

Thursday, February 26, 2026

The Hemphill Independent School District Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, February 26, 2026 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, Marty Griffin, Dale Wilkerson.

Members absent: Gary R. Parks

Also present were Stephen English, Kelli Barnett, Amanda McClelland, Chanda Pattillo, Mike Mills, Lane Cook, Jessica Pickard, Jeremy McDaniel, Annette Carranza, Shelley Fisette, Nathan Byerly, Susan Murrell, Scott Dyer

Carl Beall Jr, Board President, called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 6:01 p.m.

Carl Beall Jr gave the invocation (6:01 pm)

Carl Beall Jr led the Pledge To The Flag (6:02 pm)

Andrea Procella-Heslip recited the Hemphill ISD Mission Statement (6:03 pm)

Visitors and Comments

Shelley Fisette spoke to the Board with two requests: Life Skills Teachers should be eligible for the TIA Allotment and a pay raise should go to the Life Skills Paraprofessionals (6:03 pm)

Auditor's Report - Alexander, Lankford, & Hiers Inc

Susan Murrell with Alexander, Lankford, & Hiers Inc reported to the Board that Hemphill ISD received an Unmodified Audit, which is the highest designation that can be received. (6:09 pm)

Approval by Board

The Board approved the Audit report as presented on a motion by Andrea Procella-Heslip, seconded by Marty Griffin, passed unanimously. (6:21 pm)

Votes for: Carl Beall Jr, Kim Scales, Andrea Procella-Heslip, Tammie Cox, Marty Griffin, Dale Wilkerson

Votes against: none

Consent Agenda (6:21 pm)

Motion by Kim Scales, seconded by Tammie Cox, Dale Wilkerson abstained, passed unanimously.

Votes for: Carl Beall Jr, Kim Scales, Andrea Procella-Heslip, Tammie Cox, Marty Griffin

Votes against: none

Votes abstaining: Dale Wilkerson

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting January 15, 2026

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting February 5, 2026

Bills, Financial Reports, and Investment Reports for the month of January 2026

Tax Refund Requests

Christopher Clark \$ 826.15 Homestead Exemption

Suzanne Owens \$ 2,100.39 Over 65 Homestead Exemption

Amend 2025 - 2026 Hemphill ISD School Calendar

Changed April 10, 2026 to be a full day of school and not an early release day due to the winter weather delayed start on January 27, 2026

Stephen English, Superintendent, presented the Superintendent's Report (6:22 pm)

Enrollment

School	2023 - 2024	2024 - 2025	2025 - 2026
High School	220	221	199
Middle School	248	214	206
Elementary School	336	327	313
Total	780	762	718

Class Counts

EE - 0, PK - 41, K - 65, 1 - 40, 2 - 58, 3 - 51, 4 - 58, 5 - 57, 6 - 55, 7 - 40, 8 - 54, 9 - 45, 10 - 55, 11 - 54, 12 - 45, Total - 718

Student Overnight Trip Requests (6:24 pm)

3/2/26 Girls Powerlifting to Dallas for Regional Meet

3/17/26 Girls Powerlifting to Edinburg for State Meet

5/17/26 Student Trainers to Arlington for State Meet

Campus Academic Reports

Principals reported on activities, teacher observations, March Interim Testing, field trips, PLC use, Grade Level percentages on testing, cheer tryouts, STAAR release test, Kindergarten reading map data, Bluebonnet grant stipends, student outcome report from TEA, parent teacher conferences, fundraisers, elementary targeted improvement plan

(6:25 pm HS Principal) (6:29 pm MS Principal) (6:37 pm Elem Principal)

Athletic Director reported on HISD Facilities, Pride, and HISD hosting track meets next week (6:57 pm)

Stephen English, Superintendent, presented the Superintendent's Recommendations (7:02 pm)

Discussion/Action to approve the Elementary Targeted Improvement Plan

The Board approved the Elementary Targeted Improvement Plan on a motion by Dale Wilkerson, seconded by Kim Scales, passed unanimously. (7:03 pm)

Votes for: Carl Beall Jr, Kim Scales, Andrea Procella-Heslip, Tammie Cox, Marty Griffin, Dale Wilkerson

Votes against: none

Discussion/Action for approval of contract extensions of administrative personnel.

