



# BOARD NOTES

## **A Summary of the December 12, 2011 Palestine ISD Board of Trustees Meeting**

Washington Early Childhood Center students led the pledges to the American and Texas flags.

### **Spotlight**

Kristi Duckworth, Region 7 ESC Head Start Director thanked the Board of Trustees for the Washington Early Childhood Center facility. Mrs. Duckworth also complimented the Washington staff on working well together and providing students a very good beginning to their education.

### **Students of the Month**

Students for the month of December are Lucy Ayala and Bryan Ibarra.

### **Junior Rotarians of the Month**

Junior Rotarians of the month of December are Jessica Estrada and Lizbeth Rivas.

### **Public Comment**

Donna Davids, PHS student requested the Board of Trustees reconsider the student dress code.

### **Construction Projects Update**

Jeff Edwards of Claycomb Associates, Architects provided the Board of Trustees an update of the construction progress.

The Palestine High School project is 79% complete and on schedule.

Pictures of the projects and aerial photos of the construction sites can be viewed on the district website at ([www.palestineschools.org](http://www.palestineschools.org)). Go to “About PISD” at the top of the page, then select “Construction Updates”.

### **Consent Items Approved**

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 21, 2011
- Bills paid for November, 2011
- Financial Report
- Monthly Investment Report
- Tax Collection Report
- Donations

#### **Palestine High School**

\$7,148.66 from the PHS Athletic Booster Club to be used to purchase boys soccer uniforms, girls softball uniforms, boys and girls tennis equipment, and weight room equipment.

## **Policy Update 92**

Suzanne Eiben, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, presented Policy Update 92 revisions, affecting local policies DFF (Local): Termination of employment – reduction in force, DFFA (Local): Reduction in force – financial exigency, and DFFB (Local): Reduction in force – program change. The Board approved the revisions as presented.

## **Personnel Approved for 2011-2012**

Hannah Belcher Lipsey	Science	A.M. Story Intermediate
Allison Linam	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Northside Primary
Hugo Perez	Science	Palestine High School
Katie Phillips	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math	A.M. Story Intermediate
Maribel Suarez	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Southside Elementary

## **Welding Competition**

The Board of Trustees approved a trip for Palestine High School Ag Mechanics students. The students will attend the Tulsa Welding Schools National Senior Welding Competition in February, 2012.

## **Anderson County Appraisal District Representative**

The Board of Trustees elected Wade Hobbs to represent Palestine ISD on the Anderson County Appraisal District board.

## **Election Law Changes**

Superintendent Jason Marshall provided information regarding election law changes.

## **Announcement of Board of Trustees Continuing Education**

Board of Trustees President, Wade Hobbs, announced continuing education records for each trustee.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Jason Marshall informed the Board that there will be no gym use for 5 days during the upcoming break due to a UIL rule.

All PISD locations would be making efforts to conserve energy use during the two week break.

Teachers will return on January 2, 2012 and students will return on January 3, 2012.

**Next Regular Board Meeting  
January 23, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.**