

**AGENDA**  
**PALESTINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES BOARD ROOM**  
**July 18, 2011**  
**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. 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.

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**7:00 PM**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Palestine Independent School District will be held on July 18, 2011, 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 as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

**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 - Msgr. Zacharias Kunnakkattuthara - Sacred Heart Catholic Church
- D. Pledges of Allegiance

**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. **CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

5. **DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS SERVICES**

- A. Financial Update
- B. 2011-2012 Budget Information

6. **CONSENT ITEMS**

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 13, 2011
- B. Minutes of the Called Meeting of June 14, 2011
- C. Minutes of the Called Meeting of June 20, 2011
- D. Minutes of the Called Meeting of June 21, 2011
- E. Minutes of the Called Meeting of June 22, 2011
- F. Minutes of the Called Meeting of June 27, 2011
- G. Bills Paid for June, 2011
- H. Financial Report
  - I. Monthly Investment Report
  - J. Tax Collection Report
- K. Budget Amendments
- L. Donations

7. **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

- A. Consider Approval of Policy Update 90, Affecting Local Policies
  - BBD (Local):** Board Members - Training and Orientation
  - BBI (Local):** Board Members - Technology Resources and Electronic Communications
  - CQ (Local):** Technology Resources
  - CY (Local):** Intellectual Property
  - EFE (Local):** Instructional Resources - Copyrighted Material
  - EI (Local):** Academic Achievement
  - FMH (Local):** Student Activities - Commencement
  - FNC (Local):** Student Rights and Responsibilities - Student Conduct
  - FNCE (Local):** Student Conduct - Personal Telecommunications/Electronic Devices
- B. Consider Approval of Teacher Shortage Area Stipends for 2011-2012
- C. Consider Adoption of 2011-2012 Student Code of Conduct
- D. Consider Adoption of 2011-2012 Student Handbooks

8. **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES**

- A. Professional Development Plan for 2011-2012
- B. PHS Laptop Handbook

- C. 2011-2012 Grading Procedures
- D. 2011-2012 Homework Procedures
- E. Consider Approval of 2011-2012 Early Reading Standards Plan
- F. Consider Approval of 2011-2012 Gifted & Talented Plan
- G. Consider Approval of 2011-2012 Bilingual Plan
- H. Consider Adoption of 2011-2012 District Improvement Plan
- I. 2010-2011 TAKS Report

**9. PERSONNEL**

- A. Consider Approval of Hiring Professional Personnel
- B. Consider Approval of Compensation for Non-Working Days for Superintendent

**10. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Board of Trustees Calendar for 2011-2012

**11. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- A. Arts and Science Initiative
- B. Nurse Position

**12. ADJOURNMENT**