



# BOARD NOTES

## **A Summary of the May 20, 2019 Palestine ISD Board of Trustees Meeting**

Pledges to the American and Texas flags were recited.

Leslie Hooe, PISD Choir Director, led PHS Choir members in singing The National Anthem. Mrs. Hooe introduced choir members and shared the following 2018-19 accomplishments for junior high and high school choir:

September 2018 3 of 13 PHS choir members (Allyson Byrd, Emyalyn Nicholson, and Abby Berwanger) competed at Region 21 All-Region and advanced to Pre Area Competition. 8 of 20 PJHS choir members (Mary Ellie Homann 20<sup>th</sup> chair, Rachael Oldham 11<sup>th</sup> chair, Natale Middleton 19<sup>th</sup> chair, Emma Morris 21<sup>st</sup> chair, Alexia Collins 25<sup>th</sup> chair, Damian DelaCruz 4<sup>th</sup> chair, D'Marcus Polk 7<sup>th</sup> chair, and Uriel Castillo 9<sup>th</sup> chair) competed at Region 21 Middle School All-Region Choir Contest and advanced to sing in the Region 21 All-Region Choir.

February 2019 21 PHS choir members and 2 PJHS choir members competed at the UIL Vocal Solo & Ensemble contest. 11 students earned Superior ratings and 5 students earned Excellent ratings. 8 students (Allyson Byrd, Abby Berwanger, Joy Ruffin, Wesley Smith, Kemper Clamon, Emalyn Nicholson, Kinsley Ward, and Katie Wheat) will compete at Texas State Solo & Ensemble Competition in June, 2019. 12 PJHS choir members competed at Junior High Solo & Ensemble Contest. Damian De La Cruz, Andrew Miller, Aiden Nicholson, DeMarcus Polk, and Luke Webb scored Superior ratings on their solos. Brandey Hearn scores Excellent on her solo performance. Alexis Collins, Lanya Cottman, Maria Lopez, Rachael Oldham, and Kitrina Sutton earned Excellent ratings on their high school level ensemble.

### **Oath of Office**

The Honorable Judge Jeff Doran administered the oath of office to the following board members, who were re-elected at the May 4, 2019 Trustee Election:

Kurt Herrington, Place 3 (Unopposed/Re-elected for Three Year Term)

Jeffrey Kyle Schwab, Place 4 (Unopposed/Re-elected for Three Year Term)

Davi Killion Ingram, Place 5 (Opposed by Tanya Jordan/Davi Ingram Re-elected for Three Year Term)

### **Officer Election**

The following board members were elected to serve as officers for 2019-20:

Michael Bennett, President

Kurt Herrington, Vice President

Stanley Sokolowski, Secretary

## **Spotlight**

Superintendent Jason Marshall introduced the spotlight portion of the meeting and the following students, staff, and community members were recognized:

### **Palestine Toyota**

Stephen Cooksey, PHS Principal, introduced Chuck Eldridge, General Manager of Palestine Toyota, and recognized Mr. Eldridge and the car dealership for providing a perfect attendance program for PHS seniors. Mr. Eldridge thanked the district for students being able to participate in the Palestine Toyota perfect attendance program. Alexis Kiser was the winner of the new Toyota car in May, 2019.

### **TVCC Graduates**

Carol Pendland, Math Instructor for Trinity Valley Community College, presented the following students with their Associate's Degree diploma they earned from TVCC during high school: Malick Absy, Mary Arigbabu, Cristina Barrientez, Seth Blackwell, Stephanie Cruz, Nicolas Dominguez, Raheal Egbe, Jesus Omar Garcia, Jr., Chanylla Gibson, Dilexi Herrera, Alexis Kiser, Josiah Klingsporn, Bryston Lewis, Antonio Mancilla, Roberto Martinez, Lillian Nolan, Israel Pouncy, Salma Ruiz, Allison Sanchez, Alexander Shiller, Hayden Sokolowski, Citlali Soto, Alan Stedman, Adrian Villalobos, Brantley Warren, and Desirae Yarbrough.

