

Thursday, November 16, 2023

The Hemphill Independent School District Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for a regular Board Meeting in the HISD Administration Office with the following members present: Kim Scales, Carl Beall Jr, Andrea Procella-Heslip, Tammie Cox, Marty Griffin, Gary R. Parks, Dale Wilkerson.

Members absent: None.

Also present were Stephen English, Kelli Barnett, Amanda McClelland, Stephanie Harkness, Jeremy McDaniel, Larry Upshaw, Shannon Crowell, Cassy Whitsitt, Lori Corbello, Trinity Hughes, Sarah Scroggins, Stephanie Elliott, Jessica Clark, Mindy Ashen, Angela Buffalo Sowell, Brad Shirley, Lea Warren, Denise Eddings, Chanda Patillo, Marcie, Welch, Chad Ford, Deborah Parks, Lana Procella, Heather Snow, Angela Iles, Sunny Whittington, Johanna Vickers, Susan Conn, Molly Dickerson, Leslie Campbell, Lea Noble, David Eddings, Barbara Arse, Jaxson Parks, Carlee Procella, Ely Corbello, Sam Welch, Wyatt Heslip, Carmen Gonzalez, Marvin Varela, Preston Noble, Haylee Forse, Chalee Gibbs, Autumn Miller, Skarlette Rodriguez, Janey Leone, Lawson Vickers, Kalob Grezelachowski, Jayci Arney, Kane Ross, Samuel Williams, Evan McFarland, Kahlen Morton, Jeffrey Quinn, J P Conn, Ralee Conn.

Kim Scales, Board President, called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 6:00 p.m. Carl Beall Jr gave the invocation.

Kim Scales led the Pledge To The Flag

Tammie Cox recited the Hemphill ISD Mission Statement.

Visitors and Comments

Lana Procella, David Eddings, and FFA students presented their radio broadcast and discussed and introduced the competition teams and showed the banners that were won. They also had presentations set up to show their skills.

Kim Scales, Board President, then read the Open Forum announcement to all visitors.

Angela Buffalo Sowell spoke to the Board on her concerns about parents moving their children to other schools and concerns about the athletic program.

Barbara Arse spoke to the Board about concerns with her child failing due to attendance and procedures that had not been followed.

Chad Ford spoke to the Board about concerns with the Athletic Department.

Mr. English reported to the Board that the school received a Superior Rating which is the highest rating that can be received.

#### Consent Agenda

Motion by Andrea Procella-Heslip, seconded by Tammie Cox, passed unanimously.

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting October 17, 2023

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting/Workshop November 1, 2023

Bills, Financial Reports, and Investment Reports for the month of October 2023

Stephen English, Superintendent, presented the Superintendent's Report

#### Enrollment

School	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
High School	275	254	223
Middle School	275	251	226
Elementary School	352	333	319
Total	902	838	768

#### Class Counts

EE -0, PK - 37, K - 58, 1 - 55, 2 - 56, 3 - 60, 4 - 53, 5 - 52, 6 - 56, 7 - 57, 8 - 61, 9 - 68, 10 - 55, 11 - 50, 12 - 50, Total - 768

#### Personnel Update

Resigned: Gary Hackler - Bus Monitor

Employed: Miriam Inman - Cafeteria Worker, Elodia Flores - Sp Ed Paraprofessional

Career Fair through Workforce Solutions

May 8, 2024 Seniors can fill out job applications

Mineral Receipts

HISD received a check for \$ 697,483.33

Student Overnight Trip Requests

October 22 - 23, 2023 Cross Country to Huntsville for Regional Meet

2022 School District Property Value Study Report

The district received a value reduction of \$ 1,548,211 from the Comptroller's 2022 Preliminary School District Property Value Study estimate. This reduction should provide approximately \$ 14,000 in additional state aid for the 2022 - 2023 funding year.

Facilities and Construction Update

Shannon Crowell gave a report on the buses and vehicles for the school.

Campus Academic Reports / Principal Reports

Each Principal reported on their campus.

