

**HEMPHILL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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**Sally Butler, Business Manager**

**Susan Smith**  
Elementary Principal

**Paula Pruitt**  
Middle School Principal

**Marc Griffin**  
High School Principal

**Agenda**

**Thursday, February 19, 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. Approval Of Minutes:**

1. Regular Board Meeting January 22, 2009

**VII. Superintendent's Report:**

1. Enrollment
2. School Trustee Election
3. State Property Preliminary Taxable Value
4. School Budget
5. Construction Progress
6. Finance

## **VIII. Superintendent's Recommendations:**

1. Recommend approval of Stephanie Corley and the Sabine County Reporter for Statewide Media Honor Roll Recognition.
2. Recommend approval to renew Property/Casualty Insurance with TASB Risk Management Fund.
3. Recommend approval to renew annual contract with Sabine County Appraisal District.
4. Recommend approval of student overnight trip requests.
5. Recommend approval of purchasing a new school truck.
6. Adjourn for Executive Session  
Allowed by Gov. Code 551.072 and 551.074.
7. Convene to Open Session
8. Recommend employing personnel.

## **IX. Statement of Operations:**

### **X. Approval of Bills & Financial Report for the Month of January 2009**

### **XI. Approval of Budget Amendment # 4 for the 2008 – 2009 School Year**

## **XII. 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).

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

## **Superintendent's Report:**

The end of the fourth Six weeks reporting period will end on February 27, 2009. Only the fifth and sixth Six weeks reporting period remain in this school year.

All of our spring activities are well underway. Girl's softball, baseball, boys and girls track, band, and all of our UIL Literary events, and other academic events are in competition at this time. Please refer to the Principals' Reports for tournament winners and various competition awards.

### **1. Enrollment**

School	2007 – 2008	2008 – 2009
High School	311	<b>303</b>
Middle School	270	<b>303</b>
Elementary	<u>386</u>	<u><b>396</b></u>
Total	967	<b>1002</b>

### **2. School Trustee Election**

Calendar of Events:

March 9, 2009 – Last day to file for place on ballot

March 10, 2009 – First day to apply for ballot by mail

April 9, 2009 – Last day to register to vote

April 27, 2009 – First day of early voting

May 1, 2009 – Last day to apply for ballot by mail (Received, not postmarked)

May 5, 2009 – Last day of early voting

May 9, 2009 – School Trustee Election

Janice McDaniel, County Clerk has agreed to administer our election.

At the writing of this report, Robert Russell and Welden Elliott have signed up for the election.

### **3. State Property Preliminary Taxable Value**

We recently received our 2008 assigned property values from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts office. Our assigned value minus deductions is \$ 295,629,093 which is an increase of \$ 22,060,466 over the 2007 tax value.

As you remember the state requires us to be within the margin of error, which is plus or minus 5 percent of the state value. We were in the second year of a two year grace period to get the values within the margin of error. Our Chief Appraiser managed to get us within the margin of error for the 2008 Tax Values for our District. We appreciate the Appraisal District for their work. This will keep us from being penalized by the State.

Please refer to backup information No. 3 for a breakdown of our property values.

#### **4. School Budget**

All personnel are working on next year's budget. I have requested that all preliminary budgets from the various departments be turned in by February 27, 2009. As soon as Sally and I have reviewed the budgets with the Principals I will ask you to meet in a budget study workshop to review and tentatively approve a preliminary budget for the 2009 – 2010 school year. A final 2009 – 2010 budget cannot be approved until August.

#### **5. Construction Progress**

##### **(1) Field House / Gymnasium Facility**

We have received the final plans for the facility. Remember the bid opening will be in this office at 4:00 p.m. on February 24, 2009. A special called Board Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on February 24, 2009 to review and possibly award the bid.

A pre-bid meeting will be held on site at 2:00 p.m. on February 12, 2009. This meeting is for the bidders.

A copy of the Bid Advertisement is in backup information No. 5 (1).

##### **(2) Preparation for Baseball Field and Workout Field.**

Clearing and leveling grounds for these projects have been stopped at this time. Excess dirt from the Field House Facility will be used to level the future workout fields across Smith Street. The future baseball field is ready for future planning.

##### **(3) Administration Building**

Our people are still doing an excellent job remodeling the wing of the old high school. I will give an update report on the building at our meeting.

I will also discuss a drainage problem we have between the remodeled Administration Building and the old Gymnasium, also other drainage problems on our campus.

#### **6. Finance**

##### **(1) Forest Service Funds**

It has been reported that the Texas Comptrollers Office has received the funds and we should receive them by the end of the month.

##### **(2) Bank Depository**

Our contract with Sabine State Bank will end August 31, 2009. The state requires us to notify them of our Bank Depository for 2009 – 2010 and 2010 – 2011 school years, by June 12, 2009. We will be calling for bids very soon and should be able to present them to you by the April or May Board meeting.

## **Superintendent's Recommendations:**

### **1. Recommend approval of Stephanie Corley and the Sabine County Reporter for Statewide Media Honor Roll Recognition.**

Recommend the Hemphill Board of Trustees approve a "Resolution" that recommends Stephanie Corley and the Sabine County Report be placed on the Statewide Media Honor Roll.

This is one way that we can express our appreciation to them for reporting school information to our school district patrons. Thank you so much for providing this community service.

Please see backup information No. 1.

### **2. Recommend approval to renew Property/Casualty Insurance with TASB Risk Management Fund.**

Recommend renewal of our Property/Casualty Insurance with Texas Association of School Board Risk Management for a total amount of \$ 86,263.00, from April 14, 2009 to April 14, 2010.

Please see Coverage Summary in backup information No. 2.

### **3. Recommend approval to renew annual contract with Sabine County Appraisal District.**

Recommend renewal of our annual contract with the Sabine County Appraisal District.

Our payment to the Tax Office is determined by adding all the County Taxing Units levy together. Our percentage of the total County assessed levy times the Appraisal District Budget determines our annual cost to support the Appraisal District.

Please see a copy of the contract in backup information No. 3.

### **4. Recommend approval of student overnight trip requests.**

1. C-X Debate Team to Austin for State Competition March 15 - 17, 2009.
2. TMSCA Team to San Antonio for State Math & Science Competition March 20 – 22, 2009.

Please see trip requests in backup information No. 4.

### **5. Recommend approval of purchasing a new school truck.**

Recommend we purchase a 2009 Ford truck from Center Motor Company for a bid price of \$ 20,051.

Please see bids in backup information No. 5.

**6. Adjourn for Executive Session**  
**Allowed by Gov. Code 551.072 and 551.074.**

**7. Convene to Open Session**

**8. Recommend employing personnel.**

Recommend contract extensions for the following personnel through the 2010 – 2011 school year.

Sally Butler – Business Manager  
Marc Griffin – High School Principal  
Paula Pruitt – Middle School Principal  
Susan Smith – Elementary School Principal  
Belinda Simmons – District Counselor  
Monica Butler – District Testing Coordinator  
Rosie Mays – Girls Athletic Coordinator  
Tommy Hall – Boys Athletic Coordinator  
Beth McBride – Shared Services Director  
Kyle Bolyard – Student Discipline Director  
Kathy Fitzgerald – Technology Director

Recommend 4 hour part time Cafeteria worker Terrenza Crochet for the remainder of the 2008 – 2009 school year.