

**HEMPHILL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Agenda

Thursday, March 26, 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 February 19, 2009
2. Special Board Meeting March 10, 2009 4:00 p.m.
3. Special Board Meeting March 10, 2009 6:00 p.m.

VII. Superintendent's Report:

1. Enrollment
2. School Board Election
3. School Board Spring Workshop
4. 2009 – 2010 School Budget
5. Region VII ESC Election
6. Building Projects
7. Finance

VIII. Superintendent's Recommendations:

1. Recommend approval of personnel to serve on the District Technology Committee.
2. Recommend approval of student overnight trip requests.
3. Recommend approval to accept resignations.
4. Adjourn for Executive Session
Allowed by Gov. Code 551.072 and 551.074.
5. Convene to Open Session
6. Recommend employing personnel.

IX. Statement of Operations:

X. Approval of Bills & Financial Report for the Month of February 2009

XI. Approval of Budget Amendment # 5 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).

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

Superintendent's Report:

Please remember that our March 19, 2009 Regular Board Meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday, March 26, 2009 due to our District's Spring Break. Classes will resume at the regular time on Monday, March 23, 2009.

School will also be dismissed for Good Friday on April 10, 2009. We will have an early Board Meeting in the month of April, the meeting will be on Thursday, April 16, 2009. The end of the 5th six weeks reporting period will be April 17, 2009 and only 6 weeks will remain in the school year for teachers and students.

1. Enrollment

| School | 2007 – 2008 | 2008 – 2009 |
|---------------|-------------|--------------------|
| High School | 311 | 300 |
| Middle School | 266 | 301 |
| Elementary | <u>388</u> | <u>397</u> |
| Total | 965 | 998 |

The week of March 2, 2009 we completed our first round of State TAKS testing for Reading and English Language Arts with the remaining tests to be given in April and May. Mrs. Butler did an excellent job of organizing and preparing our personnel to administer the test. There were no deficiencies in giving the tests and all personnel who helped administer the tests are to be congratulated.

2. School Board Election

Monday, March 9, 2009 was the last day to file for a place on the ballot. The following citizens applied for Position 6 and Position 7 for the Hemphill I.S.D. Board of Trustees.

Position 6 – Welden Elliott

Position 7 – Deborah Halbert and Robert Russell

Remaining election calendar dates:

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

May 5, 2009 – Last day of early voting

May 9, 2009 – School Trustee Election

March 17, 2009 – Draw for place on ballot – 9:00 a.m. at the County Clerk's Office at the Court House.

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

3. School Board Spring Workshop

Please put Monday, May 18, 2009 on your calendar for the Annual Spring School Board Workshop at Stephen F. Austin State University. Registration deadline is Monday, May 11, 2009. Please let Kelli know if you plan to attend.

A copy of the agenda is in backup information No. 3.

4. 2009 – 2010 School Budget

Preliminary budgets from the various departments have been turned in and we are reviewing them at this time. As soon as Sally and I review them with the Principals we will be able to present them to you in a School Board Workshop.

5. Region VII ESC Election

I will have ballots available for you to vote on New Board Members for Region VII.

A copy of the ballot and a biographical sheet on each candidate is in backup information No. 5.

6. Building Projects

(1) Administration Building

I will give an oral progress report at our meeting. At the writing of this report the following items are being worked on and some will be completed by our Board Meeting:

- * Doors and door facings installed
- * Base boards and crown molding to be installed
- * Outside A/C units installed
- * Bathroom, workroom, and kitchen cabinets to be installed
- * Final plumbing work
- * Remainder of carpet to be installed
- * Pouring of sidewalks
- * General touchup and cleanup

(2) Athletic PE Facility

The following items will need to be added to the cost of the facility. As you remember we pulled these items from the bid so we could bid them.

- * 70 Lockers
- * Flooring for weight room
- * Gym Scoreboard
- * Utility tap fees and electrical service

Also, Architect's fees to be added to the cost of the building. Slone Construction bid 260 calendar days for completion of the building. Our Architect said he should have the contract ready by March 12, 2009 and Bonds by March 23, 2009. Their days will tentatively start on March 23, 2009. Allowing for bad weather days we should be able to move into the building by January 1, 2010.

Mr. Carl Loritch will be the Superintendent on the job site representing Slone Construction.

7. Finance

(1) D.A.T.E. Program

We received information from the TEA that we are eligible for an additional \$ 10,851 for Cycle 1 of the District Awards for Teacher Excellence (D.A.T.E.). We did apply for the amended amount. This will give us a total of \$ 75,050 for the program.

(2) FEMA

We have been notified that FEMA deposited an amount of \$ 8,233.50 in our bank depository. This was for damage by Hurricane Ike.

(3) Federal Stimulus

We have not received any funds, but we are suppose to receive \$ 178,000 for Title I supplement funds and \$ 212,000 for IDEA Part B (Special Ed) supplement funds.

(4) Forest Service

We received \$ 225,071.93 from the County which is our share of the Forest Service funds.

Superintendent's Recommendations:

1. Recommend approval of the following personnel to serve on the District Technology Committee.

Sally Butler
Shelli Nichols
Karen Dougherty
Jenny Smith
Monica Butler
Debbie Ener
Marc Griffin
Susan Smith
Paula Pruitt
Janis Speights
Kathy Fitzgerald

2. Recommend approval of student overnight trip requests.

Recommend approval of UIL Academic and One Act Play to Tyler for Regional competition.

A copy of the trip request is in backup information No. 2.

3. Recommend approval to accept resignations.

Recommend we accept resignations from the following personnel:

- (1) Ami James – Shared Services
- (2) Lesley Brooke Stewart – Cafeteria

Please see copies of resignations in backup information No. 3.

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

5. Convene to Open Session

6. Recommend employing personnel.

Recommend employment of the following personnel:

Please see backup information No. 6 for listings of personnel.