

December 19, 2024

The Hemphill Independent School District Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, December 19, 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, Tammie Cox, Gary R. Parks, Dale Wilkerson.

Members absent: Marty Griffin.

Also present were Stephen English, Kelli Barnett, Amanda McClelland, Lane Cook, Stephanie Harkness, Jeremy McDaniel, Brandon Layne, Scott Dyer, Heather Phillips, Sarah Layne, Kristi McDaniel, Andrew Upshaw, Valerie Upshaw, Cain Upshaw, Kelli Beall, Cason Beall, Michel Garig, Sabrina Durbin, Amanda Merritt, Letty Merritt, Lana Procella, Carlee Procella, Joni Davis, Summer Ford, Drew Howard, Gus Dupre, Leo Dupre, Heather Moody, Wyatt Heslip, Conor McDaniel, Brinlee Moody, David Eddings, Sophia Jackson, Nicholas Coon, LaRay Coon, Isaac Jackson, Camdyn Beall, Corbyn Beall, Heather Mize, Keith Mize, Briana Mitchell, Cortney Garrett, Mia

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.

Kim Scales recited the Hemphill ISD Mission Statement.

Visitors and Comments

Elementary, Middle School, and High School GT students spoke to the Board about the competitions they have attended.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Gary R. Parks, seconded by Andrea Procella-Heslip, passed unanimously.

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting November 21, 2024

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

Stephen English, Superintendent, presented the Superintendent’s Report

Enrollment

School	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024	2024 - 2025
High School	248	220	223
Middle School	248	231	212
Elementary School	331	323	342
Total	827	774	777

Class Counts

EE - 0, PK - 47, K - 42, 1 - 69, 2 - 56, 3 - 63, 4 - 65, 5 - 59, 6 - 50, 7 - 57, 8 - 46, 9 - 62, 10 - 63, 11 - 42, 12 - 56, Total 777

Personnel Update, if necessary

There was not any updates.

Student Overnight Trip Requests

Athletic Training to Texas A & M Commerce for workshop and Stephanie Elliott will be inducted into the Hall of Honor

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

Extracurricular Participation

Each Principal reported on their campus Student Outcome Goals and Progress Measures.

Brandon Layne reported on the number of student athletes in each sport.

Stephen English, Superintendent, presented Superintendent's Recommendations

Discussion/Action on Lone Star Governance Quarterly Evaluation.

Drew Howard provided a Quarterly Progress Report for the Board to discuss Vision and Goals, Student Outcome Goals, District Priorities, and Accountability Measures. After discussion the Board approved the Lone Star Quarterly Evaluation on a motion by Kim Scales, seconded by Tammie Cox, passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action to approve tax refund requests.

The Board approved a tax refund request for James and Faye Crawford for \$ 2,018.33 for Homestead Exemption on a motion by Andrea Procella-Heslip, seconded by Dale Wilkerson, passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action to move the January Board Meeting to January 23, 2025.

After discussion, the Board approved to move the January Board Meeting to Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. on a motion by Gary R. Parks, seconded by Andrea Procella-Heslip, passed unanimously. Also, during this discussion the Board approved to have a Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at Noon for the Audit Report and to have a Special Board Meeting on January 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. for a Team of 8 Training / Superintendent Evaluation Instrument Workshop.

Discussion/Action, if appropriate, for proposed Bond or VATRE.

After discussion the Board approved to propose a VATRE for 9 cent tax increase on a motion by Kim Scales, seconded by Gary R. Parks, passed unanimously.

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

Stephen English, Superintendent, recommended to finalize Joyce Blades termination of employment.

At this time, Carl Beall Jr made a motion to adopt the recommendation of the Superintendent to terminate the probationary contract of Joyce Blades for good cause as determined by the Board, and further move that the Board authorize the Superintendent to provide notice of this decision as required by law, seconded by Kim Scales, passed unanimously.

Stephen English, Superintendent, recommended the employment of Tashelle Taylor for an 8th grade English teacher on a motion by Gary R. Parks, seconded by Dale Wilkerson, passed unanimously.

There was not a Closed/Executive Session.

Discussion/Action on Superintendent Evaluation Instrument

The Board tabled this until the January 15, 2025 Special Board Meeting on a motion by Kim Scales, seconded by Gary R. Parks, passed unanimously.

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

There was not a Budget Amendment # 3 for the 2024 - 2025 School Year

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:38 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