



BOARD NOTES

A Summary of the July 19, 2021 Palestine ISD Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Palestine Independent School District held a Regular Meeting on July 19, 2021 at 6:00 PM, at the Palestine ISD Administration Office, located at 1007 East Park Avenue, Palestine, Texas 75801.

Call to Order

President Stanley Sokolowski called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, announced that a quorum was present, that the meeting was duly called, and that notice of the meeting had been posted for the time and in the manner required by law.

Invocation and Pledges

Trustee Michael Bennett gave the invocation and pledges to American and Texas flags were recited.

Spotlight

PISD Top Ten Taxpayers

Larissa Loveless, Director of Public Relations, introduced and thanked Palestine ISD's 2020 Top Ten Taxpayers for their dedication to the district. Those in attendance were presented with a certificate of appreciation. Certificates of appreciation will also be given to those who were not able to attend.

Palestine ISD 2020 Top Ten Taxpayers:
Walmart Stores Div Store
MPT of Palestine-Lima LLC
Oncor Electric Delivery Co. LLC (Brenda Walker)
Union Pacific Railroad Co.
Sanderson Farms Inc. (Hope Rendon)
GVD Willow Creek LLC
Walmart Stores East
Energy Transfer Fuel LP (Marlon Wilson)
Lowes of Palestine #1892
Walmart Real Estate Business Trust

Public Comment

There were no requests for public comment.

Superintendent's Report

A. Future Board Meeting Dates

1. Called Meeting - Wednesday, August 4, 2021, 12:00 PM
2. Regular Meeting - Monday, August 16, 2021, 5:30 PM
3. Regular Meeting - Monday, September 20, 2021, 6:00 PM
4. School Supply List

District will provide cleaning and sanitation supplies to lower the cost of supplies for parents.

B. Back to School Activities

1. Palestine Junior Service League Back to School Fair @ Palestine High School: Saturday, August 7, 2021, 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM
2. Convocation: Monday, August 9, 2021, 1:30 PM - PHS Auditorium
3. Teacher Workdays: Tuesday-Wednesday, August 10-11, 2021
4. Meet the Teacher: Tuesday, August 10, 2021
Time for Staff: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Time for Parents/Students: 4:00 - 7:00 PM
5. First Day of School: Thursday, August 12, 2021

Financial Report

David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer, presented a brief financial update that included the following information:

- Revenue and expenditures are where expected to be for the end of the fiscal year.
- Current year tax collections (above 96%) are on target for this point in the year.
- The District is in the process of finalizing the 2020-2021 school year budget and working to prepare the 2021-2022 school year budget.

Budget Workshop

David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer, presented a Budget Workshop for the 2021-2022 budget.

Mr. Atkeisson reported that the projected budget for the 2021-2022 school year was composed of the General Fund (199) budget (\$35,200,000.00), the Food Service (240) budget (\$2,015,700.00) and the Debt Service (599) budget (\$4,112,800.00).

Proposed Tax Rate

David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer, presented the following proposed tax rate amounts for the 2021-2022 school year:

Maintenance and Operations	\$1.0268
Interest and Sinking	<u>\$0.32</u>
Total Tax Rate	\$1.3468

Mr. Atkeisson noted that the proposed tax rate amount reflects a reduction of \$0.0579 from the tax rate of the previous school year. The Board approved the proposed tax rate for the 2021-2022 school year as presented.

Executive Session

The Board convened in Executive/Closed session at 6:45 PM as authorized by the Texas Government Code sections §551.071 and §551.074, for discussion of personnel matters including employee compensation for 2021-2022 school year.

Reconvene in Open Session

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:30 PM.

