

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

The Hemphill Independent School District Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. for a regular Board Meeting in the HISD Administration Office with the following members present: Welden Elliott, Janis Speights, Andrea Procella-Heslip, Carl Beall Jr, Marty Griffin, Gary Parks, and Kim Scales.

Members absent: None.

Also present were Reese Briggs, Superintendent, Sally Butler, Business Manager, Kelli Barnett, Marc Griffin, Jeremy McDaniel, Chief Mike Hanks, Angela Iles, Stephanie Corley, F. David Chance, Chasity Browning, Lynda Brown, Skylar Quick, Matthew Quick, Lea Warren, Amanda Holden, William Wood, and Trendera Pelt.

Gary Parks gave the invocation.

Welden Elliott led the pledge to the Flag.

Carl Beall Jr recited the Hemphill ISD Mission Statement.

Visitors and Comments

Reese Briggs presented Stephanie Corley and the Sabine County Reporter with a certificate honoring the 2019 Media Honor Roll for their fair and balanced reporting, providing valuable information to the community about public schools, their students, parents, and patrons.

Pennie Ferguson with Daily News and More was also recognized for their fair and balanced reporting, providing valuable information to the community about public schools, their students, parents, and patrons.

Lynda Brown spoke to the Board to consider lowering the price of the reserved football chairs with backs.

Chasity Browning spoke to the Board to help enforce the school rule concerning bullying.

Marc Griffin introduced new employees to the high school campus: Matthew Quick, Skylar Quick, Amanda Holden, Will Wood, and Jocelyn Cummons (Jocelyn came to work before the end of last school year).

Public Meeting to Discuss Proposed Budget and Proposed Tax Rate for the 2019 - 2020 School Year

Recommend approval of the 2019 - 2020 Hemphill ISD School Budget.

The Board approved the 2019 - 2020 Hemphill ISD School Budget as presented on a motion by Janis Speights, seconded by Kim Scales, passed unanimously.

Recommend approval and adoption of the 2019 - 2020 Ordinance No. 23 which sets the Tax Rate at \$ .97 per \$ 100 of assessed property evaluation.

Janis Speights made a motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$ .97 which is effectively a 39.29 percent increase of the tax rate, seconded by Kim Scales, passed unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. 023 SETTING TAX RATE**

August 27, 2019

On this date, we, the Board of Trustees of the Hemphill Independent School District, hereby levy or set the tax rate on \$100 valuation for the District for the tax year 2019 at a total tax rate of \$ .97, to be assessed and collected by the duly specified assessor and collector as follows:

**THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.**

**THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 0 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$ 100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$ -70.00.**

\$ .97 for the purpose of maintenance and operation, and

\$0.00 for the purpose of payment of principal and interest on debts.

Such taxes are to be assessed and collected by the tax officials designated by the District.

IN CERTIFICATION THEREOF:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary

Note: The above ordinance must be referred to in the minutes of the meeting of the Board, which will state that the ordinance was in writing and was acted upon by the Board; will state the rate and purpose for which the tax was levied; and will state the action and vote of the Board. A signed copy of the ordinance should be attached to and incorporated into the minutes.

#### Consent Agenda

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting July 18, 2019

Bills, Financial Reports, and Investment Report for the month of July 2019

The Board approved the consent agenda items on a motion by Janis Speights, seconded by Marty Griffin, passed unanimously.

Reese Briggs, Superintendent, gave the Superintendent's Report

#### Enrollment

| School            | 2017 - 2018 | 2018 - 2019 | 2019 - 2020 |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| High School       | 255         | 250         | 259         |
| Middle School     | 254         | 275         | 284         |
| Elementary School | 368         | 366         | 354         |
| Total             | 877         | 891         | 897         |

#### Class Counts

EE - 0, PK - 48, K - 60, 1 - 55, 2 - 53, 3 - 71, 4 - 67, 5 - 73, 6 - 77, 7 - 72, 8 - 62, 9 - 77, 10 - 65, 11 - 64, 12 - 53, Total - 897

#### Personnel Update

Resignation - Sharon Crowell - Mr. Briggs expressed his appreciation for her 40 years of service to Hemphill ISD

There were no Student Overnight Trip Requests

#### Facilities & Construction Update

GKD (Local) Facilities Use - Mr. Briggs will research and report at the September meeting the costs involved to possibly revise the fee schedule

Sidewalk - Mr. Briggs will research and solicit bids for sidewalk and cover

Official Notification of 2019 Accountability Ratings

HISD received a scaled score of 85 (82 last year) for a rating of B

HES received a scaled score of 59 (63 last year) for a rating of F

HMS received a scaled score of 78 (68 last year) for a rating of C

HHS received a scaled score of 82 (82 last year) for a rating of B

HISD will be working collaboratively with Region 7 and the state to correct the concerns at HES and continue to strive for growth on all campuses.

