

November 21, 2024

The Hemphill Independent School District Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. for a regular Board Meeting in the HISD Administration Office with the following members present: Carl Beall Jr, Kim Scales, Andrea Procella-Heslip, Marty Griffin, Gary R. Parks, Dale Wilkerson.

Members absent: Tammie Cox.

Also present were Stephen English, Kelli Barnett, Amanda McClelland, Lane Cook, Stephanie Harkness, Jeremy McDaniel, Brandon Layne, Annette Carranza, Kendall Carranza, Eleazor Carranza, Scott Dyer, Sunny Whittington, Angela Iles, Susan Conn, Lynette Hunger, Cheyanne Cooper, Band Seniors

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

Carl Beall Jr gave the invocation.

Carl Beall Jr led the Pledge To The Flag.

Andrea Procella-Heslip recited the Hemphill ISD Mission Statement.

Visitors and Comments

Lynette Hunger, Cheyanne Cooper, and the Band Seniors spoke on receiving three straight ones and qualifying for State and then being awarded third in the State for military marching bands.

FIRST Rating - Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss School FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) Rating

Amanda McClelland reported to the Board that Hemphill ISD received a Superior Rating with a score of 100 which is the highest rating a school can receive.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Kim Scales, seconded by Dale Wilkerson, passed unanimously.

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting October 15, 2024

Bills, Financial Reports, and Investment Reports for the month of October 2024

Stephen English, Superintendent, presented the Superintendent’s Report

Enrollment

School	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024	2024 - 2025
High School	254	223	227
Middle School	251	226	212
Elementary School	333	319	339
Total	838	768	778

Class Counts

EE - 0, PK - 48, K - 39, 1 - 69, 2 - 55, 3 - 62, 4 - 66, 5 - 59, 6 - 50, 7 - 57, 8 - 46, 9 - 64, 10 - 63, 11 - 44, 12 - 56, Total - 778

Personnel Update

Employed Jimmy Simmons - Bus Driver, Robert Hancock - Maintenance Coordinator - Pending

Fingerprinting

Mineral Receipts

Hemphill ISD received a check for \$ 212,045.02.

Student Overnight Trip Requests, if necessary.

Varsity Boys Basketball to Centerville Tournament 12/12/2024 - 12/14/2024

Campus Academic Reports (Monitoring Calendar - Student Outcome Goals and Progress Measures) / Principal Reports

Stephanie Harkness spoke on Monitoring Calendar - Student Outcome Goals and Progress Measures and handed out the Kindergarten 2024 - 2025 Literacy and Numeracy Grade Level Percentages for Texas Kindergarten Entry Assessment.

Lane Cook and Jeremy McDaniel both spoke on the activities on their campuses.

Brandon Lane reported on athletics.

Veteran's Day Program

Hemphill ISD had a great and well attended program and honored all Veterans.

Discuss VATRE or Bond

This item will be posted as an action item on next month's agenda for the Board to decide the best course, if needed, for the financial future.

Stephen English, Superintendent, presented Superintendent's Recommendations

Discussion/Action on Lone Star Governance Quarterly Evaluation.

Gary R. Parks made a motion to table this item until next month, seconded by Andrea Procella-Heslip, passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action to approve the amended HISD District of Innovation plan.

The Board approved to amend the HISD District of Innovation plan on a motion by Dale Wilkerson, seconded by Kim Scales, passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action to approve tax refund requests.

The Board approved the tax refund requests on a motion by Andrea Procella-Heslip, seconded by Gary R. Parks, passed unanimously.

John & Janice Webb and Virgil Webb - 591.83 - Homestead Correction

Richard Still - 716.76 - Homestead Added

Devan Newman - 696.90 - Homestead Added

Ethan Baldwin - 601.37 - Homestead Added

Natalie Poole - 529.79 - Sold Lot

Edward & Maile Maxey - 617.50 - Disabled Veteran Homestead Added

Larry & Barbara Upshaw - 2122.23 - Homestead Added - Over 65

At this time Carl Beall Jr announced that the Board would go into Closed Session under 551.071.

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 6:54 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:57 p.m.

Open Session (Action Resulting from Closed Session)

Discussion/Action on Items Discussed in Closed Session, if any.

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

Carl Beall Jr made a motion, I move that the Board of Trustees propose the termination of Joyce Blade's Chapter 21 probationary employment contract for good cause as determined by the Board, in accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent and as discussed in closed session. I further move to authorize the Superintendent to provide all notices to the employee as required by applicable law and policy, seconded by Kim Scales, passed unanimously.

Approval of Budget Amendment # 3 for the 2024 - 2025 School Year

There was not a Budget Amendment # 3.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. on a motion by Gary R. Parks, seconded by Dale Wilkerson, passed unanimously.

Carl Beall Jr, President
Hemphill Board of Education

Andrea Procella-Heslip, Secretary
Hemphill Board of Education