

**HEMPHILL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Agenda

Monday, May 19, 2008 – 7:00 p.m. – Administration Building

I. Members Present:

Absent:

II. Invocation:

III. Pledge To The Flag:

IV. Mission Statement:

V. Administer Oath of Office

VI. Reorganization of Board Officers

VII. Visitors And Comments:

VIII. Approval Of Minutes:

1. Regular Board Meeting April 17, 2008
2. Special Board Meeting / Budget Workshop April 28, 2008

IX. Superintendent's Report:

1. School Board Election
2. Enrollment
3. School Board Workshop
4. TASB/TASA Convention
5. School District Heroes
6. Athletic Recognition
7. Building Progress Report
8. Wax Museum
9. Faculty/Retirees Picnic
10. Extended Year Program
11. Faculty Awards Program

X. Superintendent's Recommendations:

1. Recommend renewal of Student Insurance for 2008 – 2009 school year.
2. Recommend adoption of Resolution and Policy on bus idle-free policy.
3. Recommend renewal of Region VII ESC Contracts for 2008 – 2009.
4. Recommend bids for new district intercom system.
5. Adjourn for Executive Session
Allowed by Gov. Code 551.072 and 551.074.
6. Convene to Open Session.
7. Recommend accepting employee resignations.
8. Recommend employing personnel.

XI. Statement of Operations:

**XII. Approval of Bills & Financial Report For The Month Of
April 2008**

**XIII. Approval of Budget Amendment # 5 For The 2007 – 2008
School Year**

XIV. 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:

Just a reminder that we voted to move the May 15, 2008 Board Meeting to May 19, 2008 because of the Spring Board Workshop at SFA on May 15, 2008.

Here we are again, at the end of another school year with only 9 school days remaining for the students and 10 days for the teachers. Baccalaureate Services will be held in our Cafeteria at 6:00 p.m. on May 18, and Graduation Services will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, May 30, 2008 at the Football Stadium.

The annual Athletic Banquet provided by the Athletic Booster Club will be in the Cafeteria at 6:00 p.m. on May 17, 2008.

The Honor Society Induction Ceremony will be May 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria.

The Spring Band Concert will be May 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the New Gym.

Please refer to the Principal's reports and weekly bulletins for the remaining school's activities.

1. School Board Election

Congratulations to Janis Speights and Carolyn Wych for a non-contested School Board Trustee Election and for agreeing to serve another 3 years as School Board Trustees. We appreciate the time and effort all of you put forth working together to provide a quality education for the students in our School District.

2. Enrollment

School	2006 - 2007	2007 - 2008
High School	286	304
Middle School	274	269
Elementary School	<u>391</u>	<u>393</u>
Total	951	966

3. School Board Workshop

The Area School Board Workshop will be held at Stephen F. Austin State University on May 15, 2008 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. A school van will be available for our transportation to SFA. We will meet at 2:15 p.m. at our Transportation Center.

A copy of the program brochure is in backup information No. 3.

4. TASB/TASA Convention

The 48th Annual Texas Association of School Boards Convention will be held at the Dallas Convention Center on September 26 – 28, 2008. Reservations will need to be made very soon. Please let Kelli know if you plan to attend.

5. School District Heroes

A visitor to our campus had a heart attack in our parking lot. Jeff Holland immediately got one of our Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) and our two Nurses, Stacey Barnett and Cecily Bridges administered CPR. The EMTs arrived and helped our Nurses. The EMT transported her to the hospital. Thanks to Marc Griffin, Paula Pruitt, and all other employees who helped in this emergency situation.

6. Athletic Recognition

(1) Logan Merritt will be attending the UIL State Track Meet this weekend and compete in the Discuss Event. Good luck to Logan.

(2) All District Girls Softball

First Team Outfield – Left Field – Kelli Wright

Second Team Infield – Catcher – Brittney Harris

Second Team Outfield – Centerfield – Jana Waller

7. Building Progress Report

The fence has been taken down in front of the New High School and they are removing the dirt and preparing the front for the concrete driveway. They have completed the sidewalks in front of the building. In a few days they will be removing the asphalt in the back of the building.

Trent tells me they will start on the floor tile on Monday, May 12, 2008. They have started installing the ceiling tile. All the lighting looks like it has been completed and it really looks good.

They have started on the plaster columns in front of the building.

They have about completed the data cabling that we approved at last months meeting.

Since our last meeting we have made payment No. 16 for \$150,420.49 and payment No. 17 for \$125,190.90 which leaves us a balance of \$1,313,476.82.

A copy of the Certification Payments is in backup information No. 7.

Also in backup information No. 7 is a copy of a May 1, 2008 Field Observation Report from our Architect.

8. Wax Museum

My first experience visiting the Wax Museum was exciting and very educational. Our Eighth Grade U.S. History Classes did research on fifty-one famous Americans of our early U.S. History. Each student had a table and displayed writings and pictures of each early American they had chosen to represent. Each student dressed as each early American dressed and each student recited from memory many facts about their lives. This was really a learning experience for our students. The bonus for the students was that it all related to the TAKS test.

Congratulations and thanks to Doreen Beall for creating this unique approach to teaching our students and providing our Elementary students the opportunity to attend. This event was held in the gymnasium.

Included in your folder is a program listing of all the participants.

9. Faculty/Retirees Picnic

Our annual Faculty/Retirees Picnic will be May 21, 2008 immediately following school at the Hemphill City Park.

10. Extended Year Program

Summer School for Hemphill students through the 8th grade will begin June 9 and end July 3. The school day will be from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

11. Faculty Awards Program

You are invited to attend the presentation of Service Awards pens to our employees, also recognition of our retiring employees.

On Friday, May 30, 2008, the last day of school, students will be dismissed at 1:15 p.m. Our program will begin at 2:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria.

Superintendent's Recommendations:

1. Recommend renewal of our Student Insurance for the 2008 – 2009 school year.

Recommend we renew our Student Insurance with Brazos Valley Insurance Group for a premium of \$29,713.60 plus Catastrophic coverage for \$1,470.96. A total premium of \$31,184.86 (No increase in premium).

Please see backup information No. 1.

2. Recommend adoption of a Resolution and Policy concerning a bus idle-free policy.

This Resolution and Policy are recommended by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, therefore, I recommend we adopt the Resolution and Board Policy CNB (Local).

The Resolution and Policy are included in backup information No. 2.

3. Recommend renewal of Region VII Education Service Center Contracts for the 2008 – 2009 school year.

Recommend the Region VII ESC Contracts for the 2008 – 2009 school year for a total of \$47,246.00.

Please see detailed list of contracts in backup information No. 3.

4. Recommend bids for new district intercom system.

Provided request for proposals are received by Board Meeting.

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

6. Convene to Open Session

7. Recommend accepting employee resignations.

- (1) Nancy Lay – Middle School Teacher – Effective May 31, 2008
- (2) Cassy Whitsitt – Shared Services Diagnostician – Effective June 13, 2008

Please see backup information No. 7.

8. Recommend employing personnel.

- (1) Josh Chase – Composite Social Studies Teacher/Coach