TASA/TASB Convention

September 20 - 22, 2019 in Dallas

2019 Media Honor Roll

Police Vehicle

The City has offered to sell an older police cruiser to the district for \$ 500.00. This will be used to serve the needs of the district in times of needed transports, escorts, home visits, and other appropriate needs.

Reese Briggs, Superintendent, presented the Superintendent's Recommendations.

Recommend approval of renewal for TASB RMF Unemployment Compensation Insurance proposal.

The Board approved the renewal for TASB RMF Unemployment Compensation Insurance proposal of \$ 3,819 on a motion by Kim Scales, seconded by Carl Beall Jr, passed unanimously.

Recommend approval of TASB Policy Update 113, affecting (Local) policies, 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 113.

The Board approved the renewal for TASB Policy Update 113, affecting (Local) policies, 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 113 with the provisions requested of CI (Local) "add designee" on a motion by Kim Scales, seconded by Marty Griffin, passed unanimously.

Recommend approval of 2019 - 2020 Student Code of Conduct.

The Board approved the 2019 - 2020 Student Code of Conduct on a motion by Janis Speights, seconded by Gary Parks, passed unanimously.

Recommend approval of fuel bids.

The Board rejected the bid received from Sun Coast on a motion by Carl Beall Jr, seconded by Marty Griffin, passed unanimously.

Kim Scales asked that the Board revisit how to bid for fuel and bring back to the Board on the September agenda.

Recommend approval of Resolution for Hazardous Traffic Conditions.

The Board approved a Resolution for Hazardous Traffic Conditions on a motion by Janis Speights, seconded by Andrea Procella-Heslip, passed unanimously.

Recommend approval of Final Payment to Chance Construction for Gym Remodel.

The Board approved the Final Payment to Chance Construction for Gym Remodel for \$ 114,998.71 on a motion by Carl Beall Jr, seconded by Kim Scales, passed unanimously.

Recommend approval of the 2019 - 2020 Teacher Appraisal Calendar.

The Board approved the 2019 - 2020 Teacher Appraisal Calendar on a motion by Janis Speights, seconded by Gary Parks, passed unanimously.

Adjourn for Executive Session allowed by Gov. Code 551.074 (Board deliberation concerning appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of public officers or employees).

The Board convened into Closed Session at 8:10 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:56 p.m.

Discussion, and if appropriate, action on "Old Gym".

Mr. Briggs will contact TASB and have assessment done on asbestos or possible asbestos in the "Old Gym". The Board approved for Mr. Briggs to contact TASB on a motion by Marty Griffin, seconded by Gary Parks, passed unanimously.

Discussion, and if appropriate, action on School Property - Old Baseball.

The Board approved on a motion by Gary Parks for Mr. Briggs to contact LP out of Jasper to thin the timber on the old baseball field, seconded by Andrea Procella-Heslip, passed unanimously.

Sally Butler, Business Manager, presented Budget Amendment # 8 for the 2018 - 2019 School Year

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| 240 00 5923 00 000 9 00000 | \$ 3,107.00 |
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| 240 35 6344 00 999 9 99L00 | \$( 3,107.00) |
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To record additional commodities and expenditures

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| 240 00 5921 00 000 9 00000 | \$ 25,000.00 |
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| 240 35 6341 00 999 9 99L00 | \$( 25,000.00) |
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To budget for August accrued wages

199 00 5819 00 000 9 00000      \$ 5,821.00

199 93 6492 01 999 9 23000      \$( 5,821.00)

To record additional special education funds from SB 500

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 10:22 p.m. on a motion by

Gary Parks, seconded by Kim Scales, passed unanimously.

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Welden Elliott, President  
Hemphill Board of Education

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Andrea Procella-Heslip, Secretary  
Hemphill Board of Education