

Saturday, August 29, 2020

The meeting originally scheduled for Thursday, August 27, 2020 was changed due to the devastation of Hurricane Laura. Due to the school not having internet the board meeting was unable to be viewed through Zoom. The meeting was open to the public.

The Hemphill Independent School District Board of Education met in regular session on Saturday, August 29, 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, and Tommy Whittington.

Members absent: Andrea Jordan, and Gary Parks.

Also present were Reese Briggs, Sally Butler, Kelli Barnett, and Daryl Melton.

Kim Scales, Board President, called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 6:13 p.m.

Carl Beall Jr gave the invocation.

Daryl Melton, Sabine County Judge, gave a report on the devastation that Hurricane Laura brought to Sabine County. The military are staying in both Hemphill ISD gymnasiums and assisting the residents with FEMA water, ice, and MRE's.

At this time the Board and Superintendent discussed and decided to keep the school closed until tentatively Tuesday, September 8, 2020. They will evaluate and decide during the week and weekend if further closure is necessary.

Public Meeting to Discuss Proposed Budget and Proposed Tax Rate for the 2020 - 2021 School Year

Presentation and comments by the Superintendent and Business Manager on the Proposed Budget.

Recommendation for approval of the 2020 - 2021 Hemphill ISD School Budget.

The Board approved the 2020 - 2021 Hemphill ISD School Budget on a motion by Tommy Whittington, seconded by Marty Griffin, passed unanimously.

Discussion of the Proposed Tax Rate for the 2020 - 2021 School Year.

Recommendation for approval of the Adoption of the 2020 - 2021 Ordinance No. 24, which sets the Tax Rate at .9114 per \$100 of assessed property evaluation.

Kim Scales, Board President, read the motion, I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .9114, which is effectively a 04 percent increase in the tax rate.

The motion was approved by Tommy Whittington, seconded by Carl Beall Jr, passed unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. 024 SETTING TAX RATE**

August 27, 2020

On this date, we, the Board of Trustees of the Hemphill Independent School District, hereby levy or set the tax rate on \$100 valuation for the District for the tax year 2020 at a total tax rate of \$ .9114, to be assessed and collected by the duly specified assessor and collector as follows:

\$ .9114 for the purpose of maintenance and operation, and

\$0.00 for the purpose of payment of principal and interest on debts.

Such taxes are to be assessed and collected by the tax officials designated by the District.

IN CERTIFICATION THEREOF:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary

Note: The above ordinance must be referred to in the minutes of the meeting of

the Board, which will state that the ordinance was in writing and was acted upon by the Board; will state the rate and purpose for which the tax was levied; and will state the action and vote of the Board. A signed copy of the ordinance should be attached to and incorporated into the minutes.

#### Consent Agenda

Motion by Marty Griffin, seconded by Carl Beall Jr, passed unanimously.

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting July 16, 2020

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting July 28, 2020

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting August 3, 2020

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

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

#### Enrollment

School	2018 - 2019	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021
High School	250	259	276
Middle School	275	284	273
Elementary School	366	354	327
Total	891	897	876

#### Class Counts

PK - 36, K - 66, 1 - 55, 2 - 56, 3 - 50, 4 - 64, 5 - 63, 6 - 67, 7 - 70, 8 - 73, 9 - 66, 10 - 80, 11 - 69, 12 - 61, Total - 876

#### Personnel Update

Resigned - Shannon Boyett - Bus Driver

#### Academics Update / Principal Reports

No reports at this time.

#### Covid 19 Update

#### Virtual TASA/TASB Convention

txEDCON2020 is going virtual this year - September 30, 2020 - October 2, 2020. Attendees can earn up to 10 hours of credit during the live event. They will also have access to the content for 30 days after the event and will earn credit for all completed sessions.

Student Overnight Trip Requests, if necessary.

There were no student overnight trip requests.

#### Chapter 49 Intent

The school was notified of maybe being a Chapter 49 school.

If the school is officially notified, there are several options that are available.

Marty Griffin left the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

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

Discussion/Action to revise DEC (Local) Board Policy from TASB.

The Board approved to revise DEC (Local) Board Policy from TASB for the following on a motion by Carl Beall Jr, seconded by Tommy Whittington, passed unanimously.

