RIO HONDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

215 West Colorado Street
Rio Hondo, Texas 78583
July 14, 2015

The Board of Trustees of the Rio Hondo Independent School District met in a Regular Session on Tuesday, July 14, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, 215 W. Colorado Street, Rio Hondo, Texas, with Ms. Gonzales, President, presiding.

TRUSTEES:	**PRESENT -**	**President**	**Jessica A. Gonzales**
		Vice President	**Manuel Flores, Jr.**
		Secretary	**Claudia Villalobos**
			Noe Alaniz, Jr.
			Arnold Martinez, Jr. (Left at 9:21 p.m.)
			Rene Alfaro
			Alonzo Garza
	ABSENT -		**None**
SUPERINTENDENT:			**Ismael Garcia**
RECORDER:			**Florence Landry**
ADMINISTRATION:			**None**
SCHOOL DISTRICT ATTORNEY:			**Leandra Ortiz**
VISITORS:			**See Attached List**

Items 1 & 2 Ms. Gonzales called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. after noting a quorum was present and that the meeting notice had been posted as required by law.

Item 3 Ms. Gonzales led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 4 Invocation.

Item 5 Welcome/Open Forum:

Ms. Gonzales welcomed everyone and asked if anyone had signed up to speak under the Open Forum.

There was no one.

Item 6 **Ms. Gonzales closed the regular session at 7:04 p.m. to discuss personnel and other matters. The regular session resumed at 8:55 p.m. Personnel and other items were as follows:**

At the close of the Executive Session the Board will reconvene and take such action as is necessary.

a. **Discussion and Consideration regarding Civil Action No. 1:15-cv-00049, Robyn Lynn Ruiz v. Rio Hondo Independent School District: In the United States District Court for the Souther District of Texas, Brownsville Division.**

No Action.

b. **Discussion and Consideration regarding Cause No.:2014-CCL-01103, Ricardo Rodriguez v. Rio Hondo Independent School District; In the County Court of Law No. 1, Cameron County, Texas.**

No Action.

Personnel:

a. **Report on Employee Resignation(s)**

Jaramillo, Patty	**3rd Grade Teacher**
Lopez, Lisa	**8th Grade ELA Teacher**
Marroquin, Ezelina	**Jr. High ELA Teacher**

a. **Employment of Personnel**

A motion was made by Ms. Villalobos to offer a contract for the 2015-2016 School Year, as recommended by the Superintendent, to:

Kleypas, Jeffrey	**High School Agriculture Teacher**

The motion was seconded by Ms. Gonzales. Votes in favor: Ms. Gonzales and Ms. Villalobos. Opposed: Mr. Flores, Mr. Alaniz, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Alfaro, and Mr. Garza. Motion failed.

A motion was made by Mr. Alaniz to offer a contract for the 2015-2016 School Year, as recommended by the Superintendent, to:

Montemayor, Krystal — High School Agriculture Teacher

The motion was seconded by Mr. Alfaro. Votes in favor: Mr. Flores, Mr. Alaniz, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Alfaro, and Mr. Garza. Opposed: Ms. Gonzales and Ms. Villalobos. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Alfaro to offer a contract for the 2015-2016 School Year, as recommended by the Superintendent to:

Atkinson, Dr. Sylvia — Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

The motion was seconded by Ms. Gonzales. Votes in favor: Ms. Gonzales, Ms. Villalobos, Mr. Alaniz, and Mr. Alfaro. Opposed: Mr. Flores, Mr. Martinez, and Mr. Garza. Motion carried.

Item 7 Approval of Consent Agenda Item 8.

Board Member Villalobos stated that the motion for Item 5 under Employment of Personnel of the June 29, 2015 Special Board Meeting, needs to state that she abstained "due to the way the process was done".

A motion was made by Mr. Alaniz to approve consent agenda item 8, with the correction on Minutes for the June 29, 2015, Special Board Meeting . The motion was seconded by Mr. Flores. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 8 *Minutes of the Special Board Meetings of: June 22, 2015, 6:00 p.m., June 22, 2015, 6:30 p.m. and June 29, 2015, approved, with the correction on the Special Board Meeting of June 29, 2015.

