

Friday, May 16, 2025

The Hemphill Independent School District Board of Education met in regular session on Friday, May 16, 2025 at 3:00 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, Marty Griffin, Dale Wilkerson.

Members absent: Gary R. Parks.

Also present were Stephen English, Kelli Barnett, Amanda McClelland, Lane Cook, Stephanie Harkness, Amanda Smith, Chanda Pattillo, Jessica Clark, Brandon Layne, Scott Dyer, Andrew Upshaw, Valerie Upshaw, Amber McGee, Denise Eddings, Summer Ford, Justin Buck, Heather Moody, Kelly Holifield, Michell Buck

Carl Beall Jr, Board President, called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 2:58 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

There were no requests to speak.

Administer Oath of Office

Stephen English, Notary, administered the Oath of Office to Carl Beall Jr and Marty Griffin.

Reorganization of Board Officers

Carl Beall Jr, Board President, stated 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 3:01 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 3:04 p.m.

Open Session (Action Resulting From Closed Session, if any)

Consideration/Discussion/Action of Reorganization of Board Officers

A motion was made by Tammie Cox, seconded by Marty Griffin, passed unanimously to leave the Board Officers as is, President - Carl Beall Jr, Vice President - Kim Scales, Secretary - Andrea Procella-Heslip.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Kim Scales, seconded by Andrea Procella-Heslip, passed unanimously.

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting April 23, 2025

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

Stephen English, Superintendent, presented the Superintendent’s Report

Enrollment

School	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024	2024 - 2025
High School	230	219	219
Middle School	248	225	212
Elementary School	334	337	330
Total	812	781	761

Class Counts

EE - 0, PK - 48, K - 40, 1 - 63, 2 - 53, 3 - 63, 4 - 63, 5 - 59, 6 - 60, 7 - 56, 8 - 47, 9 - 61, 10 - 60, 11 - 44, 12 - 54, Total - 761

Student Overnight Trip Requests

Track to State Track Meet in Austin May 1 - May 2, 2025

Band to Competition and reward to San Antonio May 16 - 18, 2025

Personnel Update

Employed: Courtney Brittain - Payroll Clerk, Reassigned: Jennifer Moody to Middle School English, Resigned: Heather Phillips - Elementary Teacher, Liz Hardin - Bus Driver, Kaylee Hancock - High School Teacher / Girls Coach, Withdrawal of employment offer - Jessica Seale - High School Teacher

Graduation

Senior Graduation will be Friday, May 23, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Athletic Complex.

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

Lane Cook, Stephanie Harkness, Brandon Layne, and Scott Dyer all gave a report.

Facilities and Construction Update - Demo / Playground

Stephen English gave a report on the Asbestos Abatement and the possibility of employing some students through the Workforce Solutions, seats and padding for the Hornet Gym.

VATRE

Voter Approval Tax Rate Election

A Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election (VATRE) is a special election that allows school districts in Texas to seek voter approval to increase their Maintenance and Operations (M&O) tax rate above the state-mandated threshold. The M&O tax rate is part of the overall property tax rate and is used primarily for the day-to-day operations of schools, including salaries, utilities, and supplies.

SHAC Annual Report for 2024 - 2025

The Hemphill ISD School Health Advisory Council includes involvement from community members and parents to gain information and resources to improve the promotion of health and wellness for our students and staff.

HISD Education Foundation Awards

Awards that were given out were Kristie Vick 3,500, Dana Gordy 500, Stephanie Elliott 1,040, Marcie Welch 800, Sharla Persails 280

Stephen English, Superintendent, presented the Superintendent's Recommendations Discussion/Action to approve tax refund request(s).

The Board approved a tax refund request for Raymond Butler Revocable for \$ 1,018.99 on a motion by Andrea Procella-Heslip, seconded by Dale Wilkerson, passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action for approval of the 2025 SCSSA Agreement.

The Board approved the 2025 SCSSA Agreement on a motion by Kim Scales, seconded by Tammie Cox, passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action to approve Depository Contract.

The Board approved the Depository Contract to stay with BOM Bank on a motion by Kim Scales, seconded by Andrea Procella-Heslip, passed unanimously.

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

Failed for Lack of Motion, no action was taken.

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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).

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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 4:02 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:21 p.m.

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

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

Carl Beall Jr, Board President, stated the Board would go back to Discussion/Action to approve grant hiring authority for contractual employees to Superintendent for May (remaining days), June, July, and August.

The Board approved grant hiring authority for contractual employees to Superintendent for May (remaining days), June, July, and August on a motion by Kim Scales, seconded by Dale Wilkerson, passed unanimously.

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

Due to the Board approving Stephen English, Superintendent, to have hiring authority for contractual employees the following are being employed: Kasey Gibbs - Speech Language Pathologist Assistant, Noah Hildebrand - Middle School PE / Boys Coach, Sunny Whittington - Middle School English Teacher, Joshua Colvert - High School Teacher / Boys Coach, Rachel Melton - Elementary Teacher, Mary Atwell - Elementary Teacher, Brittany Conn - Elementary Teacher

Approval of Budget Amendment # 7 for the 2024 - 2025 School Year

Amanda McClelland, Business Manager, presented Budget Amendment # 7 for the 2024 - 2025 School Year

199 00 5744 00 000 5 00004	\$ 6,120.00
199 11 6399 02 999 5 11004	\$(3,500.00)
199 11 6399 03 999 5 11004	\$(500.00)
199 11 6399 04 999 5 11004	\$(1,040.00)
199 11 6399 05 999 5 11004	\$(800.00)
199 11 6399 06 999 5 11004	\$(280.00)

To amend budget for HISD Education Foundation Grants

199 00 3600 00 000 5 00000	\$ 9,000.00
199 36 6412 01 001 5 91D00	\$(9,000.00)

To amend budget for Advance Beyond District

The Board approved Budget Amendment # 7 for the 2024 - 2025 School Year on a motion by Dale Wilkerson, seconded by Tammie Cox, passed unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m. on a motion by Marty Griffin, seconded by Dale Wilkerson, passed unanimously.

Carl Beall Jr, President
Hemphill Board of Education

Andrea Procella-Heslip, Secretary
Hemphill Board of Education