



BOARD NOTES

A Summary of the June 8, 2020 Palestine ISD Board of Trustees Virtual Called Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Palestine Independent School District held a Virtual Called Meeting on June 8, 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 5:05 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

Summer School Update:

PISD Summer School 2020 will be held 100% online due to health and safety concerns related to COVID-19 Coronavirus. Hot spot devices are being provided to students with no home internet access. Meals will be provided two times each week for approximately 1,000 students whose parent has requested meals for their child/children.

Board Member Training Update:

Board member training requirements to be completed prior to April 2021:

SB 1566 (3 hours), Cybersecurity (1 hour), Child Abuse (1 hour), Team Building (3 hours), and 5 additional hours continuing education credit.

Campus/Facilities/High School Track Update:

PISD facilities including Wildcat Stadium and track re-opened on June 8, 2020 following the COVID-19 closure. Wildcat Stadium will close temporarily in late June due to new field turf installation. Access to the track for recreational purposes is available to residents of the district as it always has been but those who wish to use the stadium/track are now required to complete an application and pass a background check at the PISD Administration Office. This new requirement is being implemented for the safety of students.

School Calendar (2020-21 Revision Process due to COVID-19)

Superintendent Jason Marshall reported on the 2020-21 school calendar revision process. Due to health and safety concerns related to COVID-19 Coronavirus, PISD provided a survey to parents and staff to gain input regarding the best options for a safe return to school for the 2020-21 school year. According to the survey results, 85-90% of the 947 respondents felt that student regression due to the school closure is a concern and they would prefer to return to school in the traditional way with all students at school. However, if starting the school year in the traditional way is not possible, the district will consider all options in determining the safest way to return to school with input from administrators, principals, parents, and staff; as well as, information provided by the Texas Education Agency and the State of Texas.

Expedited Waiver related to COVID-19

The Board approved submission of the following Expedited Waivers related to COVID-19 school closure to the Texas Education Agency: 1) CPR Instruction Requirements, 2) Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test, 3) Missed School Day/Instructional Continuity Attestation while closed, 4) Pre-K.

Personnel Approved

1) Donovan, Kimberly	5 th Grade Reading	A.M. Story Intermediate
2) Durrenberger, Sharon	4 th Grade Science/Soc Stud	A.M. Story Intermediate
3) Lewis, Staci	4 th Grade Reading	A.M. Story Intermediate

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:26 PM.