



BOARD NOTES

A Summary of the November 27, 2017 Palestine ISD Board of Trustees Meeting

Pledges

Pledges of allegiance to the American and Texas flags were led by a group of Southside Elementary students.

Spotlight – Volleyball, Tennis, Cross Country

Robby Clark, PISD Athletic Director introduced coaches who shared highlights from the 2017 season.

Volleyball: Janae Evans, PHS Volleyball Coach - The team placed 3rd in District and competed in the Bi-District round of the playoffs.

Fall Tennis: Scott Tyler, Tennis Coach – In the second season of PISD Fall Tennis, the team was undefeated at district and won the district title for the second year in a row. The team competed in the area round of the Class 3A-Region III playoffs. The following students received honors from District 18 4-A coaches: Camryn Lupo and Monique Ybarra were named Co-MVP's, and Bryston Lewis was voted newcomer of the year.

Cross Country:

Luis Hernandez, Girls' Cross Country Coach - The team placed 3rd in District and competed at Regionals for the 12th year in a row.

John Absalom, Boys' Cross Country Coach - The JV Cross Country team was undefeated in District, Varsity team won the District Championship for the 12th year in a row, and the Regional Championship for the first time in the school's history. Of 190 schools competing at State, the team finished 6th place.

The following Cross Country Team members were named Academic All State by the Texas High School Coaches Association: Ashley Davis, Paul Jenkins, Gee Garcia, Malachi Musil, and Francis Sis.

Spotlight - Junior Rotarians of the Month

PHS students, Dianne Serralde and Jack Hallock were recognized for being named Junior Rotarians for the month of November. Dr. William Stewart, PHS Principal, shared accomplishments of each student.

Spotlight - Students of the Month

Freda Deamesi and Edgar Ayala were recognized as PHS Students of the Month for November. Janice Magee, PHS Math Teacher, introduced Freda Deamesi; and Scott Tyler, PHS Tennis coach introduced Edgar Ayala and accomplishments of each student were shared by the teachers.

Public Comment

There were no requests for public comment.

Financial Report

David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer, presented a brief financial report. Mr. Atkeisson informed that district tax collections were beginning to come in, and that expenditures had been limited during the first semester due to student enrollment being slightly lower than the previous year. However, student enrollment and attendance had increased since the start of school so it may be possible to allow a slight increase in expenditures during the second semester. Mr. Atkeisson reported that the district's financial audit would be complete soon and a report given at a future school board meeting.

Consent Items Approved

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 16, 2017
- Bills paid for October, 2017
- Financial Report
- Monthly Investment Report
- Tax Collection Report
- Donations

PISD Athletics Department

\$1,000.00 from Lee Loveless Photography for sponsorship of PHS Girls' Basketball Tournament.
\$3,207.30 from PHS Athletic Booster Club (\$1,712.00 for Baseball Program/\$1,495.30 for Soccer Program).
\$2,500.00 from PHS Athletic Booster Club (Profit sharing for PHS students working concession stands during 2017 football season. [Girls Soccer received (\$500); Boys Track (\$500); Boys Soccer (\$750) and Cross Country (\$750)])

- 2017-2018 Legal Services Retainer Agreement with Walsh, Gallegos, Russo, & Kyle, P.C., Attorneys at Law
- 2017-2018 District and Campus Improvement Plans
- Credit by Exam – December, 2017 Administration

PISD Campus Presentation

Grace Mancilla, Principal of Southside Primary presented highlights from each campus for the month of November:

Veterans Day Programs during the month of November.

Washington Early Childhood Center – Teachers raised funds at McDonald's McTeacher event. Campus will administer RTI testing one on one and in small groups.

Northside Primary – Campus held 2 week skating unit, LAUNCH Challenge, Fall Festival, and TACE Fall Craft Night.

