

**HEMPHILL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Middle School Principal

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Agenda

Thursday, January 22, 2009 – 7:00 p.m. – Administration Building

I. Members Present:

Absent:

II. Invocation:

III. Pledge To The Flag:

IV. Mission Statement:

V. Visitors And Comments:

VI. Public Meeting for Academic Excellence Indicator System Report

VII. Approval Of Minutes:

1. Regular Board Meeting December 16, 2008

VIII. Superintendent's Report:

1. Enrollment
2. Construction Projects Progress
3. Bank Depository
4. Speights Report
5. Texas Legislature

IX. Superintendent's Recommendations:

1. Recommend approval of calling the annual School Board Trustee Election on May 9, 2009.
2. Recommend approval of the proposed 2009 – 2010 School District Calendar.
3. Recommend approval to change the Regular School Board Meeting on March 19, 2009 to March 26, 2009.
4. Recommend approval to ask for bids for a new $\frac{3}{4}$ ton truck.
5. Recommend we accept a \$ 5,000 donation from Mr. Ray Nye to be used as a scholarship for a deserving student enrolled in the FFA program.
6. Recommend approval of student overnight trip requests.
7. Recommend approval of final plans for construction of Field House Gymnasium Complex and that authority be given to our Architect to advertise for bids to be opened February 19, 2009.
8. Recommend approval to purchase a school van.
9. Adjourn for Executive Session
Allowed by Gov. Code 551.072 and 551.074.
10. Convene to Open Session.

X. Statement of Operations:

XI. Approval of Bills & Financial Report for the Month of December 2008

XII. Approval of Budget Amendment # 3 for the 2008 – 2009 School Year

XIII. Adjourn:

These closed sessions are authorized by the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.072 and 551.074.

A. Personnel.

No action or vote may be taken in the closed meeting. An open meeting will be held to consider and take action, if any, on items discussed in closed session.

If during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting.

Section 551.071 – For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law.

Section 551.072 – For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.

Section 551.073 – For the purpose of negotiating contracts for prospective gifts or donations.

Section 551.074 – For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment of duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee.

Section 551.076 – To consider the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel and devices.

Section 551.082 – For the purpose of considering discipline of a public school child or children.

Section 551.083 – For the purpose of considering the standard, guidelines, terms or conditions the Board will follow, or instruct its representatives to follow, in consultation with representatives of employee groups in connection with consultation agreements provided for by Section 13.901 of the Texas Education Code.

Section 551.084 – For the purpose of excluding a witness or witnesses from a hearing during examination of another witness.

Should any final action, final decision or final vote be required in the opinion of the Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed meeting, then such final action, final decision or final vote shall be at either:

- A. the open meeting covered by this notice upon the reconvening of this public meeting, or
- B. at a subsequent public meeting of the Board upon notice thereof, as the Board shall determine.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act at _____ .m.,
_____ (date).

Glenn Pearson, Interim Superintendent
Hemphill I.S.D.
For the Board of Trustees

Superintendent's Report:

Please remember that our January 15, 2009 Board Meeting has been changed to January 22, 2009 due to the Board Continuing Education Workshop on January 15, 2009. Also remember that we will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria for a recognition dinner for Board Members and their spouses. Our Regular Board Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building.

The Christmas Holidays passed very quickly but everyone seemed happy to be back at school to finish the first semester of the school year that ended on January 15, 2009. Student mid-semester report cards along with the AEIS report cards will be sent home by the students Thursday, January 22, 2009.

1. Enrollment

School	Sept 07 – 08	Sept 08 – 09
High School	315	308
Middle School	264	308
Elementary	<u>395</u>	<u>390</u>
Total	974	1006

2. Construction Projects Progress

(1) New High School

The metal on the front of the High School was replaced and caulked during the Christmas Holidays, also hopefully the roof leak problem was repaired.

