



BOARD NOTES

A Summary of the September 18, 2018 Palestine ISD Board of Trustees Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM

Pledges

Barbara Dutton, Northside Primary principal, introduced Cammie Womack, Northside LAUNCH class teacher and her students. The students led pledges to the American and Texas flags.

Spotlight – Palestine High School Junior Rotarians

Christina Barrientez and Tony Guzman were recognized for being selected to serve as Junior Rotarians for the month of September. Rachel Nolan, PHS teacher, introduced Christina and shared her accomplishments. Tony Guzman was not present at the meeting. A certificate of accomplishment was presented to each student.

Spotlight - Palestine High School Students of the Month

Nick Dominguez and Alexis Kiser were recognized for being selected to serve as Junior Rotarians for the month of September. Kathleen Brown, PHS teacher, introduced the students and shared their accomplishments. Each student was presented a plaque.

Public Comment

Paula Moore, PHS parent, spoke regarding PISD Fine Arts Program and requested additional financial and administrative support for fine arts.

Financial Report

David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer, presented a financial report. He informed that the district had received approximately 100% of 2017-2018 tax collections, and that the budget had opened for the 2018-2019 school year.

Consent Items Approved

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 20, 2018
- Bills paid for August, 2018
- Financial Report
- Monthly Investment Report
- Tax Collection Report
- Donations

Northside Primary

Supplies for students valued at approximately \$100.00 from First United Methodist Church

Southside Elementary

Supplies for students valued at approximately \$100.00 from First United Methodist Church

Supplies for students valued at approximately \$500.00 from Willow Creek Chiropractic Wellness
Palestine High School

\$250.00 from Harris Building Company to benefit PHS Fishing Team

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\$250.00 from Little Mexico to benefit PHS Fishing Team

\$250.00 from Boral Concrete Products to benefit PHS Fishing Team

\$250.00 from Voltage Vapor Shop to benefit PHS Fishing Team

Palestine ISD

\$833.33 from Big T's Buddies Autism Support Network and Golden Circle Special Needs Association to benefit PISD Life Skills classes

\$1,000.00 from Cliff and Nita Johnson to benefit Wildcat Golf Course

- 2019 Anderson County Central Appraisal District Approved Budget

Personnel Approved

Jones, Jennifer

Ag Science

Palestine High School

Nixon, Angela

TACE Site Coordinator

A.M. Story Intermediate

Taylor, Brandy

Family Engagement Specialist/CCLC Grant

Superintendent Jason Marshall accepted the resignation of Lindsey Burton.

Policy Update 111

Suzanne Eiben, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, presented Policy Update 111 information related to the following local policies and the Board approved revisions to the policies as presented:

BBD:Board Members-Training and Orientation

CAA:Fiscal Management Goals and Objectives-Financial Ethics

CJA: Contracted Services-Criminal History

DHE: Employee Standards of Conduct-Searches and Alcohol/Drug Testing

DI: Employee Welfare

FEA:Attendance-Compulsory Attendance

Policy FNCE (Local)

Suzanne Eiben, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, informed that due to recent interest in listening devices and GPS locators by parents for addressing safety for students with disabilities, a revision to Policy FNCE was recommended in order to provide guidance on use of such devices on campus and at school-sponsored events. The section "Student-Tracking Safety Devices" requires that such devices with recording or listen-in capability are disabled while the device is on campus because of student privacy concerns. The Board approved the revision to Policy FNCE (Local) as recommended.

School Safety Update

Dr. William Stewart, Director of School Safety, presented an update on the district's plans for school safety. Dr. Stewart shared that he would be attending the TASB School Safety Summit and Emergency Operations Plan training, drug dog searches and safety drills had been held at each campus, substitute teachers were being given safety information prior to going into classrooms. Results of the Texas School Safety Center audit of the district would be shared at an upcoming board meeting, and the district will utilize safety audit information to ensure the safety of students and staff. Board members discussed the information and Trustee Ingram asked what age students were permitted to walk alone at school.

Dr. Stewart responded to Mrs. Ingram's question that students being permitted to walk unattended varied by campus and by age, and Superintendent Marshall added that discussion was needed to ensure students are supervised appropriately when not in the classroom with their teacher.

Texas Education Human Resources Day

The Board adopted a resolution that October 10, 2018 be observed as Texas Education Human Resources Day throughout the district.

2009 Bonds Construction Settlement (Phase 1)

Superintendent Marshall shared information regarding a lawsuit stemming from the district's 2009 Construction Bonds for which Gravely & Pearson was representing the district. Mr. Marshall explained that the lawsuit would be settled in two phases; and that the district had reached a settlement for the first portion (Phase 1) of the lawsuit for construction defects at Palestine High School, and that Board approval of the Phase 1 settlement was required.

The Board of Trustees approved to authorize Superintendent Marshall, as representative of Palestine ISD, to execute any and all subsequent release and settlement documents as may be appropriate and necessary to finalize any settlement, and to authorize Gravely & Pearson, L.L.P., as litigation counsel of record for Palestine ISD, to execute and file all motions and orders to dismiss or nonsuit pleadings as may be appropriate and necessary to remove the pending litigation matter from the court's docket.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Marshall reported on the following:

- Student Enrollment: 3,397 as of September 17, 2018
- Calendar of Upcoming Events given to Board Members
- Homecoming Football Game: Friday, September 21, 2018
- Plans for upcoming Texas Legislative Session

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.