Members Present: Mr. Leo Camalich (Presiding), Mr. André Quintero, Mr. Gary Mendez, Ms. Michelle Yanez, Mr. Gabriel Montoya (Student Trustee)

Members Absent: Ms. Maria Elena Martinez

Secretary to the Board: Rose Marie Joyce, Ph.D.

Staff Members: Dr. Voiza Arnold, Ms. Teresa Dreyfuss, Dr. Andy Howard, Mr. Jim Rogers, Ms. Sandy Sandello (Recorder)

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Call To Order

Mr. Camalich called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Montoya led the pledge of allegiance.

C. Roll Call

Ms. Martinez was absent.

D. Public Comment

II. INFORMATION ITEM

1. Fact Finding on Project Labor Agreements

III. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS

Mr. Camalich opened the public hearing on Project Labor agreements at 7:10 p.m. Members of the public voiced their opinions both in favor and against entering into Project Labor Agreements (PLA). After hearing members of the public, members of the Board of Trustees stated their opinions on the matter.
IV. ACTION ITEM

A. PRESIDENT’S OFFICE

1. Resolution Regarding a Project Labor Agreement

100. It was moved by Mr. Quintero, Seconded by Mr. Mendez and carried that the Board of Trustees consider adoption of the resolution authorizing the Superintendent/President to pursue Project Labor Agreements. Mr. Camalich called for a role call vote: It went as follows:

Mr. Camalich - no, Mr. Quintero – yes, Mr. Mendez – yes, Ms. Yanez – yes, Mr. Montoya – yes. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 517

A RESOLUTION OF THE RIO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO PURSUE PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the District will be undertaking a large volume of construction activity over the course of a decade resulting from the passage of Proposition A; and,

WHEREAS, the District adopted a resolution in 2003 authorizing staff to evaluate whether a project labor agreement (“PLA”) would be appropriate in light of this large undertaking; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (“Board”) finds that there is significant potential for construction delays or disruption because of labor contract expirations; and,

WHEREAS, the Board finds that local trade unions have adopted specific apprenticeship programs to ensure a skilled and qualified workforce, which is consistent with the District’s educational mission; and,

WHEREAS, the Board finds that there is significant risk of strike actions because of contract expirations, and there are at least 18 craft agreements which will expire in the next two years; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds the local trade unions will be a source for obtaining qualified craftspeople; and,

WHEREAS, the Board finds that a PLA will allow the District to meet its mission of serving the community by ensuring that there are opportunities for residents of the communities the District serves;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE RIO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT THAT:

the Board directs the President/Superintendent or her designee(s) to enter into negotiations with appropriate parties for a proposed PLA, to be submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval, and that specifically ensures apprenticeship programs, no work stoppages, access to qualified craftspeople and opportunities for local residents; that does not prevent the widest number of qualified contractors from seeking work on the District’s construction programs; and that recognizes the District’s interest in efficient construction, limiting disruptions and interference with ongoing activities of the District and its neighbors in work areas, and timely completion of all scheduled work.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this _______ day of __________, 2004.

V. CLOSED SESSION (Small Board Room/Administration)

Mr. Camalich recessed the meeting to closed session at 8:30 p.m.

With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to 54957:

• PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
  - Director of Human Resources

Mr. Camalich reconvened the meeting at 9:20 p.m. and announced that no action was taken in closed session.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Camalich adjourned the meeting and the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting is June 9, 2004, 6:30 p.m. Administration Building, Rio Hondo College, 3600 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, California.