



BOARD NOTES

A Summary of the July 16, 2018 Palestine ISD Board of Trustees Meeting

Pledges of allegiance were recited to the American and Texas flags.

Public Comment

There were no public comment requests.

Financial Update

David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer, presented a brief financial update.

Budget Workshop

David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer, presented a workshop on 2018-2019 budget planning. Mr. Atkeisson informed that the general fund (199) budget for the 2018-2019 school year was projected at approximately \$29.6 million. Mr. Atkeisson noted that although property tax values were slightly lower, the lower amount was not significant enough to anticipate the need for a tax rate increase.

Proposed Tax Rate

David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer, informed the Board that public notice of the district's proposed tax rate was required to be printed in the newspaper. A motion was made by Trustee Bennett, seconded by Trustee Sheeley to approve a proposed tax rate of \$1.17 for maintenance and operations and \$0.378 for interest and sinking for the 2018-2019 school year. The total proposed tax rate of \$1.548 is the same as the 2017-2018 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

Consent Items Approved

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 18, 2018
- Bills paid for June, 2018
- Financial Report
- Monthly Investment Report
- Tax Collection Report
- Donations: No donations received
- Anderson County Appraisal District 2019 Proposed Budget
- Fund Balance Transfer for Classroom Supplies
- Furniture Purchase: Classroom chairs/desks for some Northside/Southside/Story/Junior High classes
- Bus Purchase for Special Education
- 2018-2019 Student Code of Conduct
- 2018-2019 Student Handbooks
- 2018-2019 Teacher Shortage Areas: Bilingual/ESL (Elem & Secondary), Career & Technical\ Education, Computer Science/Technology Applications, Math, Science, and Special Education (Elem & Secondary)

Report on Preliminary STAAR Scores/Accountability

Chris Kiser, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services & Director of College and Career Readiness, presented information regarding the district’s 2018 preliminary STAAR scores and accountability rating.

Multi-Disciplinary and Looping Instructional Arrangement

Chris Kiser, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services & Director of College and Career Readiness, informed of the district’s new plan for multi-disciplinary and a looping instructional arrangement to be implemented in 2018-2019 to facilitate coordination of instruction from one grade level to the next.

School Supply Lists

Chris Kiser, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services & Director of College and Career Readiness, informed that the district had reviewed school supply lists and adjustments had been made. The district will purchase the majority of classroom cleaning supplies to save parents 15-20% per child on the cost of school supplies.

TACE Grant Award

Superintendent Jason Marshall informed that the district had been approved to receive the Texas Afterschool Centers on Education (TACE) Grant for an additional two school years. (2018-2019 and 2019-2020)

Personnel Approved

Baker, Joseph	STEM	Palestine High School
Bevers, Bruce	History	Palestine High School
Burton, Lindsey	Asst. Speech Therapist	Special Education
Davenport, Stephen	4 th Grade Math	A.M. Story Intermediate
Flores, Nicholas	Asst. Band Director	Palestine Junior High School
Hansen, Shana	Kik Kat Director	Palestine High School
Higgins, Lori	Science	Palestine High School
Hunt, Allison	5 th Grade Science	A.M. Story Intermediate
Johnson, Christopher	6 th Grade Social Studies	A.M. Story Intermediate
Lockett, Courtney	Math	Palestine Junior High School
Neel, Mark	Construction	Palestine High School
Potter, Benjamin	6 th Grade ELA	A.M. Story Intermediate
Spenrath, Daniel	Math/Science Spec Ed	Palestine High School
Stark, Joel	4 th Grade	A.M. Story Intermediate
Tubbs, Sherry	Intervention	Northside Primary

Superintendent Jason Marshall accepted the resignations/retirements of Jessica Baker, Melissa Barraza, Megan Bedre, Andrus Corley, Stephanie Dickson, Robert Enox, Kaylie Gatewood, Neece Hardison, Tammy Ives, and Donna Wortham.

2018-2019 Revised Calendar

Chris Kiser, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services & Director of College and Career Readiness, informed of the need for a revision to the 2018-2019 school calendar. If approved, the calendar revision would include the addition of one early release day on Friday, January 11, 2019. The afternoon of the early release day would be used for teachers to review student assessment information, reflect on student curriculum targets, and to prepare for the next grading period’s academic assistance plans.

PISD New UIL Sport Approved – Swimming

Superintendent Jason Marshall shared that the district had received repeated requests for several years from members of the community to add swimming as a UIL sport and that the addition of swimming was listed as a Vision 2020 objective. Superintendent Marshall informed that the University Interscholastic League (UIL) had relaxed standards in reference to UIL swim coaches and non-school personnel were now allowed to serve as the school's swim coach, so the district's only expense for swimming would be the cost of uniforms. Superintendent Marshall stated that the swim community understands that PISD has no plans to build a natatorium and that the swim team would have to use the YMCA or other community facilities. The Board approved the addition of swimming and Superintendent Marshall informed that the next step would be to petition the UIL to become a certified swim team, and if confirmed by the UIL, the Board would be notified.

District Safety Plans for 2018-2019

Dr. William Stewart, PISD Safety Coordinator, presented an update regarding the district's safety plans for 2018-2019. Dr. Stewart informed Board members that a Safety Forum had been conducted with local law enforcement and emergency management officials and that the information would be used to improve school safety within the district. A safety audit of all campuses would be conducted in the fall, Safety AP's for students and staff were being reviewed to find best option for the district, canine detection service to be utilized, mental health professional (funded 75% with TACE funds) would begin working with students who exhibit mental health concerns, mental health training would be conducted for staff, safety drills would be held for students and staff to ensure preparation for all emergencies, guardian or marshall plan being considered but will not be implemented in 2018-2019.

TASA/TASB Delegate Assembly

The Board appointed Dyna Tutt to serve as delegate and Davi Killion Ingram to serve as alternate delegate at the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Delegate Assembly on Saturday, September 29, 2018 in Austin, Texas.

Reflection on Summer Leadership Institute

The Board discussed sessions they felt were beneficial at TASB Summer Leadership Institute 2018. Board members agreed that sessions on school safety were helpful.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Jason Marshall shared information for the following upcoming Back to School activities:

- Student extracurricular programs - Begin August 6, 2018
- New Teacher Orientation - August 2, 2018, 7:30 AM - Story Library
- Convocation/Back to School Picnic – August 9, 2018, 6-8 PM – Reagan Park
- In-service/Staff Development - Mon-Fri, August 6-10, 2018/Mon-Tues, August 13-14, 2018
- Meet the Teacher Day/Night – August 13, 2018
- First Day for Students – August 15, 2018
- Next Regular Board Meeting – August 20, 2018

A calendar of events was given to each Board member.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.