(2) Administration Building

I will give an update report at the Board Meeting. At this writing we are still making progress. Several rooms have been sheet rocked and the Board Room and Break Room have been taped and floated. Ceiling grids have been completed in several rooms and are ready for the ceiling tiles. Most of the lighting and electrical switches and outlets have been completed. The Board table is nearing completion and it is going to be beautiful. I am really proud of our workers for doing a great job. We should make good progress next week. I will give an oral report at our meeting.

(3) Grounds Preparation Progress

Chance Construction is doing a good job clearing and preparing our grounds for the future Baseball Field and the Brown property for future playgrounds. I will give an oral update report at our meeting.

(4) Future Field House and Gymnasium

Our Architect will be here at our Board Meeting on January 22, 2009 for final approval of the plans and bid timelines.

3. Bank Depository

Our Bank Depository Contract expires August 31, 2009. It has been our custom to ask for bids in March. We need to discuss whether we should bid it out in March or wait closer to August hoping the economy will get better. Texas Education Agency requires us to select a Depository by June.

4. Speights Report

Janis Speights attended a Law Conference and I have included a copy of her notes in backup information No. 4.

5. Texas Legislature

The 81st Legislature Session will start on Tuesday, January 13 and end on Monday, June 1.

Superintendent's Recommendations:

1. Recommend approval of calling the annual School Board Trustee Election on May 9, 2009.

Calendar of Events:

1. February 9, 2009 – First day to file for place on ballot.
2. March 13, 2009 – Last day to file for place on ballot.
3. March 10, 2009 – First day to apply for ballot by mail.
4. April 9, 2009 – Last day to register to vote.
5. April 27, 2009 – First day of early voting.
6. May 1, 2009 – Last day to apply for ballot by mail. (Received, not postmarked).
7. May 5, 2009 – Last day of early voting.

Position # 6 – Welden Elliott and Position # 7 – Robert Russell will be up for election.

2. Recommend approval of the proposed 2009 – 2010 School District Calendar.

Please see attached calendar in backup information No. 2.

3. Recommend approval to change the Regular School Board Meeting on March 19, 2009 to March 26, 2009.

The reason for the change is that March 19, 2009 is during the School District Spring Break.

4. Recommend approval to ask for bids for a new ¾ ton truck.

This truck is to be used by the Maintenance Department, Band, and Ag Department. Our present truck is a 2001 model and has 115,020 miles on it. We also have a 1996 ½ ton pickup.

A truck is budgeted in the current 2008 – 2009 school budget.

5. Recommend we accept a \$ 5,000 donation from Mr. Ray Nye to be used as a scholarship for a deserving student enrolled in the FFA program.

The scholarship will be called “The Ray and Nita Nye Scholarship”. The annual amount of \$ 500 will be awarded to a FFA student each year until the funds are depleted.

Please see letter from Mr. Nye in backup information No. 5.

6. Recommend approval of student overnight trip requests.

Recommend approval of the following trip requests:

- (1) Bailey Pruitt to TMEA All Region Orchestra Clinic and Concert in Baytown on January 23 – 24, 2009.
- (2) UIL to Debate Invitational in Whitehouse on January 30 – 31, 2009.
- (3) Ag Department to Ag Mechanics Show in San Antonio and San Angelo on February 19 – February 27, 2009.
- (4) Ag Department to Ag Mechanics Show in Houston on March 20 – 22, 2009.

Please see student overnight trip requests in backup information No. 6.

7. Recommend approval of final plans for construction of Field House Gymnasium Complex and that authority be given to our Architect to advertise for bids to be opened February 19, 2009.

8. Recommend approval to purchase a school van.

Our oldest van was involved in an accident during our recent icy weather. The van was a 2000 model with 175,000 miles. Our insurance company totaled the vehicle and gave us the fair market value which is \$ 4,900.00. We have a \$ 500.00 deductible which leaves us \$ 4,400.00 to apply toward another van. We have \$ 23,000.00 budget in the current budget for a new van.

9. Adjourn for Executive Session

Allowed by Gov. Code 551.072 and 551.074.

10. Convene to Open Session