# RIO HONDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

215 West Colorado Street
Rio Hondo, Texas 78583
December 8, 2008

The Board of Trustees of the Rio Hondo Independent School District met in a Regular Session on Monday, December 8, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, 215 W. Colorado Street, Rio Hondo, Texas, with Mrs. Garza, President, presiding.

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| 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, Richard Savage, Rita Lopez, Juan Montez, Annette Jaramillo, Ida Stevens, Veronica Puente |
| 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. There were none.

Item 5 Student/Staff Recognition

Athletic Director Rocky James recognized the Bobcat Varsity Football Team for all their accomplishments during the 2008 football season. The Bobcats are Back-to-Back District Champions, Bi-District and Area Champions, and Regional Qualifiers.

Item 6 Principals' Report: Update on Instruction

Campus Principals Juan Montez, Annette Jaramillo, Ida Stevens, and Veronica Puente informed the Board of the specific activities at their campus being provided to staff and students to improve scores.

Item 7 A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to approve consent agenda items 8, 9, and 10. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 8 *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 10, 2008, approved.

Item 9 *Funds from Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP), accepted.

Item 10 *Purchase of Fencing Materials for the Junior High Campus, approved.

Item 11 A motion was made by Mr. Hernandez to approve the Monthly Financial Report, Cafeteria Report, Tax Collection Report, and Report on Investments. Seconded by Mr. Rolando Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 12 Report on Continuing Education Hours Received by School Board Members

Board President Garza stated that according to Board Policy BBD(LEGAL), the Board President is required to announce the name of each board member who has completed the required continuing education, who has exceeded the required hours of continuing education, and who is deficient in the required education.

Mrs. Garza announced that all Board Members: Rene Alfaro, Rolando Alfaro, Manuel Flores, Jr., Noemi Garza, Xavier Hernandez, Susan G. Lopez, and Thomas E. Wiesman have met and exceeded the required number of continuing education hours.

Mrs. Garza also reported that Rene Alfaro, Rolando Alfaro, Manuel Flores, Noemi Garza, Xavier Hernandez, Susan G. Lopez, and Superintendent Anneliese McMinn participated in a three-hour team-building session, and the Update to the Texas Education Code workshop as required annually. Mr. Wiesman was unable to attend.

Item 13 Rita Lopez, Assistant Superintendent for Special Programs, provided the Homeless Training to the Board.

**Item 14** Elda Garza, Assistant Superintendent of Federal Programs, presented the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Highly Qualified Report for 2008 – 2009 School Year, stating that all campuses met the NCLB Highly Qualified staff requirement.

**Item 15** After Superintendent McMinn reviewed the Resolutions for Investment Pools, a motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to approve the Resolution for Logic. Seconded by Mr. Wiesman, the motion carried unanimously.

**Item 16** A motion was made by Mr. Wiesman to add, revise, or delete (LOCAL) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 84. Seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the motion carried unanimously.

**Item 17** A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro to not approve the contract for the old administration building roof repairs and to re-bid the project. Seconded by Mr. Flores, the motion carried unanimously.

**Item 18** Discuss and Consider Restructuring of the Elementary/Intermediate School Campuses

Elda Garza, Assistant Superintendent of Federal Programs, discussed the Models of Configuration and Organization pros and cons in regards to the Restructuring of the Elementary/Intermediate School Campuses.

Deputy Superintendent Richard Savage gave a power point presentation regarding the reorganization of the Elementary and Intermediate campuses. Topics considered were Grade Configuration/Organization and Facilities.

Mr. Ricardo Morado, School District Attorney, recommended the Board go into Executive Session as authorized by Section 551.001 et seq of the Texas Government Code (The Open Meetings Act) and pursuant to Sections 551.071 and Section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Mrs. Garza closed the regular session at 8:19 p.m. to discuss legal matters and personnel item. The regular session resumed at 8:40 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Rolando Alfaro that the Board rescind the decision made in May 2008 by the Board to divide the Elementary and Intermediate campuses for the coming school year and to revisit the issue in the summer of 2009, as recommended by the Superintendent. Seconded by Mr. Rene Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.

**Item 19 (Personnel)**

**•Personnel:**

**Consider Approving Addendum to the Substitute Teacher List for the 2008-2009 school year.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Hernandez to approve the Addendum to Substitute Teacher List for the 2008-2009 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent. Seconded by Mr. Rolando Alfaro, the motion carried unanimously.**

**Item 20** **There being no further business before the Board, Mrs. Garza adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.**

Noemi Garza

**Noemi Garza, President**

Rene Alfaro

**Rene Alfaro, Secretary**

# 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 commentarios o problemas esta noche durante el periodo de comentarios publicos, primero deben completar y presentar al Presidente del Consejo Directivo Escolar la forma de "Peticion para commentos publicos".**

**RIO HONDO I.S.D. BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING ON December 8, 2008.**

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2. Ronnie Puente
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4. Annette Jara
5. Samantha Loya.
6. Adela T Perez
7. Joel Carmona
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