

AGENDA
PALESTINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Palestine ISD Administrative Offices Board Room
December 16, 2013
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 of Superintendent Evaluation Instrument.
- B. 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)
- C. Discussion of purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.072)
- D. 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)
- E. Discussing personnel or to hear complaints against personnel. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.074)
- F. Investments. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.075)
- G. Considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.076)
- H. Considering discipline of a public school child, or complaint or charge against personnel. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.082)
- I. 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)
- J. Excluding witnesses from a hearing. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.084)
- K. Telephone consultation with the Board's attorney. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.129)
- L. 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 December 16, 2013, 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 Meeting to Order
- 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 - Msgr. Zacharias Kunnakkattuthara - Sacred Heart Catholic Church
- D. Pledges of Allegiance - Northside Primary Students
- E. Spotlight
 - 1. Recognition of Palestine High School "Junior Rotarians" for the Month
 - a. Arika Shook and Luis Delgado
 - 2. Recognition of Palestine High School Students of the Month
 - a. Breanna Jackson and Nathan McEwen
 - 3. Recognition of Palestine High School Cosmetology Department

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 551.146, 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. DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS SERVICES/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

A. Financial Report

B. Report on Campus Drug Dog Visits

5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2012-2013 FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT BY SMITH, LAMBRIGHT, AND ASSOCIATES, P.C.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 18, 2013

B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 18, 2013

C. Bills Paid for November, 2013

D. Financial Report

E. Monthly Investment Report

F. Tax Collection Report

G. Budget Amendments

H. Donations

I. Contribution to Texas Taxpayer & Student Fairness Coalition

7. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

A. Report from Palestine High School Students on Wildcat Acres

B. Fall Academic Report

8. PERSONNEL

A. Consider Approval of Hiring Professional Personnel

9. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Discuss District Facilities and Demographics Study

B. Consider Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Grace United Methodist Church

C. Announcement of Board of Trustees Continuing Education Credit

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Enrollment Report

B. Palestine ISD Year in Review Update

C. Calendar of Events

D. Christmas Holiday Shutdown

E. Any Other Updates

11. ADJOURNMENT