

**AGENDA**  
**PALESTINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Palestine ISD Administrative Offices Board Room**  
**Tuesday, May 13, 2014**  
**6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.**

Call to order by President Hobbs

**Closed Session**

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 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)
- B. Discussion of purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.072)
- C. 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)
- D. Discussing personnel or to hear complaints against personnel. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.074)
- E. Investments. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.075)
- F. Considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.076)
- G. Considering discipline of a public school child, or complaint or charge against personnel. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.082)
- H. 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)
- I. Excluding witnesses from a hearing. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.084)
- J. Telephone consultation with the Board's attorney. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.129)
- K. 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 May 13, 2014, beginning 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 to Order by President Hobbs
- 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 Jordan Byrd - First Christian Church
- D. Pledges of Allegiance - Northside Primary
- E. Spotlight
  - 1. Recognition of Palestine High School One-Act Play Cast & Crew
  - 2. Recognition of Wildcat Weekly Producers
  - 3. Recognition of Palestine High School Anderson County Livestock Show Participants
  - 4. Recognition of "Junior Rotarians" for the Month
    - a. Danielle Harroff and Ja'Darius Jackson
  - 5. Recognition of PHS Students of the Month
    - a. Dennishia Smith and Jorge Serralde

### **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 five 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, 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. THE HONORABLE JUDGE JEFF DORAN WILL ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS**

**5. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS**

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

A. Financial Report

B. Update Regarding Purchase of Property Located at 131 Ben Milam, Palestine, Texas 75801

C. Consider and Authorize the Administration to Develop and Publish Requests for Qualifications for Tax Collection Legal Services

**7. CONSENT ITEMS**

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 21, 2014

B. Bills Paid for April, 2014

C. Financial Report

D. Monthly Investment Report

E. Tax Collection Report

F. Budget Amendments

G. Donations

H. Submission of Federal Grants Application for 2014-2015

I. June, 2014 Administration of Credit by Exam

**8. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES**

A. Report on LAUNCH, Gifted & Talented, and STEAM Programs

**9. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

A. Consider Approval of Policy Update 99, Affecting Local Policies:

BDD(LOCAL): Board Internal Organization - Attorney

BP(LOCAL): Administrative Regulations

CFEA(LOCAL): Payroll Procedures - Salary Deductions and Reductions  
CK(LOCAL): Safety Program/Risk Management  
DAC(LOCAL): Employment Objectives - Objective Criteria for Personnel  
Decisions  
EHDC(LOCAL): Alternative Methods for Earning Credit - Credit by  
Examination Without Prior Instruction  
FFF(LOCAL): Student Welfare - Student Safety  
FFH(LOCAL): Student Welfare - Freedom from Discrimination,  
Harassment, and Retaliation

**10. PERSONNEL**

A. Consider Approval of Hiring Professional Personnel

**11. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

A. End of Year Activities

1. Employee Appreciation Banquet
2. Baccalaureate
3. Graduation

B. Summer Activities Schedule

C. Summer Board Training

D. Any Other Updates

**12. ADJOURNMENT**