Southside Elementary – 3rd Grade students went on Wildcat Golf Course Field Trip. Students are participating in Newsela instruction, a reading engagement program that helps students in every subject. A.M. Story Intermediate – Students are participating in character building, anti-bullying lessons. Staff participated in Kagan Training on the Professional Development Day. Christmas Countdown plate painting presented to students by Vicki Braly of Braly's Hardware. Math tutoring implemented. STEM Carnival provided opportunity for students to work with rockets, drones, virtual goggles, 3D printers and other STEM activities. Students participated in the first Robotics competition of the school year.

Palestine Junior High School – Campus is participating in KIND Anti-bullying Campaign and Tuesday's Professional Program. The 7th Grade Volleyball Team finished 2nd place and 8th grade team finished 3rd place in District Competition.

Palestine High School – PHS presented Alice in Wonderland with students from across the district. CAT Connections and after school tutorials help address student needs. Eight of twenty Choir students made Honor Choir at competition.

Policy Review

Suzanne Eiben, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, reviewed the following (LOCAL) policies that were recommended for revision at a policy review session that TASB conducted with the district on September 20-21, 2017:

AE – Educational Philosophy

AF – Innovation Districts

BBB – Board Members: Elections

BDB – Board Internal Organization: Internal Committees

BE – Board Meetings

BED – Board Meetings: Public Participation (*Board recommended not decreasing time allowed for a public comment from 5 minutes to 3 minutes*)

BG – Board Self-Evaluation

BQA – Planning and Decision-Making Process: District Level

BQB – Planning and Decision-Making Process: Campus Level

CFB – Accounting: Inventories

CL – Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment Management

CQ – Technology Resources

DBA – Employment Requirements and Restrictions: Credentials and Records

DCA – Employment Practices: Probationary Contracts

DEC – Compensation and Benefits: Leaves and Absences

DP – Personnel Positions (*Board recommended that principal/assistant principal candidates be required to have prior classroom experience*)

DK – Assignments and Schedules

EB – School Year

EEB – Instructional Arrangements: Class Size

EHBB – Special Programs: Gifted and Talented Students

EHBD – Special Programs – Federal Title I

EIA – Academic Achievement: Grading/Progress Reports to Parents

EIC – Academic Achievement: Class Ranking

EIE – Academic Achievement: Retention and Promotion

FDB – Admissions: Intradistrict Transfers and Classroom Assignments

FEC – Attendance: Attendance for Credit

FEF – Attendance: Released Time

FFA – Student Welfare: Wellness and Health Services

FFAC – Wellness and Health Services: Medical Treatment

FNAA – Student Expression: Distribution of Nonschool Literature

FNF – Student Rights and Responsibilities: Interrogations and Searches (*Board recommended review and possible clarification of wording*)

FO – Student Discipline

GKD – Community Relations: Nonschool use of School Facilities (*Board recommended review of process for determining facility request approvals*)

GKDA – Nonschool Use of School Facilities: Distribution of Nonschool Literature

The Board authorized TASB Policy Service to add, revise, or delete (Local) policies according to the summary document resulting from the policy review session conducted with the district on September 20-21, 2017.

Following the review of policies identified for revision at the September, 2017 policy review session; Suzanne Eiben, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, also reviewed all (Local) policies not identified for revision.

Personnel Approved

Cammie Wammack

Kindergarten

Northside Primary

Superintendent Marshall accepted the resignations/retirements of Tamara Hand, Jazmine Hicks, Susan Logsdon, Dae Moors, and Lori Oas.

Anderson County Appraisal District Representative

Jeffrey Schwab was appointed to serve as the Palestine ISD representative to the Anderson County Appraisal District for 2018 and 2019.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Jason Marshall reported on the following:

District student enrollment as of November 9, 2017 was 3,425.

Board members and administrators delivered Thanksgiving baskets to twelve PISD families on Wednesday, November 15, 2017.

District administrators will distribute retention incentives to PISD staff on Monday, December 4, 2017.

Board members were given a calendar of events for the remainder of 2017.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm.