RIO HONDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

215 West Colorado Street
Rio Hondo, Texas 78583
December 14, 2009

The Board of Trustees of the Rio Hondo Independent School District met in a Regular Session on Monday, December 14, 2009, 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	Susan G. Lopez
		Secretary	John D. Guevara
			Thomas E. Wiesman
			Manuel Flores, Jr.
	ABSENT -		Rolando Alfaro
			Rene Alfaro
SUPERINTENDENT:			Anneliese McMinn
RECORDER:			Florence Landry
ADMINISTRATION:			Rita Lopez, Richard Savage Ida Stevens, Annette Jaramillo, Juan Montez
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

High School Art Teacher Andria Culberson commended two students for placing First at the Birding Art Festival in Harlingen on November 15, 2009.

Item 6 View New School Bus Purchased With Special Education Stimulus Funds

Transportation staff member Eliseo Reyes gave the Superintendent and Board Members a tour of the new school bus purchased with Special Education Stimulus Funds.

Item 7 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, John D. Guevara, Susan G. Lopez, and Thomas E. Wiesman have met and exceeded the required number of continuing education hours.

Mrs. Garza also reported that Manuel Flores, Noemi Garza, John D. Guevara, Thomas E. Wiesman, and Superintendent Anneliese McMinn participated in a three-hour team-building session. Mr. Rene Alfaro, Mr. Rolando Alfaro, and Mrs. Susan G. Lopez were unable to attend. All Board Members and Superintendent attended the Update to the Texas Education Code workshop as required annually.

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

Item 9 *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 9, 2009, and Minutes of Walk-Through of November 23, 2009, approved.

Item 10 *Budget Amendment #4, approved.

Item 11 *Notice of Grant Award (NOGA) SAS #: NCLBST10, Title I, Part A-ARRA/STIMULUS; ARRA-TTL II, D Technology, accepted.

Item 12 *Notice of Grant Award (NOGA) SAS #: SIPGRA10, Title I – SIP-ARRA/STIMULUS; Title I-School Improvement Program, accepted.

Item 13 A motion was made by Mr. Guevara to approve the Monthly Financial Report, Cafeteria Report, Tax Collection Report, Property Tax Refund, and Report on Investments. Seconded by Mr. Flores, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 14 After Superintendent McMinn reviewed the report, a motion was made by Mr. Wiesman to approve the Required Special Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures for State Compensatory Education. Seconded by Mrs. Lopez, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 15 Assistant Superintendent for Special Programs Rita Lopez gave a report on Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAOS).

Item 16 A motion was made by Mr. Guevara to approve the purchase of bleachers for the Junior High School Gym from Specialty Supply & Installation Co. for the amount of $69,018. Seconded by Mr. Flores, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 17 A motion was made by Mr. Guevara to purchase equipment for the New Weight Room at the High School Campus. Seconded by Mr. Flores, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 18 Report on Campuses Intervention concerning Bullying.

Tabled.

Item 19 No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Highly Qualified Report for 2009-2010 School Year

A revised No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Highly Qualified Report was provided to the Board. Superintendent McMinn reviewed the report with the Board indicating that all RHISD staff met the NCLB Highly Qualified criteria.

Item 20 After Principals Montez, Jaramillo, and Puente reviewed the Campus Improvement Plans, a motion was made by Mr. Wiesman to approve the Campus Improvement Plans for Elementary, Intermediate, and High School Campuses. Seconded by Mrs. Lopez, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 21 Mrs. Garza closed the regular session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The regular session resumed at 8:04 p.m. Personnel items were as follows:

Personnel:

a. Consider Accepting Resignation(s)

A motion was made by Mr. Wiesman to approve the resignation from:

Castillo, Cliff (Retiring)	Junior High Social Studies Teacher

as recommended by the Superintendent. Seconded by Mr. Flores, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 21 Personnel (CONTINUED)

b. Consider Employment of Personnel

A motion was made by Mr. Guevara to offer a contract for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year to:

Villalobos, Claudia	**High School Teacher**
Alaniz, Elvira	**Special Education Teacher**

as recommended by the Superintendent. Seconded by Mr. Flores, the motion carried unanimously.

c. Consider Approving Addendum to the Substitute Teacher List for the 2009-2010 school year.

A motion was made by Mr. Guevara to approve the Addendum to the Substitute Teacher List for the 2009-2010 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent. Seconded by Mr. Wiesman, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 22 There being no further business before the Board, Mrs. Garza adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Noemi Garza

Noemi Garza, President

John D. Guevara

John D. Guevara, 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 14, 2009.

1. Zack James
2. Juan E Barrera
3. TX-961-Cadets
4. Eliseo Reyes
5. Andria Culberson
6. Annett Jara
7.
8.
9.
10.
11.
12.
13.
14.
15.
16.
17.
18.
19.
20.
21.
22.
23.
24.
25.
26.
27.
28.
29.
30.
31.
32.
33.
34.
35.
36.
37.
38.
39.
40.
41.
42.
43.
44.
45.
46.
47.
48.
49.
50.