

Thursday, May 16, 2019

The Hemphill Independent School District Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. for a regular Board Meeting in the HISD Administration Office with the following members present: Gary Parks, Andrea Procella-Heslip, Kim Scales, and Janis Speights. Members absent: Lynn Lindsey, Steve Conn, and Tom Cryer.

Also present were Reese Briggs, Superintendent, Sally Butler, Business Manager, Kelli Barnett, Susan Smith, Marc Griffin, Teresa Shaffer, Chief Mike Hanks, Carl Beall Jr, Marty Griffin, Welden Elliott, Cassy Whitsitt, Robyn Shapley, Ronny Stewart, Bonnie Stewart, Kyle Bolyard, Gary Stewart, Heidi Griffin, Autumn Griffin, Karrie Jones, Jean Ann Whittington, Kelly Beall, Weldon McDaniel, Sophie Galloway, Kendi Thomas, Matt Moody, Richard Barnett, Kelli Beall, Mary Kay Twine, Jasyn Twine, Pennie Ferguson, Wayne Mitchell, Barbara Galloway, Eric Heslip, and Kurt White.

Gary Parks, Secretary, presided over the meeting due to Lynn Lindsey, President, and Steve Conn, Vice President being absent.

Janis Speights gave the invocation.

Gary Parks led the pledge to the Flag.

Kim Scales recited the Hemphill ISD Mission Statement.

Administer Oath of Office

Kelli Barnett, Notary Public, administered the Oath of Office to Gary Parks, Welden Elliott, Carl Beall Jr, and Marty Griffin.

Reorganization of Board Officers

Adjourn for Executive Session allowed by Gov. Code 551.074 (Board deliberation concerning appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of public officers or employees).

The Board convened into Closed Session at 6:03 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:19 p.m.

Consideration of Reorganization of Board Officers

Kim Scales nominated Welden Elliott for President, Janis Speights seconded, passed unanimously.

Carl Beall Jr nominated Janis Speights for Vice President, Marty Griffin seconded, passed unanimously.

Janis Speights nominated Andrea Procella-Heslip for Secretary, Carl Beall Jr seconded, passed unanimously.

Visitors and Comments

Gary Stewart voiced his concerns about bus routes.

Ronny Stewart voiced his concerns about bus routes and satellite stops.

Matthew Moody spoke about Elementary Fine Arts.

Kelly Beall voiced some concerns about inappropriate topic from teacher and mishandling of National Honor Society Officer Elections.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting April 11, 2019

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

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

Motion by Janis Speights, seconded by Kim Scales, passed unanimously.

Reese Briggs, Superintendent, gave the Superintendent's Report:

Enrollment

School	2016 - 2017	2017 - 2018	2018 - 2019
High School	258	251	243
Middle School	261	271	279
Elementary School	387	383	355
Total	906	905	877

Class Counts

EE - 01, PK - 50, K - 52, 1 - 54, 2 - 64, 3 - 66, 4 - 68, 5 - 80, 6 - 70, 7 - 57, 8 - 72, 9 - 67, 10 - 68, 11 - 54, 12 - 54, Total 877

There were no Student Overnight Trip Requests

Personnel Update

Resignations: Sarah Harris Nichols - Certified Educator, Jessica Pickard - Certified Educator, Sherri Eddings - Certified Educator, Erica Powell - Shared Services Arrangement, Leslie Huval - Certified Educator

Employed: Josh Bennett - Director of Maintenance and Transportation

TASB Area School Boards Spring Workshop Discussion

All members were in attendance. Several members discussed topics that were discussed.

U.S. Forest Check

The school received a check for \$ 112,472.42.

Property Value Changes Impact and Funding Lag on HISD

Reese Briggs reported on the changes and funding lag on Hemphill ISD.

SHAC Report

Reese Briggs reported on the topics discussed during the year.

Scholarship Night

\$ 985,800 was received for the scholarships that was held on May 14, 2019.

Graduation

May 24, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. and due to the weather and wet field will be in the Athletic Complex.

Facilities/Construction Update - Summer Work

Reese Briggs reported on the projects for the summer.

