

**HEMPHILL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Agenda

Tuesday, August 19, 2008 – 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 to Discuss Proposed Budget and Proposed Tax Rate for the 2008 – 2009 School Year

1. A slide presentation and comments by the Superintendent and Business Manager on the Proposed Budget.
 1. Superintendent's Recommendation: Recommend approval of the 2008 – 2009 Hemphill ISD School Budget for a total of \$ 9,298,441.
 2. Discussion of the Proposed Tax Rate for the 2008 – 2009 School Year.
 1. Superintendent's Recommendation: Recommend approving Adoption of the 2008 – 2009 Ordinance No. 12, which sets the Tax Rate at \$ 1.03740 per \$100 of assessed property evaluation.

VII. Approval Of Minutes:

1. Regular Board Meeting July 17, 2008

VIII. Superintendent's Report:

1. Building Progress
2. Texas Association School Boards
3. Ambulance Service
4. Forest Service Revenue
5. TEA Accountability Ratings

IX. Superintendent's Recommendations:

1. Recommend approving a Professional Services Agreement with Goodwin-Lasiter, Inc.
2. Recommend approval of a proposal from the City of Hemphill to abandon the underground primary electrical line on our campus and relocate it on Smith Street at an approximate cost of \$ 10,000 and approval of \$12,842 for material cost for a transformer, transformer pad, all underground primary wire, CT metering set and terminating hardware for the New Field House facility.
3. Recommend approval of the 2008 – 2009 Hemphill ISD's PDAS Appraisal Calendar.
4. Recommend approval of personnel as "District PDAS Appraisers" for the 2008 – 2009 School Year.
5. Recommend approval of a Worker's Comp renewal with TASB.
6. Adjourn for Executive Session
Allowed by Gov. Code 551.072 and 551.074.
7. Convene to Open Session.
8. Recommend accepting employee resignations.
9. Recommend employing personnel.

X. Statement of Operations:

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

XII. Approval of Budget Amendment # 8 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:

Please remember that we changed our August 21, 2008 meeting to August 19, 2008.

School activities have already started with Band, Volleyball, Cheerleading, and Football well underway. Our 2nd Annual Volleyball Tournament is Friday and Saturday (August 15 and 16) in the High School Gym and our first Football scrimmage is in our stadium on Saturday, August 16, 2008, and our second scrimmage in football is in Kountze, August 21, 2008. The first football game is Friday, August 29, 2008 against Garrison here in our stadium.

Please refer to your sports schedules for the many games and events. We have six volleyball teams, four football teams, and a cross country team that participate at the beginning of school.

When you receive this Board Report, Teachers will already be back to work participating in In-Service Training and preparing for the new school year. All Middle School and High School Teachers will be moving to new locations. Fifth and Sixth grade is moving to the Cafeteria Building, Seventh and Eighth grade is going to the Science Building, and High School is moving to the New High School. We think we have allowed enough classroom work time for everyone to make the move and set up their classrooms. There will be some confusion, but we will work through it.

I will have to give you an oral report about the readiness of the New High School at the Board Meeting. At the writing of this report there is too much going on to give you an up-to-date report. Material trucks not showing up, delays for running out of material, corrections to punch lists, trying to complete everything to start school in the New High School Building is a concern at this time. I still think we will make it. Everyone is working very hard to make it happen.

We are still planning the "Building Dedication" Ceremony on August 24, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in the hallway from the Foyer to the Library. The public will enter through the front entrance. We will meet in the Administration Building and enter the New High School from the side walkway to the front of the Library. We will all sit behind the podium facing the audience.

1. Building Progress

(1) New High School

I will give an oral up-to-date report on the status of the building.

We made payment No. 20 to Cox Construction for \$286,555. The remaining balance is \$580,955.17 including retainage fee.

Please see Backup Information No. 1 for Architect's Observation Report and Payment No. 20.

(2) Administration Building Remodeling

Demolition work has been completed in the Homemaking wing.

We are working with the engineer from Goodwin-Lasiter. We have ordered two I Beams (1) W 14 x 48 = 32 feet 8 inches and (2) W 20 x 39 = 22 feet. We had to order a 40 foot length and a 25 foot length. Total cost for beams and 3 ½ inch steel pipe for support is \$2,916.86 with us picking them up at Sampson Steel Corp. in Beaumont.

As soon as we install these beams we should be on our way toward remodeling. In my oral report I hope to be able to say that they are installed.

We have sheet rock and lumber on site to begin remodeling. Everyone is really excited about this project. Our Architect informed me that a New Administration that size would cost in the range of \$1,000,000 to \$1,200,000. He said costs have been going up.

2. Texas Association of School Boards

Just a reminder to you that the TASA/TASB Convention is September 26 – 28, 2008. Contact Kelli if you need to make any changes.

3. Ambulance Service

Stat Care Ambulance Service has been contacted about servicing our football games this year. They said they would service our games as much as possible.

Please see letter in Backup Information No. 3.

4. Forest Service Revenue

The last communication I had from the National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition, on July 22, said Senator Hutchison and Senator Cornyn voted “No” at the last cloture vote on HR6049, the Tax Extender Package. I wrote both Senators asking for their support .

Please see Backup Information No. 4 for letter and communication for National Forest Coalition.

5. TEA Accountability Ratings

High School – Academically Acceptable
Middle School – Recognized
Elementary School – Recognized

A final report called Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) will be sent to us in October which will include School Report Cards and Gold Performance Acknowledgements for high performance on a number of indicators. The AEIS Report will be presented at the November Board Meeting.

Superintendent's Recommendations:

1. Recommend approval of a Professional Services Agreement Amendment with Goodwin-Lasiter, Inc.

This recommendation amends our contract dated August 19, 2005 to include the addition of the Field House and Gymnasium for their professional services.

An amendment letter and a copy of the Contract is included in Backup Information No. 1.

2. Recommend approval of a proposal from the City of Hemphill to abandon the underground primary electrical line on our campus and relocate it on Smith Street at an approximate cost of \$10,000 and approval of \$12,842 for material cost for a transformer, transformer pad, all underground primary wire, CT metering set and terminating hardware for the New Field House facility.

Letters from Don Iles are included in Backup Information No. 2.

3. Recommend approval of the 2008 – 2009 Hemphill ISD's PDAS Appraisal Calendar.

Please see calendar in Backup Information No. 3.

4. Recommend approval of personnel as "District PDAS Appraisers" for the 2008 – 2009 school year.

- (1) Marc Griffin
- (2) Paula Pruitt
- (3) Susan Smith
- (4) Monica Butler

5. Recommend approval of a Worker's Comp renewal with TASB.

Please see 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 accepting employee resignations.

- (1) Stephanie Johnson – Theatre Arts Teacher – Effective August 1, 2008
- (2) Debbie Cassidy - Bus Driver – Effective August 7, 2008

9. Recommend employing personnel.

- (1) Ryan Angell – Theatre Arts Teacher
- (2) Russell Fuller – 5th Grade Math Teacher