### **UIL Academics**

Kathleen Brown, PHS Science Teacher and UIL Academic Sponsor, introduced students who qualified at UIL 19-4A District Academic competition to advance to Regional competition and students who competed at the State competition in spring 2019:

#### District Competition

- Current Issues and Events: District 1<sup>st</sup> place coached by Richard Sylvester  
Team Members: Alex Shiller 1<sup>st</sup> place, Ethan Savarese 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Taylor Kelly 4<sup>th</sup> place, and Alexis Kiser 5<sup>th</sup> place.
- Number Sense: District 2<sup>nd</sup> place coached by Rachel Nolan  
Team Members: Noah Alexander 1<sup>st</sup> place, and Tyler Nguyen 6<sup>th</sup> place.
- Calculator Application: District 1<sup>st</sup> place coached by Janice Magee  
Team Members: Justin McGuire 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Mikayla Belyew 4<sup>th</sup> place, and Monica Ferretiz 5<sup>th</sup> place.
- Science: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team Members: Grant Shiller 1<sup>st</sup> place/Top Biology Scorer/Chemistry Alternate, Alex Shiller 2<sup>nd</sup> place/Biology Alternate, Noah Alexander 4<sup>th</sup> place/Top Chemistry Scorer, and Alexis Kiser 6<sup>th</sup> place
- Journalism: Coached by Carrie McComas  
Mary Agibabu 3<sup>rd</sup> place in editorial writing
- Math: District 1<sup>st</sup> place coached by Rachel Nolan  
Team Members: Noah Alexander 1<sup>st</sup> place, Monica Ferretiz 4<sup>th</sup> place, Justin McGuire 5<sup>th</sup> place, and Heather Moore 10<sup>th</sup> place
- Lincoln Douglas Debate: Champion Team Coached by Kathleen Brown  
Team Members: Nicolas Dominguez 1<sup>st</sup> place, Ashley Kiser 3<sup>rd</sup> place, and Taylor Kelly 5<sup>th</sup> place
- Informative Speaking: Coached by Kathleen Brown  
Team Members: Nicolas Dominguez 1<sup>st</sup> place, and Taylor Kelly 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- Persuasive Speaking: Coached by Kathleen Brown  
Team Members: Ashley Kiser 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- Computer Science: District 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team Coached by Tommy Thigpen  
Colton Croft 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Ben Meas 3<sup>rd</sup> place

#### Regional Competition

- Informative Speaking: Nicolas Dominguez 2<sup>nd</sup> place/advanced to State

## **Robotics**

Joseph Baker, PHS Robotics Instructor, introduced PHS Robotics team members; Jonathan Ramirez, DeMario Clewis-Jones, Colton Croft, who qualified for the US National Robotics Championships.

## **Athletics**

Robby Clark, PISD Athletic Director, introduced Golf, Tennis, Track, Soccer, and Baseball coaches who introduced team members and shared highlights from the 2018-2019 sports season.

### **Golf - Coach Michael Dear**

The Varsity Boys' Golf Team placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Wildcat Invitational, 2<sup>nd</sup> in District competition, and advanced to Regional competition.

### **Tennis - Coach Scott Tyler**

The Tennis Team won both Boys and Girls District titles. Individual and Team accomplishments: Monique Ybarra (Girls Singles 1<sup>st</sup> place); D'Michael Bellfield and Noel Pouncy (Boys Doubles 1<sup>st</sup> place team); Bryston Lewis and Salvador Castillo (Boys Doubles 2<sup>nd</sup> place team); Seth Sheeley and Cassidy Lupo (Mixed Doubles 2<sup>nd</sup> place team and Regional Quarterfinalists); Alex Shiller and Camryn Lupo (Mixed Doubles Gold). 10 players advanced to Regional competition. 3 players (Monique Ybarra, Alex Shiller, and Camryn Lupo) advanced to State competition.

### **Boys' Track - Coach Darold Turner**

District Boys' Track Varsity Team won the District Championship for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year, finished 12<sup>th</sup> at Regionals, and qualified for Area.

Regional Track & Field Meet Ahmad Deckard (Long Jump - 5<sup>th</sup> place);

Team of Jeremiah Davis, Kobey Taylor, Tyler Hunt, and Quintin Cook (4 x 100 Meter Relay - 6<sup>th</sup> place);

Grant Attaway (800 Meter and Pole Vault - 12<sup>th</sup> place); Kobey Taylor (100 Meter - 6<sup>th</sup> place);

Marquis Thompson (Triple Jump and 300 Meter Hurdles - 9<sup>th</sup> Place);

Armando Gante (1600 Meter - 12<sup>th</sup> place)

### **Girls' Track - Coach Janae Evans**

District Savanna Harris (Pole Vault, 800 Meter Run, 4x400 Meter Relay); Rylie Moore (Pole Vault);

Elisha Turner (Triple Jump, 4x100 Meter Relay, 400 Meter Dash, and 4x400 Meter Relay);

Shayla Arthur (Long Jump, 4x100 Meter Relay, 100 Meter Dash);

Destiny Matthews (High Jump, Long Jump); Ja'Bria Simmons (Shot Put);

