

**HEMPHILL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Agenda

Tuesday, October 21, 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. Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss School FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) Rating.

VII. Approval Of Minutes:

1. Regular Board Meeting September 23, 2008

VIII. Superintendent's Report:

1. Enrollment
2. Hurricane Ike
3. Generator
4. D.A.T.E.
5. Secure Rural Schools and Communities Act
6. Building Progress

IX. Superintendent's Recommendations:

1. Recommend approval of Terracon Consulting to perform geotechnical study for New Field House and Gymnasium.
2. Recommend approval of purchasing electronic marquee.
3. Recommend approval of purchasing a school bus.
4. Recommend approval of student overnight trip requests.
5. Recommend approval of J.C. Lewis Construction to repair roof damage from Hurricane to the New High School.
6. Adjourn for Executive Session
Allowed by Gov. Code 551.072 and 551.074.
7. Convene to Open Session.
8. Recommend accepting resignations.
9. Recommend employing personnel.

X. Statement of Operations:

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

XII. Approval of Budget Amendment # 1 for the 2008 – 2009 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

Amended 10/17/2008

Superintendent's Report:

Please remember that our monthly Board Meeting was changed to Tuesday, October 21, 2008. Our first six weeks reporting period ended on October 3, with report cards going home on October 9. We are well into the second six weeks reporting period with it ending on November 14.

1. Enrollment

School	Sept 07 – 08	Sept 08 – 09	Evacuees
High School	313	317	12
Middle School	249	314	4
Elementary	<u>390</u>	<u>379</u>	<u>4</u>
Total	952	1010	20

2. Hurricane Ike

FEMA officials reviewed the damage on our campus and made the following preliminary estimates of damage:

(1) Schools equipment used and man hours	626.00
(2) Repair roof on New Gym	4,000.00
(3) Repair roof on Old Gym	1,000.00
(4) Repair back stop on practice field	1,500.00
(5) Repair roof on New High School	13,000.00
(6) Repair lights at Softball Field – 4 poles	4,000.00
(7) Repair lights at Baseball Field – 3 poles	3,000.00
(8) Repair lights at Football Field – 2 lights	500.00
(9) Repair scoreboard at Football Field	1,000.00
(10) Check scoreboards at Baseball & Softball Fields	500.00
(11) Repair or replace Baseball Field – Outfield Fence	25,000.00
(12) Check bus routes	250.00
(13) Repair roof on Science Building	70.00
(14) New Gym paint damage	<u>400.00</u>
Total (Estimate)	54,846.00

An application was made to FEMA for final approval of damage estimates.

3. Generator

Sheriff Maddox secured six diesel generators for the County Schools and other entities in the County from Army Surplus. This generator will run our Cafeteria freezer and cooler in an emergency. It is a 60 kw diesel self contained on a trailer.

4. D.A.T.E.

We are still negotiating with TEA for our District Awards for Teacher Excellence Program. Hopefully we will be approved very soon. After final approval we will present it to our District Site Based Committee again. TEA has required us to make a number of changes to our original program.

5. Secure Rural Schools and Communities Act

As you probably know by now that this bill was included in the Tax Extender Financial Stimulus Package that the President signed on October 3.

In backup information No. 5, is a fax from the National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition explaining the payments under the Act.

6. Building Progress

(1) High School

Mrs. Cox will be here at our meeting to discuss the final punch list and finalizing everything on the building. She said Roger Gay was supposed to finish the corners on the front of the building and the metal people were going to do something about the panel on the front of the building that we are not happy with, also install molding under the front entrance roof. They will do this when they repair the damage by the Hurricane. They did change out the lavatories in the restrooms and they really look good.

Payment No. 21 was paid to Cox Contractors for \$ 99,799.74. Balance to finish the job, including retainage is \$ 481,155.43 (retainage \$ 230,107.92). A copy of the payment is in backup information No. 6 (1).

I have been told that it will be from one to two years before a grant will be approved to resurface Smith Street, therefore, I asked Mr. Cassidy to get some yellow crosswalks painted on Smith Street for students to get to the student parking lot, also Mr. Iles will request the City Council to approve some 15 mph speed signs to be placed on Smith Street.

I would like to discuss a future “Commons Area” for the High School Students.

(2) Administration Building

The windows should be ready for installation very soon. Once the windows are installed progress should really be noticed. We are making progress preparing for sheet rock installation, additional walls, door frames, electrical wiring and etc. I am proud of our people for the work they are doing.

(3) Field House

I will have a set of preliminary plans for your review at the Board Meeting. Several areas need to be discussed such as: lockers, flooring for weight room, flooring for gymnasium, bleachers, air conditioning, restrooms, etc.

(4) Shared Services House

The house has been moved. Mr. Dickerson is supposed to clean up the area. With your approval, I would like to go ahead and clear the trees around the area and level the entire area. We could take bids for bulldozer work. The work could begin immediately after football season and would not affect the car parking. We could also clear the Brown property for future use.

Superintendent's Recommendations:

1. Recommend approval of Terracon Consulting to perform geotechnical study for New Field House and Gymnasium.

Recommend Terracon Consulting Engineers & Scientists to perform a geotechnical engineering study for the New Field House and Gymnasium for a contract amount of \$ 4,350.00. The proposal was requested by Goodwin-Lasiter. A copy of the proposal and contract are in backup information No. 1.

2. Recommend approval of purchasing electronic marquee.

Recommend purchasing an electronic marquee from Spectrum Corporation for a cost of \$ 25,804.00. A copy of the bids and picture of the marquee are in backup information No. 2.

3. Recommend approval of purchasing a school bus.

Recommend purchasing an International School Bus from Longhorn Bus Sales for a cost of \$ 78,723.00. We are still working toward a fleet of Internationals. Bids and description of bus are in backup information No. 3.

4. Recommend approval of student overnight trip requests.

Recommend Varsity Girls Basketball Team to go to Conroe High School Basketball Tournament November 13 – 15, 2008. Coach Mays' trip request is in backup information No. 4.

5. Recommend approval of J.C. Lewis Construction to repair roof damage from Hurricane to the New High School.

J.C. Lewis Construction LLC has turned in a proposal for repairs to roof damage from the Hurricane to the New High School for \$ 13,800.00.

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

7. Convene to Open Session

8. Recommend accepting resignations.

9. Recommend employing personnel.

- (1) Josh Bennett – Bus Driver
- (2) Paula Schexnider – Middle School Dyslexia

Please see backup information No. 8 (1) and 8 (2).