



BOARD NOTES

A Summary of the October 19, 2020 Palestine ISD Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Palestine Independent School District held a Regular Meeting on October 19, 2020 at 12:00 PM, at the Palestine ISD Administration Office, located at 1007 East Park Avenue, Palestine, Texas 75801.

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by President Kurt Herrington at 12:01 PM.

Closed Session

The Board approved to adjourn into Executive Session at 12:04 PM pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections §551.074 and §551.0821, for a Level III Parent Complaint Hearing.

Reconvene in Open Session

The Board approved to affirm the decision of the Administration and deny a grievance appeal and the relief requested.

Spotlight

Recognition of students that received the honor of being named Junior Rotarians and Students of the Month was tabled. The students will be recognized during the November regular school board meeting.

Public Comment

There were no requests for public comment.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Jason Marshall reported on the following:

- **COVID-19/In-Person & At-Home Learning Update**
(Supt. Marshall informed that the Palestine High School campus would be closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic from November 12, 2020 and the plan was to reopen on Monday, November 30, 2020. All other campuses are being monitored for the possible need to close, but at this time no campuses were expected to close in the coming weeks. Supt. Marshall complimented the district's football program for having made it through the season and playoffs with no players having to quarantine due to COVID.)
- **Student Enrollment as of November 12, 2020: 3,405**
(November, 2019 Enrollment: 3,440)
- **Extracurricular Activities** (Volleyball 3rd place in District/in playoffs, Football in playoffs. District Cross Country and Tennis will compete in Bi-District competition.)
- **General Election on November 3, 2020** (Washington ECC, PHS, and PISD Administration Office will be utilized as polling locations.)

Financial Report

David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer, presented a Financial Report regarding the following:

- COVID-19 expenditures incurred by the district at this point are approximately \$1.2 million. District expects to receive a reimbursement of approximately ½ million. The district may receive further reimbursements in the future through other programs.
- Tax collections lagged during spring and summer 2020. Tax Collections increased by the end of the fiscal year (August, 2020).

Consent Items Approved

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 21, 2020
- B. Minutes of the Called Meeting of October 6, 2020
- C. Bills paid for September, 2020
- D. Financial Report
- E. Monthly Investment Report
- F. Tax Collection Report
- G. Report on Delinquent Property Tax Collections from McCreary, Veselka, Bragg, & Allen, P.C., Attorneys at Law
- H. Donations
 - PHS Fishing Team
 - \$250 from Brett Weisenburn of State Farm Insurance
 - \$250 from Commercial Bank of Texas
- I. Phase 2 Band Instruments (\$70,000/Tarpley Music Company)

Personnel Approved

- 1) Richey, Angela 6th Grade A.M. Story Intermediate

Superintendent Jason Marshall accepted the resignations of Tara Liljequist and Mendall Rogers.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM.