



# BOARD NOTES

## **A Summary of the March 25, 2021 Palestine ISD Board of Trustees Regular Meeting**

The Board of Trustees of the Palestine Independent School District held a Regular Meeting on March 25, 2021 at 6:00 PM, at the Palestine ISD Administration Office, located at 1007 East Park Avenue, Palestine, Texas 75801.

### **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by President Kurt Herrington at 6:04 PM.

### **Spotlight**

Larissa Loveless, Director of Public Relations, introduced the spotlight portion of the meeting which included recognition of the following Students of the Month and Junior Rotarians for the months of February and March. A video presentation highlighting the accomplishments of each student was shown.

Junior Rotarians of the Month:

February: Mia Ramirez and Everett Toudouze

March: Sarai Trejo and Christopher Bryant

Students of the Month:

February: Michael Flynn and Katie Wheat

March: Kemper Clamon and Cameron McFall

### **Public Comment**

There were no requests for public comment.

### **Superintendent's Report**

#### Enrollment Report

Student enrollment as of March 25, 2021: 3,328

#### COVID-19 Update

No increase in COVID cases since previous month

#### Extracurricular Activities

- 1) Soccer Playoffs on March 25, 2021: Girls vs Sabine/Boys vs Carthage
- 2) District Golf @ Jasper on March 29, 2021
- 3) District Track @ Jasper: March 31 and April 1, 2021
- 4) District Tennis @ Hudson: April 12-13, 2021
- 5) Area Track Meet @ Madisonville: April 14, 2021
- 6) 2A Regional Track Meet @ Wildcat Stadium: April 23, 2021

#### April- May Activities

- 1) Good Friday Holiday: April 2, 2021
- 2) Begin 6th Six Weeks: April 5, 2021
- 3) STAAR Testing: April 6-9, 2021/May 4-7, 2021/May 11-14, 2021
- 4) Anderson County Youth Livestock Show: April 19-23, 2021
- 5) Prom: May 1, 2021

#### Upcoming Board Meeting/Training Dates

- 1) Next Regular Board Meeting: April 19, 2021
- 2) TASB Summer Leadership Institute Dates  
San Antonio: June 16-19, 2021  
Fort Worth: June 23-26, 2021

#### PISD Trustee Election

- 1) Early Voting: Mon-Fri, April 19-23, 2021 and Mon-Tue, April 26-27, 2021
- 2) Election Day: May 1, 2021

### **Financial Report**

Superintendent Jason Marshall presented a brief financial report, noting that tax collections were good, interest rates were low, and that the district was required to seek bid proposals for food service and financial depository this year.

### **Consent Items Approved**

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 23, 2021
- Minutes of Board Training of February 23, 2021
- Bills paid for February, 2021
- Financial Report
- Monthly Investment Report
- Tax Collection Report
- Donations  
Palestine High School  
\$100.00 from All Star Ford for PHS Interact Club.
- 2021-22 Certification of Superintendent for Region 7 ESC Regional Advisory Committee
- Resolution Providing for the Approval and Authorizing the Filing of Application for Missed School Day Waivers to the Texas Education Agency
- Notice for May 1, 2021 Trustee Election
- Joint Election Agreement with City of Palestine for May 1, 2021 Election
- Contract with Anderson County for Election Services for May 1, 2021 Election

### **School Calendar for 2021-22**

Chris Kiser, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, presented the school calendar proposed for adoption for the 2021-22 school year. Mr. Kiser informed that several calendar choices had been reviewed and the proposed calendar had been voted on by community members, parents, and students. Mr. Kiser stated that the District Action Team and administrative team had also reviewed the calendar and recommended the calendar for approval. The 2021-22 calendar consists of 173 student days, 187 staff days, and a total of 76, 225 minutes of student instruction.

The Board adopted the school calendar for 2021-22 as presented.

### **Policy Update 116**

Suzanne Eiben, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, presented Policy Update 116 revisions. The Board adopted Policy Update 116, affecting local policies CQB, DCD, DCE, FFAC, and GKA.

### **COVID-19 Procedures**

Superintendent Marshall informed that Texas Governor Greg Abbott, had lifted the mask mandate in early March. The Board discussed whether to continue mask procedures that had been in place since the start of the school year and reached a consensus to keep mask procedures in place. Superintendent Marshall stated that campuses were looking for ways to safely resume parent visits to campuses. The Board approved to continue with current mask procedures.

### **Executive Session**

Executive/Closed Session was not held.

### **Personnel**

The Board approved Term and Probationary contract extensions of teachers for the 2021-22 school year.

The Board approved the following personnel:

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| 1) Hoskins, Nanceen    | English | Palestine High School |
| 2) Turrubiarte, Kimera | English | Palestine High School |

Superintendent Jason Marshall accepted the resignations/retirements of Julie Bell, Destiny Harding, Kitty McComas, Debra Nethery, Brittany Underwood, and Cammie Wammack.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 PM.