



BOARD NOTES

A Summary of the April 13, 2020 Palestine ISD Board of Trustees Virtual Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Palestine Independent School District held a Virtual Called Meeting on April 13, 2020 at 5:00 PM, via Zoom software application.

Due to health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 coronavirus, this meeting was conducted by telephone. At least a quorum of the board was present by telephone call in accordance with the provisions of Sections 551.122 or 551.127 of the Texas Government Code that have not been suspended by order of the governor.

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by President Michael Bennett at 5:01 PM.

Public Comment

The board meeting agenda posting notified that individuals who wished to make a public comment could sign up by calling the PISD Administration Office until 4:30 P.M. the day of the meeting. There were no requests for public comment.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Jason Marshall presented the following information:

School Closure Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

- 1) Superintendent Marshall explained that the reason the meeting was being held via telephone was due to Texas schools being ordered by Governor Greg Abbott to close school until May 4, 2020 due to health and safety concerns related to COVID-19 Coronavirus.
- 2) At Home Learning and Breakfast/Lunch is being provided for students during school closure. Teaching staff are working 25% of their time on campus and 75% of their time at home preparing/grading home learning and keeping in contact with students/parents via telephone.
- 3) At Home Learning participation: Approximately 2,800 students are participating and approximately 600 are not.
- 4) Grading Plan/Report Cards: Student grades for at home learning assignments consist of S (Satisfactory), NI (Needs Improvement), and I (Incomplete).
A recommendation for end of year grading guidelines will be presented for approval at an upcoming school board meeting.
- 5) Deep cleaning/disinfecting of campuses/facilities has continued during the school closure by the district's cleaning service, McLemore Building Maintenance.

Superintendent's Report continued

- 6) Since it may not be possible to have a traditional graduation ceremony, the district is considering having some type of nontraditional graduation that meets social distancing guidelines. Decision to be made at a later date.
- 7) An online survey will be made available on PISD Facebook/Website to help determine opinions regarding students returning to school, participating in summer school should the governor allow schools to reopen.

Construction Update

- 1) Construction projects are ongoing at Palestine High School (New Athletic and CTE Facilities/Stadium Turf). Bidding deadlines were extended 2 weeks to allow additional time for bid submissions due to complications related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Upcoming Virtual School Board Meetings

- 1) Called Meeting Monday, April 27, 2020
- 2) Regular Meeting Monday, May 11, 2020

Consent Items Approved

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 20, 2020
- Minutes of Called Meeting of March 2, 2020
- Minutes of Emergency Called Meeting of March 17, 2020
- Minutes of Virtual Called Meeting of April 6, 2020
- Bills paid for February and March, 2020
- Financial Report
- Monthly Investment Report
- Tax Collection Report
- Donations (No donations received during March)
- Chartwells Food Service Contract for 2020-2021
- Resolution for Resale of Tax Foreclosed Property (Lot 5, located behind Palestine Mall)
- Local Textbook Adoption for 2020-2021
- Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification for 2020-2021
- DEA (Local) Resolution for Premium Pay during disasters
- Certification of Superintendent for Region 7 ESC Regional Advisory Committee for 2020-2021

Personnel Approved

The Board approved term and probationary contracts of teachers for the 2020-2021 school year.

The Board approved the following personnel.

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| 1) Magee, Jacob | Special Education | Palestine High School |
| 2) McHaney, Donna | Science | Palestine High School |
| 3) Mitchell, Kristi | 4 th Grade | A.M. Story Intermediate |

Superintendent Jason Marshall accepted the resignations of Nina Chaffin, Bridget Jannise, Audrey Patty, Misti Schulz, and Daniel Spenrath.

Board of Trustees Election

The following Board of Trustee candidates were certified as unopposed for the May 2, 2020 Election, and Election was cancelled due to unopposed candidates.

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Stanley Sokolowski	Place 6
Michael Bennett	Place 7

Announcement of Board of Trustees Continuing Education

Board of Trustees President, Michael Bennett announced continuing education records earned by each trustee as of April, 2020.

Michael Bennett	7.75
Kurt Herrington	7.75
Davi Ingram	7.75
Jeffrey Schwab	7.75
Branson Sheeley	7.75
Stanley Sokolowski	7.75
Dyna Tutt	6.50

President Bennett reported that the Texas Commissioner of Education had waived board training requirements for all Texas school districts until September 1, 2020 due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic. All board members need to complete the following training requirements: Team Building, Cyber Security, Child Abuse, and Senate Bill 1566.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:24 PM.