

**AGENDA**  
**PALESTINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Palestine ISD Administrative Offices Board Room**  
**Thursday, January 23, 2020**  
**CLOSED SESSION**  
**6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.**

**Closed Session will be held from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.**

**The Regular Meeting that includes Recognition of Students will begin at 7:00 p.m.**  
**(Note: See page 3 for Regular Meeting Agenda)**

**Call Closed Session to order by President Bennett**  
**The Board will Convene into Closed Session for discussion of the following items:**

The Board of Trustees will convene in closed session to discuss matters authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001 et. seq., including, but not limited to the following sections and purposes:

- A. Discussion of Performance of District Administrators.
- B. Discussion of Youth Sports Program.
- C. Discussion of Property for Sale on Ben Milam Street.
- D. Discussion of Superintendent Evaluation.
- E. Discussion of Superintendent Contract.
- F. Discussion for the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.071)
- G. Discussion of purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.072)
- H. Discussion of prospective gift or donation to the District if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the Board's position in negotiations with a third person. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.073)
- I. Discussing personnel or to hear complaints against personnel. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.074)
- J. Investments. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.075)
- K. Considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.076)

- L. Considering discipline of a public school child, or complaint or charge against personnel. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.082)
- M. Considering the standards, guidelines, terms, or conditions the board will follow, or will instruct its representatives to follow, in consultation with representatives of employee groups. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.083)
- N. Excluding witnesses from a hearing. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.084)
- O. Telephone consultation with the Board's attorney. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.129)
- P. Discussion or adoption of individual assessment instruments or assessment instrument items. (Education Code Sect. 39.030(a))

The Board of Trustees will reconvene in open session for action to be taken on closed session items.

# Agenda of Regular Meeting

## The Board of Trustees Palestine ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Palestine ISD will be held January 23, 2020, at 7:00 PM in the Palestine ISD Administrative Offices Board Room, 1007 East Park Avenue, Palestine, Texas 75801.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

### 1. ROUTINE BUSINESS

- A. Call Regular Meeting to Order by President Michael Bennett
- B. First Order of Business - Announcement by the Chairman as to the presence of a quorum, that the meeting has been duly called and that notice of the meeting has been posted in the time and manner required.
- C. Invocation - Reverend David Adler of Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church
- D. Pledges of Allegiance - A.M. Story Intermediate Students
- E. Spotlight
  - 1. Recognition of "Junior Rotarians"
    - a. Allison Byrd and Jeff Renteria
  - 2. Recognition of PHS Students of the Month
    - a. Jacqueline Gonzalez and Giovanni Garcia
  - 3. Recognition of Palestine ISD Board of Trustees in Observance of School Board Appreciation Month

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

The public comment portion of each board meeting shall be used as a forum for the public or employees to present items of information to the Board of Education. We are doing this to be responsive to the community. Due to the confidentiality provision contained in the Texas Public Information Act, Family Education Rights to Privacy Act and other state and federal laws, no speaker will be allowed to demean employees of the school district or discuss students. Each speaker that is recognized shall limit the presentation to five minutes. A delegation of three or more persons shall appoint one person to present their view to the Board. Due to a possible violation of the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Board shall make no response.

### 3. CLOSED MEETING STATEMENT

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, TX. GOV'T CODE, CHAPTER 551.146, 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. ALL FINAL VOTES, ACTIONS, OR DECISIONS WILL BE TAKEN IN OPEN MEETING.

**4. PERSONNEL**

- A. Consider Superintendent's Evaluation
- B. Consider Superintendent's Contract
- C. Consider Hiring of Professional Personnel

**5. DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS SERVICES/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

- A. Financial Report
- B. Consider Approval of Financial Audit for Year Ending August 31, 2019
- C. Consider and Possible Action Authorizing the Superintendent to Negotiate Purchase of Real Property on Ben Milam Street

**6. CONSENT ITEMS**

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 16, 2019
- B. Bills Paid for December, 2019
- C. Financial Report
- D. Monthly Investment Report
- E. Tax Collection Report
- F. Donations
- G. 2019-2020 District Improvement Plan
- H. 2019-2020 Campus Improvement Plans
  - I. 2020-2021 Cheerleading Constitution
  - J. 2020-2021 Drill Team Constitution
- K. Out of State Trip for PHS Band
- L. Adoption of Prevailing Wage Rate for Construction

**7. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES**

- A. Public Hearing to discuss Palestine ISD 2018-2019 Texas Academic Performance Report
- B. First Read of 2019-2020 District Calendar
- C. First Read of PHS Course Guide and GPA Changes for 2020-2021

**8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

A. Enrollment Report

B. Calendar of Events

C. TASA Midwinter Conference - Austin, Texas - January 26-29, 2020

D. Adjustments for February School Board Meeting Dates

1. Called Meeting: Monday, February 10, 2020

2. Regular Meeting Date Change - Possible Dates: Thursday, February 20, 2020  
or Monday, February 24, 2020

E. Spring 2020 Election Update

F. Any Other Updates

9. **ADJOURNMENT**