

Thursday, April 16, 2026

The Hemphill Independent School District Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, April 16, 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 (entered the meeting at 6:16 p.m.), Tammie Cox, Marty Griffin, Gary R. Parks, Dale Wilkerson. Members absent: None.

Also present were Stephen English, Kelli Barnett, Amanda McClelland, Lane Cook, Jessica Pickard, Jeremy McDaniel, Scott Dyer, Tommy McGee, Chanda Pattillo, Sunny Whittington, Jamie Frear, Lisa Holmes, Jerry Holmes, Augusta Dupre, Annette Carranza, Elle Carranza, Kyndall Carranza, Sean Carranza, Nathan Byerly, Angela Iles, Haley Welborn, Shannon Crowell, Jeff Ashen, Patricia Snodgrass, Colette Pickard, Cassy Whitsitt, Shelley Fisette, Erica Powell, Bobbie Strickland, Fallyn Burch, Luna Vrooman, Denver Dowden, Sadie Ashen, Sophie McGee, Michael Dupre, Conor Bordelon, Dee Harvey, Mindy Ashen, Gus Dupre, Augusta Dupre, Leo Dupre, Kasey Gibbs, Lucy Jones

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 (6:00 p.m.)

Marty Griffin led the Pledge To The Flag (6:01 p.m.)

Kim Scales recited the Hemphill ISD Mission Statement (6:02 p.m.)

Visitors and Comments (6:04 p.m.)

Meleesa Davis introduced the Elementary GT Littles and each student performed a magic trick.

The Elementary GT Littles are Fallyn Burch, Luna Vrooman, Denver Dowden, Sadie Ashen, Sophie McGee, Michael Dupre

Angela Iles introduced Conner Bordelon who has been selected to be published as an author in the Young Writer's Club Nationwide Contest.

Haley Welborn requested to speak to the Board about her Special Needs Classroom concerns.

Board President's Report: Continuing Education Report (6:15 p.m.)

Carl Beall Jr reported that all Board Members have met their training requirements.

Carl Beall Jr 11 hours, Kim Scales 18.75 hours, Andrea Procella-Heslip 13.75, Tammie Cox 20.25 hours, Marty Griffin 17.75 hours, Gary R. Parks 15.75 hours, Dale Wilkerson 18.5 hours  
Consent Agenda (6:15 p.m.)

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

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

Votes against: none

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting March 19, 2026

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

Tax Refund Request, if necessary - There were no tax refund requests

Stephen English, Superintendent, presented the Superintendent's Report (6:16 p.m.)

#### Enrollment

School	2023 - 2024	2024 - 2025	2025 - 2026
High School	219	218	201
Middle School	226	213	202
Elementary School	339	330	312
Total	784	761	715

#### Class Counts

EE - 0, PK - 42, K - 64, 1 - 40, 2 - 58, 3 - 50, 4 - 58, 5 - 56, 6 - 54, 7 - 39, 8 - 53, 9 - 48, 10 - 54, 11 - 54, 12 - 45, Total - 715

Student Overnight Trip Requests, if necessary

There were no requests

#### U.S. Forest Check

The school received a check for \$ 124,835.38

#### Campus Academic Reports

Principals reported on student outcome goals and the certification for high school students, observations, district track results, county show results, life skills students attending Day in the Dirt, STAAR testing, Locked In Challenge, awards day, GT awareness week, STAAR March and Pep Rally military style, attendance challenges, PK/K Roundup, end of year testing

(6:17 p.m. HS Principal) (6:23 p.m. MS Principal) (6:30 p.m. Elem Principal)

Cassy Whitsitt, Director of SCSSA, reported to the board the students that are being served in the program, reporting data from the students testing and the amounts of growth that students are having in the program with the work the teachers are doing (6:39 p.m.)

Shannon Crowell, Director of Maintenance and Transportation, reported to the Board on the age and condition of the bus fleet and all that goes with the job for both departments. (6:50 p.m.)

Nathan Byerly, HISD Athletic Director, reported to the Board on athletics, new staff coming on (7:05 p.m.)

