

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

The Hemphill Independent School District Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 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, Gary R. Parks, Dale Wilkerson.

Members absent: Andrea Procella-Heslip, Tammie Cox, Marty Griffin.

Also present were Stephen English, Kelli Barnett, Amanda McClelland, Lane Cook, Stephanie Harkness, Jeremy McDaniel, Angela Iles, Chanda Pattillo, Jessica Clark, Joe Coburn, Kelly Holifield, Brandon Layne, Scott Dyer, Sunny Whittington, Susan Conn.

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

There were no requests to speak.

Board President’s Report: Continuing Education Report

Carl Beall Jr reported that all board members have met their training requirements.

Carl Beall Jr 20.5, Kim Scales 18.5, Andrea Procella-Heslip 21.5, Tammie Cox 9.0, Marty Griffin 19.0, Gary R. Parks 9.0, Dale Wilkerson 19.0

Consent Agenda

Motion by Kim Scales, seconded by Gary R. Parks, passed unanimously.

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting March 20, 2025

Bills, Financial Reports, and Investment Reports for the month of March 2025

Stephen English, Superintendent, presented the Superintendent’s Report

Enrollment

School	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024	2024 - 2025
High School	230	219	218
Middle School	247	226	213
Elementary School	331	339	330
Total	808	784	761

Class Counts

EE - 0, PK - 48, K - 40, 1 - 63, 2 - 53, 3 - 63, 4 - 63, 5 - 59, 6 - 50, 7 - 56, 8 - 48, 9 - 61, 10 - 60, 11 - 43, 12 - 54, Total - 761

Student Overnight Trip Requests

There were no requests.

Personnel Update

Resigned: Sarah Foster - Teacher, Tashelle Taylor - Teacher, Michael Harris - Teacher/Coach, Shannon Miller - Accounts Payable Clerk

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

Principals reported on activities, testing, and certifications.

Facilities and Construction Update - Demo/Playground

Mr. English reported on contacting asbestos company and other facility repair updates.

Stephen English, Superintendent, presented the Superintendent's Recommendations

Discussion/Action to approve tax refund request(s), if necessary.

There were no requests.

Discussion/Action to approve the 2025 - 2026 Allotment and TEKS Certification survey form.

The Board approved the 2025 - 2026 Allotment and TEKS Certification survey form on a motion by Gary R. Parks, seconded by Dale Wilkerson, passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action to approve the Annual Report on Cooperative Fees paid by Hemphill ISD.

The Board approved the Annual Report on Cooperative Fees paid by Hemphill ISD on a motion by Kim Scales, seconded by Dale Wilkerson, passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action to approve the Engagement Letter from Alexander Lankford & Hiers, Inc as auditors for the Annual Financial Audit ending August 31, 2025.

The Board approved the Engagement Letter from Alexander Lankford & Hiers, Inc as auditors for the Annual Financial Audit ending August 31, 2025 on a motion by Dale Wilkerson, seconded by Kim Scales, passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action to approve the Student Athletic Insurance.

The Board approved the Student Athletic Insurance, for \$ 13,110 with Texas Kids First on a motion by Gary R. Parks, seconded by Dale Wilkerson, passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action to not use the state's sponsored Bluebonnet Learning Curriculum for math and reading.

The Board approved to not use the state's sponsored Bluebonnet Learning Curriculum for math and reading on a motion by Kim Scales, seconded by Dale Wilkerson, passed unanimously.

Closed/Executive Session (If Necessary)

Carl Beall Jr, Board President, state the Board would go into Closed Session per Gov. Code 551.074.

Adjourn for Executive Session allowed by 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 6:29 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:33 p.m.

Open Session (Action Resulting from Closed Session, if any).

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

Discussion/Action to approve the Board Self Evaluation.

Joe Coburn with Region 7 ESC spoke on the Board now being in Lone Star Governance and the need for the Board Self Evaluation and that he would be attending once a quarter to help the Board continue the process.

The Board approved the Board Self Evaluation on a motion by Dale Wilkerson, seconded by Kim Scales, passed unanimously.

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

The Board approved employing the following personnel on a vote of two votes for (Kim Scales, Dale Wilkerson) and 1 abstaining (Gary R. Parks).

Kaitlyn Garza - Elem Teacher, Jennifer Grounds - Elem Teacher, Richard Neel - Teacher/Boys Coach, Lindsey Neel - HS Teacher, Chris Cunningham - Elem Teacher

Discussion/Action for field maintenance/irrigation for practice field.

The Board approved for field maintenance/irrigation for practice field for \$ 18,074.00 with Landscape Specialist on a vote of two votes for (Kim Scales, Dale Wilkerson), and 1 opposed (Gary R. Parks).

Discussion/Action on amending Superintendent Contract

The Board approved amending Superintendent Contract on a motion by Gary R. Parks, seconded by Kim Scales, passed unanimously.

Approval of Budget Amendment # 6 for the 2024 - 2025 School Year

Amanda McClelland, Business Manager, presented Budget Amendment # 6 for the 2024 - 2025 School Year

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The Board approved Budget Amendment # 6 for the 2024 - 2025 School Year on a motion by Kim Scales, seconded by Dale Wilkerson, with two votes for (Kim Scales, Dale Wilkerson) and 1 vote opposed (Gary R. Parks).

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m. on a motion by Gary R. Parks, seconded by Dale Wilkerson, passed unanimously.

Andrea Procella-Heslip, Secretary
Hemphill Board of Education