Consent Items Approved

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 21, 2021
- Minutes of the Called Meeting of July 6, 2021
- Bills paid for June, 2021
- Financial Report
- Monthly Investment Report
- Tax Collection Report
- Donations: (No donations received)
- Fuel Bid Award for 2021-2022 School Year: Sun Coast Resources and Sumrall Distributing
- 2021-2022 Bread and Milk Vendors: Bread-Flowers Bakery, Dairy-Borden Dairy
- 2021-2022 Region 7 Education Service Center Agreements
- Credit by Exam Administration (August, 2021)
- 2021-2022 Credit by Exam Timeline
- 2021-2022 Honors' Courses Approved for UIL Eligibility: Alg I & 2 Honors, PreCalculus Honors, Geometry Honors, Statistics Dual, PreCalculus Honors Dual, Calculus Honors Dual, English I & 2 Honors, English 3 AP Dual Credit, English 3 Dual Credit, English 4 AP Dual Credit, English 4 Dual Credit, Technical Writing Dual Credit, Biology Honors, Biology AP Dual Credit, Chemistry Honors, Chemistry AP Dual Credit, Physics Honors, Anatomy & Physiology Honors Dual Credit, Environmental Science AP, Economics Dual, Government Dual, US History Dual, W. Geography Honors, World History Honors, Spanish 1-2-3 Honors, Spanish 2-3 Honors Dual, Spanish 4-5 AP, and Theater Dual
- Campus Start and Stop Times for 2021-2022 School Year

High School (Grades 9-12)	8:00-3:45 (TACE 3:45-5:40)
Junior High (Grades 7-8)	8:00-3:45 (TACE 3:45-5:40)
Story (Grades 4-6)	7:55-3:35 (TACE 3:15-5:15)
Southside (Grades 2-3)	7:45-3:10 (TACE 3:10-5:10)
Northside (Grades K-1)	7:45-3:10 (TACE 3:10-5:10)
Washington (Head Start/PreK)	8:00-3:00
- 2021-2022 Student Handbook Changes
- 2021-2022 Student Code of Conduct
- 2021-2022 Student Transfer Tuition: \$3,000.00
- 2021-2022 Employee Compensation including Teacher Shortage Area Stipends: Bilingual/ESL (Elem. & Secondary), Special Education (Elem. & Secondary), Career and Technical Education (Secondary), Math (Secondary), Technology Applications and Computer Science (Secondary)
- 2021-2022 Certified T-TESS Appraisers for Evaluation of Teachers and Appraisal Calendar

2021-22 School Calendar Change

Superintendent Marshall informed regarding the need to add one Early Release day to the 2021-2022 school calendar. The additional Early Release day will be utilized to allow teachers time to receive training on new software that will be used to help students recover from academic decline related to the COVID Pandemic. The Board approved the addition of one Early Release day (Friday, September 24, 2021) to the 2021-2022 school calendar.

District Decision Regarding Home School Participation in Extracurricular Activities

Superintendent Marshall informed that the Texas Legislature had recently voted to allow school districts the ability to allow or not allow home school students who reside within the school district to participate in the district's extracurricular activities. The Board discussed and voted to disallow home school students from participation in the district's extracurricular activities including UIL activities.

TASB Board of Directors Endorsement

Superintendent Marshall stated that he recommended Ben Donald, Superintendent of Carthage ISD, to serve on the TASB Board of Directors. The Board voted to approve the endorsement of Ben Donald to fill a position on the TASB Board of Directors.

TASA/TASB Delegate Assembly

The Board appointed a delegate and alternate delegate to serve at the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Delegate Assembly on Saturday, September 25, 2021 in Dallas, Texas. The Board approved Trustee Dyna Tutt to serve as delegate, and Trustee Davi Ingram to serve as alternate delegate.

Revised Incentive Plan

Superintendent Marshall presented a proposed revision to the district's Performance Incentive Plan that was originally implemented in October 2017. Supt. Marshall informed that he recommended an increase in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the current maximum amount of \$500.00. Supt. Marshall stated that the additional increase of \$1,000.00 was effective only for the 2021-2022 school year and that the increase would be paid from ESSER funds. The Board voted to approve the proposed revision to the Performance Incentive Plan as presented.

Personnel

There were no personnel for hiring.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Sokolowski declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.