



BOARD NOTES

A Summary of the June 29, 2020 Palestine ISD Board of Trustees Virtual Regular Meeting

Due to health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 coronavirus, this meeting was conducted by telephone via Zoom software application. 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.

The Board of Trustees of the Palestine Independent School District held a Virtual Regular Meeting on June 29, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

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

- 1) COVID-19 Coronavirus Update: Texas cases increased in the last 7-14 days. District will keep informed of state requirements related to COVID-19 in planning for the 2020-21 school year.
- 2) Summer School At-Home Learning: Online software is working well for student at-home learning.
- 3) Future School Board Meeting Dates:
 - Monday, July 6, 2020, 5:30 PM: Regular School Board Meeting (In-Person)
 - Thursday, July 23, 2020, 5:00 PM: Called School Board Meeting (Virtual)
 - Monday, August 17, 2020, 7:00 PM: Regular School Board Meeting (In-Person)

Financial Report

David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer, presented a brief financial report, noting that 95% of current tax collections had been received, and that the amount was lower than tax collections at this point in previous school years.

Consent Items Approved

- Minutes of the Virtual Regular Meeting of May 11, 2020
- Minutes of the Virtual Called Meeting of May 28, 2020
- Minutes of the Virtual Called Meeting of June 8, 2020
- Minutes of the In-Person Called Meeting of June 23, 2020
- Bills paid for May, 2020
- Financial Report
- Monthly Investment Report
- Tax Collection Report
- Donations (None received)
- 2020-21 Bread and Milk Vendors (Bread-Flowers Bakery/Milk-Borden Dairy)
- 2020-21 Teacher Shortage Area Stipends (Bilingual/ESL (Elementary and Secondary), Special Education (Elem/Sec), Career and Technical Education (Sec), Math (Sec), Technology Applications and Computer Science (Sec)) and Loan Forgiveness Programs
- 2020-21 Student Transfer Tuition (\$3,000)
- 2020-21 Student Code of Conduct
- Clarification of GPA Revisions
Included in GPA Calculation: Core content (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies); Honors/AP Courses; and Dual Credit Courses required to fulfill Core Complete Plan included in GPA Calculation.
Not included in GPA Calculation: Dual Credit Courses outside of those required for Core Complete; CTE Courses unless CTE course fulfills a core graduation requirement; Fine Arts courses unless the Fine Arts course fulfills a Core Complete Plan requirement; Physical Education and Athletics courses.
- Credit by Examination Administration (July 2020)

2020-21 School Calendar

Superintendent Jason Marshall presented three (3) school calendar options for the 2020-21 school year that provide for at-school instruction, at-home learning, and a combination of the two. Superintendent Marshall informed that the majority of staff and parents prefer students to be in school as many days as possible during the 2020-21 school year to prevent further academic decline following the closure of schools during spring 2020 due to COVID-19. Superintendent Marshall explained that although it was difficult to finalize the school calendar due to COVID-19 measures that may or may not have to be implemented; he felt comfortable in recommending a start date of August 10, 2020 and an ending date of May 21, 2021 for the 2020-21 school year. The Board approved to begin the 2020-21 school year on August 10, 2020 and end the school year on May 21, 2021.

Personnel

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| 1) Barbee, Cindy | 6 th Grade Resource | A.M. Story Intermediate |
| 2) Hickerson, Jessica | 5 th Grade Soc. Stud. | A.M. Story Intermediate |
| 3) Humphrey, Ramona | History | Palestine Junior High School |
| 4) Pridgen, Carlton | Lic. Prof. Counselor | TACE |
| 5) Young, Chelsea | Art | Palestine High School |

Superintendent Jason Marshall accepted the resignations/retirements of Carla Absalom, Kimberli Pitcock, and Rebekah Wagley.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM.