

Thursday, May 21, 2020

The Hemphill Independent School District Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. for a regular Board Meeting in the HISD Administration Office with the following members present: Janis Speights, Andrea Procella-Heslip, Carl Beall Jr, Marty Griffin, Gary Parks, Kim Scales, and Welden Elliott via Zoom.

Members absent: None.

Also present were Reese Briggs, Sally Butler, Kelli Barnett, Marc Griffin, Jeremy McDaniel, Monica Butler, Andrea Jordan, and Tommy Whittington.

Janis Speights, Vice President, presided over the meeting, called the meeting to order and established a quorum.

Carl Beall Jr gave the invocation.

Janis Speights led the Pledge To The Flag.

Marty Griffin recited the Hemphill ISD Mission Statement.

At this time, Janis Speights, requested to enter into Closed Session.

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). Gov. Code 551.083 (For the purpose of considering the standard guidelines, terms, or conditions the Board will follow, or instruct its representatives to follow, in consultation with representatives of employee groups in connection with consultation agreements provided for by Section 13.901 of the Texas Education Code.

The Board convened into Closed Session at 6:06 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:15 p.m.

Administer Oath of Office

Kelli Barnett, Notary Public, administered the Oath of Office to Andrea Jordan and Tommy Whittington.

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

Consideration of Reorganization of Board Officers

The Board convened into Closed Session 6:16 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:40 p.m.

Andrea Procella-Heslip opened the meeting back up.

Reorganization of Board Officers

Consideration/Discussion/Action of Reorganization of Board Officers

Andrea Procella-Heslip asked for nominations for President. Marty Griffin nominated Kim Scales for President. Andrea Procella-Heslip asked for any other nominations, there were none, passed unanimously.

Andrea Procella-Heslip asked for nominations for Vice President.

Tommy Whittington nominated Andrea Procella-Heslip for Vice President. Andrea Procella-Heslip asked for any other nominations, there were none, passed unanimously.

Andrea Procella-Heslip asked for nominations for Secretary.

Gary Parks nominated Carl Beall Jr for Secretary. Andrea Procella-Heslip asked for any other nominations, Andrea Procella-Heslip nominated Marty Griffin for Secretary. There were 3 votes for Carl Beall Jr (Gary Parks, Carl Beall Jr, and Andrea Jordan), there were 4 votes for Marty Griffin (Andrea Procella-Heslip, Tommy Whittington, Kim Scales, and Marty Griffin).

Marty Griffin is Secretary with a 4 to 3 vote.

Kim Scales, President and Marty Griffin, Secretary will need to be added to the BOM bank signature cards as approved signers for the school accounts. (Removing Welden Elliott and Andrea Procella-Heslip from the current signature cards).

At this time, Kim Scales, President, presented Janis Speights and Welden Elliott (Zoom) with plaques and thanked them for their years of service to the District.

Visitors and Comments (per Zoom)

Kim Scales read aloud a public comment received from Karen Mills.

"I would like to request that the Board of Directors repeal the requirement for shaving beards for the upcoming graduation ceremony. The boys have been out of school for the past 2 months.

This is an option ceremony and I would like my son to participate in his graduation. I do not feel that it is necessary for him or anyone else for that matter, to have to shave his beard for a few minutes in front of his family and friends. He will have it trimmed and neat." I appreciate your consideration in this matter."

Consent Agenda: Motion by Andrea Procella-Heslip, seconded by Marty Griffin, passed unanimously.

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting April 30, 2020

Bills, Financial Reports, and Investment Reports for the month of April 2020

Reese Briggs, Superintendent, gave the Superintendent's Report:

Enrollment

School	2017 - 2018	2018 - 2019	2019 - 2020
High School	251	243	266
Middle School	271	279	288
Elementary School	383	355	350
Total	905	877	904

Class Counts

EE - 1, PK - 52, K - 60, 1 - 58, 2 - 52, 3 - 65, 4 - 62, 5 - 73, 6 - 79, 7 - 76, 8 - 60, 9 - 79, 10 - 66,
11 - 59, 12 - 62, Total - 904

Personnel Update

Resign: Dr. Teresa Shaffer, and Skylar Quick.

Covid 19 Update

Mr. Briggs reported to the Board on several items including Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer, School Calendar, and Funding.

Scholarships Report

The graduating class of 2020 will receive \$ 408,400 in scholarships.

Graduation

There will be a parade at 6 p.m. and then diploma presentation at the stadium following the parade.

Facilities/Construction Update

Summer Work

Regular summer schedule will begin next Tuesday and end premium pay.

Academics Update

Summer School

Looking at remote or blended models for each campus. Each Principal reported on their campus.

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

Discussion/Action to approve tax refund requests.

The Board approved the tax refund request as presented, Floyd Moore for \$ 1,076.48 on a motion by Andrea Procella-Heslip, seconded by Marty Griffin, passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action to approve Inter-local Agreement for the Sabine County Shared Services Arrangement Cooperative.

The Board approved the Inter-local Agreement for the Sabine County Shared Services Arrangement Cooperative on a motion by Carl Beall Jr, seconded by Andrea Jordan, passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action to approve to grant hiring authority for contractual employees to superintendent for May (remaining days), June, July, and August.

The Board approved to grant hiring authority for contractual employees to superintendent for May (remaining days), June, July, and August on a motion by Gary Parks, seconded by Tommy Whittington, passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action to approve Covid-19 Related Missed School Days Waiver.

The Board approved Covid-19 Related Missed School Days Waiver on a motion by Andrea Procella-Heslip, seconded by Carl Beall Jr, passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action to approve Instructional Materials Inventory Requirement Waiver.

The Board approved Instructional Materials Inventory Requirement Waiver on a motion by Tommy Whittington, seconded by Marty Griffin, passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action to Delegate Authority to Superintendent to Enter Hemphill ISD into Memorandums of Understanding with Institutions of Higher Education.

The Board approved to Delegate Authority to Superintendent to Enter Hemphill ISD into Memorandums of Understanding with Institutions of Higher Education on a motion by Tommy Whittington, 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 8:00 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:51 p.m.

Discussion/Action for accepting resignations, employing personnel, reassignment of personnel, or terminating/non-renewal of personnel, if necessary.

There was no action taken.

Sally Butler, Business Manager, presented Budget Amendment # 5 for the 2019 - 2020 School Year

Approval of Budget Amendment # 5 for the 2019 - 2020 School Year

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240 00 3450 00 000 0 00000 \$ 2,000.00

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199 33 6128 00 999 0 99019	\$(800.00)
199 41 6128 00 750 0 99019	\$(1,500.00)
199 51 6128 00 999 0 99019	\$(4,000.00)
240 35 6128 00 999 0 99019	\$(2,000.00)

To record premium pay due to Covid-19

The Board approved Budget Amendment # 5 for the 2019 - 2020 School Year on a motion by Gary Parks, seconded by Tommy Whittington, passed unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m. on a motion by Gary Parks, seconded by Andrea Procella-Heslip, passed unanimously.

Kim Scales, President
Hemphill Board of Education

Marty Griffin, Secretary
Hemphill Board of Education