Academics/Curriculum Update - Summer School

June 10 - 27, 2019 for Elementary and Middle School - Monday - Thursday - 8:00 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.

July 15 - 25, 2019 for Middle School - Monday - Thursday - 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Karrie Jones presented a slideshow on the Hornet Club - 147 students - 3rd - 8th grades

Hornet Club will be held June 10 - 27, 2019

Dr. Teresa Shaffer presented a slideshow on testing and assessments.

Transportation - Bus driver shortage and routes

8 regular bus routes and 2 special needs bus routes

A motion was made by Kim Scales, seconded by Gary Parks, passed unanimously to accept the Superintendent's Report.

Reese Briggs, Superintendent, presented the Superintendent's Recommendations.

Recommend approval of HISD Foundation Grants.

Jean Ann Whittington and Barbara Galloway reported on the 6 grants that were awarded to HISD teachers for a total amount of \$ 12,675.72.

The Board approved the HISD Foundation Grants on a motion by Kim Scales, seconded by Carl Beall Jr, passed unanimously.

Discussion, and if appropriate, action on Texas Renewable Energy Cooperative.

The Board approved to learn more about the Texas Renewable Energy Cooperative and passed on a motion by Janis Speights, seconded by Carl Beall Jr, 6 votes for and 1 vote against (Marty Griffin), motion passed.

Recommend approval of Inter-local Agreement for the Sabine County Shared Services Arrangement Cooperative.

The Board approved the Inter-local Agreement for the Sabine County Shared Services Arrangement Cooperative on a motion by Gary Parks, seconded by Andrea Procella-Heslip, passed unanimously.

Recommend approval of tax refund request.

The Board approved a tax refund request for Barbara Galloway for \$ 621.19 on a motion by Janis Speights, seconded by Kim Scales, passed unanimously.

Recommend approval of donation by Hemphill Chapter # 375 Order of the Eastern Star.

The Board approved a donation by Hemphill Chapter # 375 Order of the Eastern Star in the amount of \$ 100.00 designated for the Hemphill Elementary Library on a motion by Kim Scales, seconded by Andrea Procella-Heslip, passed unanimously.

Discussion, and if appropriate, action on purchasing cafeteria tables.

The Board approved purchasing cafeteria tables from Unity Education Resources and Equipment for a price of \$ 44,127.72 on a motion by Kim Scales, seconded by Janis Speights, passed unanimously.

Discussion, and if appropriate, action on Cafeteria Audio Video Upgrade.

The Board approved purchasing Cafeteria Audio Video Upgrade from Visual Techniques Inc for \$ 29,028.75 on a motion by Andrea Procella-Heslip, seconded by Marty Griffin, passed unanimously.

Discussion, and if appropriate, action on phone system.

The Board approved purchasing a phone system on a motion by Kim Scales, seconded by Andrea Procella-Heslip, passed with 6 votes for, 1 vote against (Gary Parks), motion passed.

Recommend approval of Appraisal District Board Member resignation and discussion of replacement.

The Board approved a resignation from Wayne Rawls on a motion by Gary Parks, seconded by Kim Scales, passed unanimously.

The Board approved Tom Beall as a new replacement on the Appraisal Board on a motion by Janis Speights, seconded by Gary Parks, passed unanimously.

Adjourn for Executive Session allowed by Gov. Code 551.074 (Board deliberation concerning appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of public officers or employees).

The Board convened into Closed Session at 8:35 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:58 p.m.

There were no resignations, employing personnel, reassignments of personnel, or termination personnel so no action was taken.

Approval of Budget Amendment # 6 for the 2018 - 2019 School Year

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To Purchase New Phone System

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To Upgrade Cafeteria Audio/Video

The Board approved Budget Amendment # 6 for the 2018 - 2019 School Year on a motion by Kim Scales, seconded by Carl Beall Jr, passed unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. on a motion by Carl Beall Jr, seconded by Gary Parks, passed unanimously.

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Welden Elliott, President  
Hemphill Board of Education

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Andrea Procella-Heslip, Secretary  
Hemphill Board of Education