Ke'Ondra White (4x100 Meter Relay, 100 Meter Hurdles); Izabel Simien (800 Meter Run, 4x200 Meter

Relay); Monica Rangel (4x200 Meter Relay); Kristen Harris (4x200 Meter Relay, 4x400 Meter Relay);

and Ester Jeffus (4x400 Meter Relay)

Regional and State Ja'Bria Simmons (Shot Put-2<sup>nd</sup> place/advanced to State); Shayla Arthur (100 Meter Dash-Regional Champion/advanced to State)

### **Girls' Soccer - Luis Hernandez**

The Ladycat Soccer Team finished the season as District Champions for the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year and made it to Regional Quarterfinals for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. The Ladycat Soccer season record was 16 wins, 8 losses, and 6 ties.

### **Boys' Soccer - Coach John Absalom**

The Wildcat Soccer Team finished the season as District Champions for the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, and the team lost no District games during the past 5 years. The team won their 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional title over the past four years, and the team was State Semifinalists. The Wildcat Soccer season record was 32 wins, 1 loss, and 2 ties.

### **Baseball - Coach Austin Evans**

The Varsity Baseball Team made it into the playoffs, earned 150 college hours during 2018-19, and the team remained 100% eligible throughout the season.

### **Fishing Team**

Stephen Cooksey, PHS Principal, introduced PHS Fishing Team members Mason Mitchell (9<sup>th</sup> grade) and Jarrett Henry (9<sup>th</sup> grade) and recognized the students for placing 11<sup>th</sup> of 225 teams at Regional competition, and for placing 26<sup>th</sup> of 283 teams at State competition.

### **PHS Junior Rotarians**

Stephen Cooksey, PHS Principal, introduced PHS students, Goldie Barnard and Nemesio Vigil who were recognized for being selected to serve as Junior Rotarians for the month of May. A certificate of accomplishment was presented to each student.

### **PHS Students of the Month**

The following students were recognized for being named PHS Students of the Month for the month of May. Carolina Dominguez, PHS Spanish teacher, introduced PHS student, Citlali Ramirez and shared her accomplishments. Stephen Cooksey, PHS principal introduced Chris Perez and shared his accomplishments. Each student was presented with a plaque.

### **PISD Teachers of the Year**

Suzanne Eiben, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources recognized the following PISD Teachers of the Year:

Elementary Teacher of the Year  
Laura Glenn, Northside Primary

Secondary Teacher of the Year  
Richard Sylvester, Palestine High School

### **PISD Retirees**

Suzanne Eiben, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources recognized for their years of service to the district, the following PISD employees that would be retiring at the end of the 2018-2019 school year: Karen Bledsoe, Janet Bowden, Robbie Jackson, Betty Rogers, and Richard Sylvester.

### **New Athletic Director**

Superintendent Marshall introduced Lance Angel as the district's new Athletic Director and Head Football Coach. Coach Angel previously served in the position of PISD Athletic Director/Head Football Coach from 2010 through 2014. Coach Angel thanked the superintendent and Board of Trustees for the opportunity to serve Palestine ISD again.

### **Public Comment**

Paula Moore, PHS parent, spoke regarding the positive aspects of the district's Fine Arts program, and the need for additional Fine Arts personnel.

### **Consent Items Approved**

- Financial Report

Note: A written financial report replaced the monthly oral report from David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer. The financial report included the following information:

As of April, 2019 the district has received 74.43% of budgeted general fund revenue, and the District has received 65.01% of budgeted prior year tax collections. District has spent or encumbered 65.89% of general fund expenditure budget. Interest amount earned on investments for April 2019: \$34,298.38.

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2019
- Minutes of Called Meeting of May 14, 2019
- Bills paid for April, 2019
- Monthly Investment Report
- Tax Collection Report
- Donations (No donations received in May, 2019)
- Out of State Trip for Cosmetology Students
- Bus Purchase Utilizing EPA Grant
- Board Resolution Extending Depository Services Contract with Prosperity Bank for September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2021

### **Personnel**

There were no recommendations for hiring of personnel.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Jason Marshall reported on the following:

End of Year Events:

Graduation	May 24, 2019	Wildcat Stadium
Memorial Day Student/Staff Holiday	May 27, 2019	

PISD Summer School and Summer TACE Programs begin Tuesday, May 28, 2019.

Board members will attend TASB Summer Leadership Institute in San Antonio during the month of June.

PISD Administration Office Summer Hours through end of July:

Monday-Thursday (10 hour days/closed on Friday)

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

**Next Regular Board Meeting  
June 17, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.**