOS, Inc.) for 2019-2020. (Exhibit 20)

Miss Villalobos called on Agenda Item #20 - Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Rio Hondo Independent School District and Neighbors In Need of Services, Inc. (NINOS, Inc.) for 2019-2020 (Exhibit 20).

Mr. Garcia made the recommendation to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Rio Hondo Independent School District and Neighbors In Need of Services, Inc. (NINOS, Inc.) for 2019-2020, as presented.

A Motion to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Rio Hondo Independent School District and Neighbors In Need of Services, Inc. (NINOS, Inc.) for 2019-2020 was made by **Noe Alaniz, Jr.** The Motion was seconded by **Arnold Martinez, Jr.** The Motion carried with a vote of six (6) For and one (1) abstention. **Jessica A. Gonzales** abstained.

Item 21 Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Implementation of a District Summer Schedule from June 2019 through August 2019. (Exhibit 21)

Miss Villalobos called on Agenda Item #21 - Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Implementation of a District Summer Schedule from June 2019 through August 2019 (Exhibit 21).

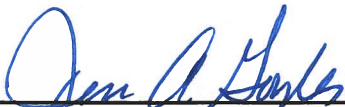
Mr. Garcia made the recommendation to approve the implementation of a District Summer Schedule from June 10th, 2019 through August 2nd, 2019.

A Motion to Approve the Implementation of a District Summer Schedule from June 10th, 2019 through August 2nd, 2019 was made by **Jessica Gonzales**. The Motion was seconded by **Ernestina Rodriguez**. The Motion carried Unanimously.

Item 22 There being no further business before the Board, a Motion was made by **Jessica Gonzales**. to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was seconded by **Ernestina Rodriguez**. The Motion carried Unanimously and **Miss Villalobos** adjourned the meeting at **1:19 a.m.**



Claudia Villalobos, President



Jessica A. Gonzales, Secretary



Date Approved