RIO HONDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
215 West Colorado Street
Rio Hondo, Texas 78583
May 12, 2008

The Board of Trustees of the Rio Hondo Independent School District met in a Regular Session on Monday, May 12, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, 215 W. Colorado Street, Rio Hondo, Texas, with Mrs. Garza, President, presiding.

TRUSTEES:	**PRESENT -**	**President**	**Noemi Garza**
		Vice President	**Thomas E. Wiesman**
		Secretary	**Rene Alfaro**
			Rolando Alfaro
			Xavier Hernandez
			Susan G. Lopez
			Manuel Flores, Jr.
	ABSENT -		**None**
SUPERINTENDENT:			**Anneliese McMinn**
RECORDER:			**Florence Landry**
ADMINISTRATION:			**Elda Garza, Rita Lopez Richard Savage, Michelle Everett, Ida Stevens, Annette Jaramillo, Juan Montez, Kris McKinney**
VISITORS:			**See Attached List**

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 **ROTC Color Guard led in the Pledge of Allegiance.**

Item 4 **Welcome/Open Forum:**

Mrs. Garza welcomed everyone and invited comments from the audience.

Carolyn Dawson, Third Grade Teacher, spoke on the reasons why she supports the restructuring of the Elementary and Intermediate campuses.

Parent Mirna Garcia addressed concerns that she has heard regarding the restructuring of the campuses and said that she believes restructuring will benefit the students.

Item 4 Open Forum (Continued)

Community member Hoss Lozano spoke on accountability. He spoke on his concern for the LEP and Bilingual programs. Mr. Lozano stated that instead of restructuring, Central Office personnel need to be held accountable for these programs.

Item 5 Student/Staff Recognition

High School Science Teacher and Adviser for the Envirothon Team, Statira "Tira" Wilmoth, explained that the Envirothon is an academic environmental competition for high school students in the United States and Canada. She indicated that this is Rio Hondo's second year to participate. Ms. Wilmoth introduced Team A and proudly reported that the Team had placed first in the April 2008 State competition in Dallas in the area of soil science. Ms. Wilmoth stated Rio Hondo ISD is the only school representing the Rio Grande Valley.

Item 6 Superintendent's Report:

a. Presentation of Elementary Parking Lot Project

Superintendent McMinn introduced David Mendez, AIA, Gomez, Mendez, Saenz, Inc. Mr. Mendez gave a power point presentation on the two options for the parking lot Project at the Elementary.

b. Presentation by Parents on the Restructuring of the Elementary and Intermediate Campuses

Parents Imelda Zuniga and Ida Serna gave a power point presentation expressing their reasons for opposing the restructuring of the Elementary and Intermediate campuses.

c. Restructuring of Elementary and Intermediate Campuses

Board President Garza read a letter sent to her by a third grade teacher regarding the restructuring of the Elementary and Intermediate campuses.

Superintendent McMinn gave a power point presentation and spoke on the reasons that she is recommending the restructuring of the Elementary and Intermediate campuses.

Item 7 **A motion was made by Mr. Wiesman to restructure the Elementary and Intermediate campuses into Two Pk – 5th Grade Campuses for the 2009-2010 school year. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.**

Item 8 **A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to approve consent agenda items 9, 10, 11, and 12. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.**

Item 9 ***Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2008, and Called Meetings of April 21, 2008, and April 22, 2008, approved.**

Item 10 ***2008 Loss Prevention Grant Funds Awarded by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), accepted.**

Item 11 ***First Generation College In-School Youth Program Funds, accepted.**

Item 12 ***Budget Amendment #2, approved.**

Item 13 **A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to approve the Monthly Financial Report, Cafeteria Report, and Tax Collection Report. Seconded by Mr. Rene Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.**

Item 14 **A motion was made by Mr. Hernandez to award the Bid For Linens for the 2008-2009 School Year to Unifirst Linen, as recommended by Leonor Gomez, Cafeteria Director. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rene Alfaro. Votes in favor: Mrs. Garza, Mr. Wiesman, Mr. Rene Alfaro, Mr. Hernandez, Mrs. Lopez, and Mr. Flores. Mr. Rolando Alfaro abstained. The motion carried.**

Item 15 **A motion was made by Mr. Hernandez to approve the Adoption of the new math textbooks for Grades K-5 for the 2008-2009 school year, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Rene Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.**

Item 16 **A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to award the bid for Controls Upgrades for the Rio Hondo High School Air Conditioning System to Pro-Tech Mechanical. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.**

Item 17 **Mrs. Garza closed the regular session at 8:29 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The regular session resumed at 8:51 p.m. Personnel items were as follows:**

- **Personnel:**

a. Consider Accepting Resignations

A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to approve the resignations, as recommended by the Superintendent, from:

Aguilar, Rosaura (Retiring)	**PK Teacher**
Kallus, Cathleen	**Diagnostician**
Vineyard, Virginia	**Secondary Science Teacher**

Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.

b. Consider Employment of Personnel

A motion was made by Mr. Hernandez to offer a contract, as recommended by the Superintendent to:

Carson, Sonya N.	**Senior Aerospace Science Instructor**
Sanchez, Patrick	**Junior High Teacher**

Seconded by Mr. Rolando Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.

c. Consider Approving Addendum to 2007-2008 Substitute Teacher List

A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to approve the Addendum to 2007-2008 Substitute Teacher List, as recommended by the Superintendent. Seconded by Mr. Rene Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 18 **There being no further business before the Board, Mrs. Garza adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.**

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Noemi Garza, President **Rene Alfaro, Secretary**