- 1.FFCRA up to 10 days leave
- 2.New Covid-19 Provision leave
- 3.State/Local leave
- 4.Extended Sick leave
- 5.Sick Leave Pool

Discussion/Action, if appropriate, to change September and October regular board meeting dates due to football season.

The Board approved to change September and October regular board meeting dates due to football season to September 21, 2020 and October 12, 2020 on a motion by Tommy Whittington, seconded by Andrea Procella-Heslip, passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action to approve renewal of TASB RMF unemployment compensation proposal.

The Board approved the renewal of TASB RMF unemployment compensation proposal for \$ 7,638 on a motion by Carl Beall Jr, seconded by Tommy Whittington, passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action to appoint one TASB Delegate and one alternate for virtual assembly.

There was no action taken.

Discussion/Action to approve TASB Policy Update 115, affecting (Local) policies, to add, revise, or delete (Local) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 115.

The Board approved TASB Policy Update 115, affecting (Local) policies, to add, revise, or delete (Local) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 115 on a motion by Tommy Whittington, seconded by Andrea Procella-Heslip, passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action to approve a Tax Refund Request.

The Board approved a Tax Refund Request from Kayland & Heather Cramer for \$ 525.68 on a motion by Carl Beall Jr, seconded by Tommy Whittington, passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action to approve a resolution of the Board Regarding Exclusion from Extracurricular Activities.

The Board approved a resolution of the Board Regarding Exclusion from Extracurricular Activities on a motion by Tommy Whittington, seconded by Carl Beall Jr, passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action to amend the 2020 - 2021 Hemphill ISD School Calendar.

The Board approved to amend the 2020 - 2021 Hemphill ISD School Calendar as presented on a motion by Carl Beall Jr, seconded by Andrea Procella-Heslip, passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action to approve the 2020 - 2021 Hemphill ISD Student Code of Conduct.

The Board approved the 2020 - 2021 Hemphill ISD Student Code of Conduct on a motion by Tommy Whittington, seconded by Andrea Procella-Heslip, passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action to approve the 2020 - 2021 Teacher Appraisal Calendar.

The Board approved the 2020 - 2021 Teacher Appraisal Calendar on a motion by Andrea Procella-Heslip, seconded by Carl Beall Jr, passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action to ratify the Operation Connectivity Interlocal Acquisition Agreement between Region 4 ESC and Hemphill ISD.

The Board approved to ratify the Operation Connectivity Interlocal Acquisition Agreement between Region 4 ESC and Hemphill ISD on a motion by Carl Beall Jr, seconded by Tommy Whittington, passed unanimously.

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

There was no action taken.

There was not an executive/closed session taken.

Sally Butler, Business Manager, presented Budget Amendment # 6 for the 2019 - 2020 School Year

240 00 5923 00 000 0 00000	\$ 1,553.00
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240 35 6344 00 999 0 99L00	\$( 1,553.00)
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To record additional Commodities and Expenditures

199 00 5829 00 000 0 00000	\$ 14,170.00
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199 33 6399 00 999 0 99000	\$( 14,170.00)
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To record PPE from TEA

The Board approved Budget Amendment # 6 for the 2019 - 2020 School Year on a motion by Tommy Whittington, seconded by Carl Beall Jr, passed unanimously.

Sally Butler, Business Manager, presented a Memo to Board Regarding Special Revenue Funds

276 00 5929 00 000 0 00000       \$ 18,000.00

276 11 6399 00 101 0 30000       \$( 18,000.00)

To record Instructional Continuity Grant

427 00 5829 00 000 0 00000       \$ 25,000.00

427 52 6399 00 999 0 99000       \$( 25,000.00)

To record School Safety and Security Grant

226 00 5929 00 000 0 00000       \$ 286,028.00

226 11 6117 00 001 0 11000       \$( 95,343.00)

226 11 6117 00 041 0 11000       \$( 95,343.00)

226 11 6117 00 101 1 11000       \$( 95,342.00)

To record ESSER Grant

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 10:24 p.m. on a motion by Andrea Procetta-Heslip, seconded by Carl Beall Jr, passed unanimously.

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Kim Scales, President  
Hemphill Board of Education

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Marty Griffin, Secretary  
Hemphill Board of Education