Thursday, November 19, 2020

The Hemphill Independent School District Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. for a regular Board Meeting in the HISD Administration Office with the following members present: Kim Scales, Andrea Procella-Heslip, Marty Griffin, Carl Beall Jr, Andrea Jordan, Gary Parks, and Tommy Whittington.

Also present were Reese Briggs, Sally Butler, Kelli Barnett, Marc Griffin, Jeremy McDaniel, Monica Butler, Chief Mike Hanks, Stephanie Corley, Josh Bennett, Jesse Aguilera, and Wes McDaniel.

Kim Scales, Board President, called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 6:05 p.m. Gary Parks gave the invocation.

Kim Scales led the Pledge To The Flag.

Andrea Jordan recited the Hemphill ISD Mission Statement.

Visitors and Comments - No one spoke.

Presentation by Ideal Impact

Wes McDaniel presented a slideshow presentation to the Board on the energy savings they could offer the school.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Andrea Procella-Heslip, seconded by Carl Beall Jr, passed unanimously.

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting October 12, 2020

Bills, Financial Reports, and Investment Reports for the month of October 2020

Reese Briggs, Superintendent, gave the Superintendent's Report

Enrollment

School	2018 - 2019	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021
High School	250	263	257
Middle School	279	288	287
Elementary School	367	358	329

Total 896 909 873

Class Counts

PK - 35, K - 63, 1 - 56, 2 - 58, 3 - 50, 4 - 67, 5 - 64, 6 - 72, 7 - 73, 8 - 78, 9 - 63, 10 - 75, 11 - 60, 12 - 59, Total - 873

Facilities and Construction Update

Canopy and Parking Lot - Ad has been sent to newspaper for bids, Guardian Securities plans to be here after Thanksgiving to expand the keyless entry system using grant money, House Representative Dan Huberty (Chairman of House Public Education Committee) discussed in a Zoom meeting with Superintendents that he was questioning the large amounts of money in ISD Fund Balances, Josh Bennett gave an update on the roof repairs and transportation.

Andrea Procella-Heslip asked about the items stored under the bus canopies to see if a school auction can be done, Carl Beall Jr mentioned an online auction could be done.

Kim Scales brought up Bus 17 route that it leaves at 5:20 a.m. from the Bus Barn and gets back to the Bus Barn at 5:45 p.m. Kim would like to see an intermediate route put in to help with the length of time for students and driver of this bus.

Veteran's Day Virtual Program

An outstanding job was done by our 4th grade students, the band, and staff on the virtual program this year.

Academics Update / Principal Reports

Monica Butler, Jeremy McDaniel, and Marc Griffin each gave reports on their campus.

U.S. Forest Check

The school received a check for \$87,725.00.

TASB Legal Seminar

The Board will participate in the TASB Legal Seminar webinar on Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Travel/Payment Methods

More and more issues are arising with hotels requiring a credit card instead of a check for reservations. Sally Butler and Reese Briggs will be attending by Zoom a meeting to discuss the State of Texas Commercial Card Program using Citi Bank Credit Cards on December 4, 2020.

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

Tommy Whittington requested more information for discussion at the next board meeting.

Discussion/Action on to approve a Tax Refund Request, if necessary.

There was not a Tax Refund Request to approve.

Discussion/Action to approve a bid to purchase a bus.

The Board discussed different bids and information. Marty Griffin had obtained information on two used charter buses that are for sale. Reese Briggs will discuss with the transportation director, athletic director, and mechanic to see if they would prefer the traditional school bus purchase or a charter bus purchase and bring back to the Board.

This item was tabled with no action until the next Board meeting.

Discussion/Action to approve Ideal Impact Services Agreement.

The Board approved Ideal Impact Services Agreement on a motion by Tommy Whittington, seconded by Andrea Jordan, passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action to approve Ideal Impact Payment Plan Agreement.

The Board approved the Ideal Impact Payment Plan Agreement on a motion by Carl Beall Jr, seconded by Gary Parks, passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action to approve a bid to purchase a plasma cutter.

After much discussion, this item was tabled with no action until the next Board meeting. The Board directed Reese Briggs to find out what the equipment will be used for and to bring the information to them at the next Board meeting.

Discussion/Action on accepting resignations, employing personnel, or reassignment of personnel, if necessary.

There was not any personnel to take action on.

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 9:17 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 11:17 p.m.

No action was taken on Items Discussed in Closed Session.

There was not a Budget Amendment # 3 for the 2020 - 2021 School Year so no action was taken.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 11:23 p.m. on a motion by Gary Parks, seconded by Andrea Procella-Heslip, passed unanimously.

Kim Scales, President Hemphill Board of Education Marty Griffin, Secretary Hemphill Board of Education