The Board approved contract extensions of administrative personnel with extensions through 2027 - 2028 on a motion by Andrea Procella-Heslip, seconded by Dale Wilkerson, passed unanimously. (7:04 pm)

Votes for: Carl Beall Jr, Kim Scales, Andrea Procella-Heslip, Tammie Cox, Marty Griffin, Dale Wilkerson

Votes against: none

Belinda Ancelot, Lane Cook, Lynette Hunger, Amanda McClelland, Jeremy McDaniel, Heather Moody, Jessica Pickard, Judy Shelton, Eddie Thomas, Cassy Whitsitt

Discussion/Action for accepting resignations, employing personnel, reassignment of personnel, or terminating/non-renewal of personnel, if necessary. (7:06 pm)

Resigned: Tonnee Hawthorne - Non Contract - At Will

Resigned: John Cryer - Contract - Probationary Dual Contract - Teacher/Coach

Resigned: Bobbie Strickland - Educational Diagnostician

Employed: Lynne McClelland - Cafeteria Worker

The Board approved accepting resignations and employing personnel on a motion by Kim Scales, seconded by Andrea Procella-Heslip, passed unanimously.

Votes for: Carl Beall Jr, Kim Scales, Andrea Procella-Heslip, Tammie Cox, Marty Griffin, Dale Wilkerson

Votes against: none

Discussion/Action to approve the Bluebonnet Implementation Stipends from LASO Grant funding. (7:07 pm)

The Board approved the Bluebonnet Implementation Stipends from LASO Grant funding on a motion by Tammie Cox, seconded by Dale Wilkerson, passed unanimously.

Votes for: Carl Beall Jr, Kim Scales, Andrea Procella-Heslip, Tammie Cox, Marty Griffin, Dale Wilkerson

Votes against: none

Employee Stipend Amounts - March 2026 - \$ 3,000 and August 2026 - \$ 1,500 for full time Hemphill ISD Elementary Teachers who are teaching K - 4 Math or ELA and implementing Bluebonnet curriculum in the classroom

Discussion/Action regarding a Resolution Related to Texas Education Code 25.0823, Senate Bill 11 and Prayer in Schools. (7:09 pm)

Kim Scales noted that Hemphill Independent School District, under our current Board policy FNA, covers freedom of speech and prayer at school activities making it unnecessary for any further action. The Board voted in favor of a motion by Kim Scales to not adopt a new resolution related to Texas Education Code 25.0823, Senate Bill 11 and Prayer in Schools, seconded by Marty Griffin, passed unanimously.

Votes for: Carl Beall Jr, Kim Scales, Andrea Procella-Heslip, Tammie Cox, Marty Griffin, Dale Wilkerson

Votes against: none

Recommend/Action to cancel the HISD School Board election for May 2, 2026.

The Board approved to cancel the HISD School Board election for May 2, 2026 on a motion by Tammie Cox, seconded by Dale Wilkerson, passed unanimously.

Votes for: Carl Beall Jr, Kim Scales, Andrea Procella-Heslip, Tammie Cox, Marty Griffin, Dale Wilkerson

Votes against: none

Closed / Executive Session (If Necessary)

There was not a Closed / Executive Session

Approval of Budget Amendment # 3 for the 2025 - 2026 School Year (7:31 pm)

The Board approved Budget Amendment # 3 for the 2025 - 2026 School Year on a motion by Kim Scales, seconded by Dale Wilkerson, passed unanimously.

Votes for: Carl Beall Jr, Kim Scales, Andrea Procella-Heslip, Tammie Cox, Marty Griffin, Dale Wilkerson

Votes against: none

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm on a motion by Dale Wilkerson, seconded by Marty Griffin, passed unanimously.

Votes for: Carl Beall Jr, Kim Scales, Andrea Procella-Heslip, Tammie Cox, Marty Griffin, Dale Wilkerson

Votes against: none

Carl Beall Jr, President
Hemphill Board of Education

Andrea Procella-Heslip, Secretary
Hemphill Board of Education