

**HEMPHILL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Agenda

Thursday, February 21, 2008 – 7:00 p.m. – Administration Building

I. Members Present:

Absent:

II. Invocation:

III. Pledge To The Flag:

IV. Mission Statement:

V. TCEA State Robotics Winners

VI. Visitors And Comments:

VII. Approval Of Minutes:

1. Regular Board Meeting January 17, 2008

VIII. Superintendent's Report:

1. Enrollment
2. Memorial Service
3. School Board Election
4. 2007 Property Value Study
5. Construction Projects
6. UIL Schedules and Information

IX. Superintendent's Recommendations:

1. Recommend approval of TASB Update 82.
2. Recommend approval to renew the Property/Casualty Insurance with TASB Risk Management Fund.
3. Recommend approval to renew annual contract with Sabine County Appraisal District.

4. Recommend approval of Hemphill ISD 2008 – 2009 School District Calendar.
5. Recommend approval of student overnight trip requests.
6. Recommend approval to be given authority to purchase additional school van.
7. Adjourn for Executive Session
Allowed by Gov. Code 551.072 and 551.074.
8. Convene to Open Session.
9. Recommend employing personnel.

X. Statement of Operations:

XI. Approval of Bills & Financial Report For The Month Of January 2008

XII. Approval of Budget Amendment # 4 For The 2007 – 2008 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:

We are well into the second semester with the fourth six weeks reporting period ending on February 29, and report cards to be sent home on March 6. All Spring activities are beginning with Girls Softball, Boys Baseball, Boys and Girls Track, and UIL Literary Events. Girls High School Basketball will receive a bye in the first round (Bi District) of their playoffs and will play this week in Area Competition. If we win Area we will play in the Regional Quarter Finals either February 18 or 19. Regional Semi-Finals will be on February 22 and Finals on February 23.

1. Enrollment

School	2006 - 2007	2007 - 2008
High School	290	311
Middle School	275	270
Elementary School	<u>391</u>	<u>386</u>
Total	956	967

We have been experiencing 10 – 12 % absenteeism in our schools. We have been lucky that it has not been higher for this time of the year.

2. Memorial Service

A community Memorial service was presented in our gymnasium on February 1, 2008. The Memorial Committee is to be commended for organizing and presenting the program to our community. We had several students that participated in the program.

3. School Board Election

We have contacted the County about conducting our school election and Mrs. McDaniel has agreed to administer our election again this year.

The following is a reminder of some of the important dates:

1. Filing for place on the ballot. February 9 to March 10, by 5:00 p.m.
2. First day to accept applications for early voting by mail March 10.
3. Mail Early voting ballots, March 26.
4. Last day to register to vote for the election April 10.
5. First day of early voting April 28.
6. Last day to receive ballots by mail May 2.
7. Last day to vote early by personal appearance May 6.
8. Election Day May 10, 2008 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
9. Canvass Election returns may 13 – May 21.
10. HISD to canvass election at Regular Board Meeting May 15, 2008.

4. 2007 Property Value Study

We received our State Property Tax Values assigned by the Comptroller of Public Accounts – Property Tax Division

2007 Value	273,568,627	(Less Deductions)
2006 Value	<u>254,776,189</u>	(Less Deductions)
Increase	18,792,438	

We are in the second year of the grace period for meeting the state requirements for values. Our tax office must get the mean ratio to within .95 to 1.05 of the state values or we will lose State Foundation Funds for the 2008 – 2009 school year.

Please see State Summary Sheet in backup information No. 4.

Other revenue losses for the 2008 – 2009 school year include the Forest Service Money. This is the last year unless the U.S. Congress extends the current bill or creates a new one. We just received \$ 272,000.00 from the Forest Service.

Our Mineral money revenue is also down. I have had a couple of calls and a letter from Wayne Christian's Office and they tell me they are still checking on the reason our mineral money is down. Mr. Gohmert's Office told me that they have sent about the same amount to the State Comptroller of Texas for the last several years.

Please see letter from Wayne Christian in backup information No. 4.

Under the new state funding formulas the \$ 18,792,438 increase in values will give us more tax revenues but will reduce the State Foundation fund revenues.

5. Construction Projects

(1) New High School

Mr. Trent Wilcher, Superintendent will give an up to date construction report.

Please see Field Observation Report in backup information No. 5 (1).

(2) Girls Softball Field

Our maintenance did a great job of finishing the dugouts. They did the roofs and insulation, the benches, and glove and storage compartments. The field looks great and is ready to play on. The ditch in the back of the outfield fence and road ditch will have to wait until it is dry in order to get a dozer and backhoe out there. Everything really looks good.

Our people spent some time with Ross Whiting from Fielder's Choice and he instructed our maintenance crew on how to maintain the field and grass.

We plan to have a dedication of the field at 4:30 p.m. on February 26, 2008.

(3) Parking Lot

At the writing of this report Cox Construction has completed some additional form work in preparation for pouring concrete. On Monday, February 11, they are pouring more concrete.

6. UIL Schedules and Information

We will have a new District organizational meeting in San Augustine on February 22, 2008. Next years football schedule cannot be finalized until after February 21, also the state made us change all activities scheduled on March 4, due to the election, therefore, I have included the following schedules in background information No. 6.

- (1) 2008 Football schedule with district dates.
- (2) Boys Track schedule
- (3) Girls Track schedule
- (4) Boys Baseball schedule
- (5) Girls Softball schedule
- (6) 2008 – 2010 Football School and 2008 – 2009 Basketball 2 AA Districts

Superintendent's Recommendations:

1. Recommend approval of TASB Update 82.

Recommend approval of the additions, revisions, or deletions of policies included in Update 82 of the TASB's Policy Service.

Policies and explanations are in backup information No. 1.

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

Recommend renewal of our Property/Casualty Insurance with TASB Risk Management for a total amount of \$ 71,312.00 from 4/14/08 to 4/14/09.

This is a decrease in premium of \$ 3,161.00.

Invoice is 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.

Copy of contract is in backup information No. 3.

4. Recommend approval of Hemphill ISD 2008 – 2009 School District Calendar.

Recommend approval of the Hemphill ISD 2008 – 2009 School District Calendar.

A Draft Calendar is included in backup information No. 4.

5. Recommend approval of student overnight trip requests.

Recommend the following student overnight trip requests:

- (1) UIL State Competition for Math and Science January 28, 2008.
- (2) UIL District CX winners to Austin February 4, 2008.
- (3) UIL Academic to Tyler April 11 – 12, 2008.

Details in backup information No. 5.

6. Recommend approval to be given authority to purchase additional school van.

Recommend that you give us the authority to purchase an additional school van. We have properly bid in the paper for another van. We found one but due to waiting on our monthly meeting the vehicle was sold. This is the reason we are asking to purchase one as soon as one is available.

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

8. Convene to Open Session

9. Recommend employing personnel.

Recommend contract extensions for the following personnel through the 2009- 2010 school year:

- (1) Sally Butler – Business Manager
- (2) Marc Griffin – High School Principal
- (3) Paula Pruitt – Middle School Principal
- (4) Susan Smith – Elementary School Principal
- (5) Belinda Simmons – District Counselor
- (6) Monica Butler – District Testing Coordinator
- (7) Rosie Mays – Girls Athletic Coordinator
- (8) Tommy Hall – Boys Athletic Coordinator
- (9) Beth McBride – Shared Services Director
- (10) Kyle Bolyard – Student Discipline Director
- (11) Kathy Fitzgerald – Technology Director