Veteran's Day Program

November 10, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Athletic Complex

Stephen English, Superintendent, presented the Superintendent's Recommendations.

Discussion/Action to move December Board Meeting due to Christmas Holidays.

The Board approved moving the December Board Meeting to Monday, December 18, 2023 on a motion by Gary R. Parks, seconded by Andrea Procella-Heslip, passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action to amend the HISD 2023 - 2024 School Calendar.

The Board approved amending the HISD 2023 - 2024 School Calendar on a motion by Carl Beall Jr, seconded by Andrea Procella-Heslip, passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action to approve tax refund requests.

The Board approved the following tax refund requests on a motion by Carl Beall Jr, seconded by Dale Wilkerson, passed unanimously.

Gladys Barnes - \$ 512.67

Brett & Carol Smith - \$ 736.12

Troy & Debra Lavigne - \$ 669.20

Stephen & Kimberly Cowan - \$ 669.20

Reese & Jessica Meeks - \$ 669.20

Richard Wayne Dupuis - \$ 669.20

Aaron Fuller - \$ 669.20

Vance & Johanna Vickers - \$ 669.20

Discussion/Action to approve a Child Nutrition Consultant.

The Board approved Walker Quality Services as a Child Nutrition Consultant on a motion by Carl Beall Jr, seconded by Dale Wilkerson, passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action on exploring grant funding possibilities for HISD.

No action was taken.

Discussion/Action on hiring/assigning a grant writer.

This item was tabled until more information may be obtained by Stephen English from Argo Financial.

Kim Scales, Board President, stated the Board would convene into Closed Session for Gov. Code 551.074.

Adjourn for Executive Session allowed by Gov. Code 551.071 (Private Consultation with the Board's attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law) and Gov. Code 551.074 (Board deliberation concerning appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, or dismissal of public offices or employees).

a. Discussion of employee hires, resignations, reassignments and discipline, including campus administration, Superintendent and professional educators and auxiliary personnel

b. Discussion of Board Relations Between the Members of the Board of Trustees and the relationship of the Board of Trustees with the Superintendent of Schools

The Board convened into Closed Session at 7:49 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:52 p.m.

Open Session (Action Resulting from Closed Session)

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

The Board approved accepting a resignation from Daija Outerbridge Foster on a motion by Carl Beall jr, seconded by Tammie Cox, passed unanimously.

The Board approved employing Camrin McClelland as an elementary teacher/paraprofessional on a motion by Gary R. Parks, seconded by Carl Beall Jr, passed unanimously.

Approval of Budget Amendment # 3 for the 2023 - 2024 School Year

Amanda McClelland, Business Manager, presented Budget Amendment # 3 for the 2023 - 2024 School Year

199 11 6117 00 001 4 11000	\$ 257,408.00
199 11 6117 00 041 4 11000	\$ 253,441.00
199 11 6117 00 101 4 11000	\$ 268,365.00
199 34 6631 00 999 4 99K00	\$( 420,000.00)
199 51 6629 00 999 4 99J00	\$( 28,000.00)
199 52 6125 00 999 4 99000	\$( 23,321.00)
199 81 6629 00 999 4 99000	\$( 258,264.00)
199 81 6629 02 999 4 99000	\$( 49,629.00)

To amend budget for Fund Reallocations

240 00 3450 00 000 4 00000	\$ 271,228.00
240 35 6299 01 999 4 99L00	\$( 23,400.00)
240 35 6399 02 999 4 99L00	\$( 247,828.00)

To amend budget to comply with TDA 3 month operating balances

199 00 3600 00 000 4 00000	\$ 4,000.00
199 11 6499 96 999 4 11000	\$( 4,000.00)

To amend budget for Teacher Incentive Allotment Fees

The Board approved Budget Amendment # 3 for the 2023 - 2024 School Year on a motion by Andrea Procella-Heslip, seconded by Carl Beall Jr, passed unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. on a motion by Marty Griffin, seconded by Gary R. Parks, passed unanimously.

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Kim Scales, President  
Hemphill Board of Education

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Andrea Procella-Heslip, Secretary  
Hemphill Board of Education