Item 9 Superintendent Garcia stated that as per Policy CDB(LEGAL): To promote a public purpose of the District, the District may: 1. Lease property owned by the District to another political subdivision or an agency of the state or federal government; or 2. Make an agreement to provide office space in property owned by the District to the other political subdivision or agency. The District: 1. Shall determine the terms of the lease or agreement so as to promote and maintain the public purpose; 2. May provide for the lease of the property or provision of the office space at less than fair market value; and 3. Is not required to comply with any competitive purchasing procedure or any notice and publication requirement imposed by this chapter or other law. Local Gov't Code 272.005. The Lease Agreement has been reviewed by Legal Counsel, Mr. Garcia stated.

Ms. Villalobos asked if the Lease Agreement was reviewed by attorney.

A motion was made by Ms. Villalobos to Approve the Lease Agreement with Neighbors In Need of Services, Inc. (NINOS). The motion was seconded by Mr. Flores. Votes in favor: Mr. Flores, Ms. Villalobos, Mr. Alaniz, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Alfaro, and Mr. Garza. Ms. Gonzales abstained. The motion carried.

Item 10 **Review and Discuss the School Board Members' Operating Procedures Guide**

Superintendent Garcia stated that at the April 22, 2015, Special Board Meeting, the Board participated in a workshop where the School Board Members' Operating Procedures Guide was discussed. The enclosed Exhibit reflects the recommended revisions from that workshop, Mr. Garcia stated. The board operating procedures contained in this guide will be a set of agreed upon steps and statements that define how we as a tem (School Board and Superintendent) are to handle and respond to school matters associated with the fulfillment of our role as Board Members, he stated. By having these procedures in a written form and having them eventually approved by the Board, we hop to clarify public and staff expectations, minimize confusion, and maximize our efficiency and effectiveness as School Board Members.

Superintendent Garcia answered questions from Ms. Gonzales concerning media inquiries and about the board secretary being responsible for accurate board minutes.

Item 11 **Presentation of the No Pass, No Play Honors or Advanced Course Exemptions for the 2015-2016 School Year.**

Superintendent Garcia stated that as per Policy FM(LEGAL), district may identify additional honors courses in the subject areas of English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Economics, or a Language other than English for the purposes of extracurricular eligibility, but must identify such courses before the semester in which any exemptions related to extracurricular activities occur. Administration is identifying the additional honors courses in the subject areas of English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Economics, or a Language other than English for the purposes of extracurricular eligibility, as presented.

Board Member Garza asked for clarification on how the students used the waivers. Board Member Flores commented that a lot of the students do not know that this option exists.

Item 12 **Superintendent Garcia stated that as per Policy FODA(LEGAL), the District and the County Juvenile Board shall, no later than September 1 of each school year, enter into a joint MOU. He explained that the fees are $89 per day plus mileage for each expelled student if the District opts to place students in CCJJAEP on the basis of a discretionary expulsion. Mr. Garcia stated that the MOU has been reviewed by Legal Counsel.**

A motion was made by Mr. Flores Approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement and Memo of Understanding for Cameron County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) for the 2015-2016 School Year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Alaniz. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 13 Superintendent Garcia stated that as per Policy DNA(LEGAL), a campus administrator who is a certified PDAS appraiser and approved by the Board shall conduct a teacher's appraisal. In addition, as per Policy DNA(LOCAL), the District shall establish an appraisal calendar each year and the list of qualified appraisers who may appraise a teacher in place of the teacher's supervisor shall be approved by the Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Flores to Approve the List of PDAS Teacher Appraisers and Teacher Appraisal Calendar for the 2015-2016 School Year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Martinez. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 14 Superintendent Garcia commented that the 2015 Nomination information lists nominees for positions on the TASB Board of Directors. These individuals have been nominated by their local board for TASB Board positions which are vacant or have expiring terms. Between Friday, July 3, and Monday August 31, 2015, our school board is invited to endorse a nominee for each position in our Region. Ms. Gloria Casas, school board member from La Feria ISD in the Region One nominee, Mr. Garcia stated.

A motion was made by Mr. Flores to Endorse the Candidacy of Gloria Casas, nominated to fill a position on the TASB Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Mr. Martinez. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 15 Superintendent Garcia stated that as per Policy CH(LEGAL): To increase efficiency and effectiveness, the District may contract or agree with other local governments.

Mr. Garza asked if other school districts are associated with Lubbock ISD.

A motion was made by Mr. Flores to Approve the Group Purchasing Participation Agreement with Lubbock-Cooper Independent School District. The motin was seconded by Mr. Alaniz. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 16 There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Flores to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Garza. The motion carried unanimously and Ms. Gonzales adjourned the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

Jessica A. Gonzales, President | Claudia Villalobos, Secretary | Date Approved 8-10-15

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 OF July 14, 2015.

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