#### Transportation Report

Stephen English reported to the Board due to SB 546 school districts are required to purchase or retrofit all buses with 3 point seat belts. Due to the age of the school's fleet and the financial

restraints of the district the school believes that it is not feasible to comply at this time. TEA is requesting that the school reports information regarding buses and cost of compliance so that possible funding options can be determined. The school has 16 buses total, with 6 of those that do not have seat belts, 2 of those buses have 2 point seat belts, and 8 of those buses have 3 point seat belts and are compliant with SB 546. The estimated cost to equip all 8 non compliant buses with 3 point seat belts is \$ 259,516.02. (7:10 p.m.)

Drug testing company has come by and all bus drivers have been tested.

Stephen English, Superintendent, presented the Superintendent's Recommendations Discussion/Action to approve the 2026 - 2027 HISD School Calendar.

The Board approved the 2026 - 2027 HISD School Calendar 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, Gary R. Parks, Dale Wilkerson

Votes against: none

Discussion/Action to approve the procurement of Library Materials.

The Board approved the procurement of Library Materials, donated by Vicki Beall, on a motion by Tammie Cox, seconded by Gary R. Parks, passed unanimously.

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

Votes against: none

Discussion/Action to approve the 2026 - 2027 Allotment and TEKS Certification survey form.

The Board approved the 2026 - 2027 Allotment and TEKS Certification survey form on a motion by Kim Scales, seconded by Tammie Cox, passed unanimously.

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

Votes against: none

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 Andrea Procella-Heslip, seconded by Marty Griffin, passed unanimously.

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

Votes against: none

Discussion/Action to approve the Student Athletic Insurance.

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

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

Votes against: none

Discussion/Action to approve resignations, employment, reassignment, termination, or non-renewal of personnel.

The Board approved resignations, employment, reassignment, termination, or non-renewal of personnel on a motion by Kim Scales, seconded by Marty Griffin, passed unanimously.

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

Votes against: none

Resigned: Brittany Ponder - HMS Sp Ed Teacher, Jamison Harper - Elementary Teacher,

Tommy Ringo - Custodian, Joshua Colvert - HS Teacher/Coach, Jeff Ashen - HS

Teacher/Coach, Makoda Gascon - Elementary Teacher, Danny Daniels - Shop Technician/Bus Driver

Employed: Margaret Merritt - Diagnostician, Aaron Wueller - MS CTE Teacher/Coach, Jordan

Lavergne - HS Teacher's Aide/Coach, Tim Forse - HS Teacher/Coach, Jeremy Wallace - MS Sp Ed Teacher, Amber Coon - HS Receptionist

Discussion/Action to approve contracts for reemployment of personnel for the 2026 - 2027 school year.

The Board approved contracts for reemployment of personnel for the 2026 - 2027 school year on a motion by Gary R. Parks, seconded by Marty Griffin, passed unanimously.

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

Votes against: none

Term Dual Contract: Mackenzie Dockens, Kaylee Hancock

Probationary Dual Contract: James Coleman, Tristan Freeman, Joy Harrison

Closed/Executive Session (If Necessary)

Carl Beall Jr stated Stephen English requested a Closed/Executive Session and the Board would convene into Closed/Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.074 - Board deliberation concerning appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of public officers 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/Executive Session at 7:24 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:56 p.m.

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

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

There was no action taken.

Approval of Budget Amendment # 5 for the 2025 - 2026 School Year

199 00 3600 00 000 6 00000	\$ 6,537.00
199 34 6429 00 999 6 99K00	\$(3,150.00)
199 41 6429 00 702 6 99G00	\$( 179.00)
199 51 6429 00 999 6 99J00	\$(3,208.00)

To amend budget for Property and Auto Insurance

240 00 3450 00 000 6 00000	\$ 8,050.00
240 35 6399 00 999 6 99L00	\$(8,050.00)

To amend budget to comply with TDA 6 Month Operating Balances

The Board approved Budget Amendment # 5 for the 2025 - 2026 School Year on a motion by Tammie Cox, seconded by Kim Scales, passed unanimously.

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

Votes against: none

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m. on a motion by Gary R. Parks, seconded by Dale Wilkerson, passed unanimously.

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

Votes against: none

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Carl Beall Jr, President  
Hemphill Board of Education

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Andrea Procella-Heslip, Secretary  
Hemphill Board of Education