



BOARD NOTES

A Summary of the May 22, 2017 Palestine ISD Board of Trustees Meeting

The May 22, 2017 Regular School Board Meeting was held at Palestine High School in the auditorium to provide additional seating for the large number of students being recognized during the spotlight portion of the meeting.

Barbara Dutton, Northside Primary Principal, introduced Northside students, Maggie Gregory, Alex Funai, and Christopher Whitney who were recognized for earning the most Accelerated Reader points during the 2016-2017 school year. Following the recognition, the students led pledges to the American and Texas flags.

Leslie Hooe, PISD Choir Director, led the PHS Choir in singing The National Anthem.

Spotlight – TVCC Graduates

Dr. Jeff Watson, Provost for Trinity Valley Community College, presented Stephanie Roman, Brenda Garcia, Charlee Cockrell, and Fernando Villegas with a diploma for an Associate's Degree that they earned from TVCC. Rosario Guzman also earned an Associate's Degree from TVCC but was not present at the school board meeting.

Spotlight – UIL Academics

Kathleen Brown, PHS Science Teacher and UIL Academic Sponsor, introduced students who qualified to advance to Regional Competition in spring 2017 and shared the following results from the UIL District 18 4-A Spring Meet:

- Current Issues and Events first place team of Jesus Garcia-Castillo (1st place), Charlee Cockrell (2nd place), Fernando Villegas (4th place), and Aaron Jackson.
- Computer Science - First place team of Ian Nicholson (1st place), Rylee Davis (2nd place), Daniel Arzola (4th place), and Aaron Jackson.
- Science - Second place team of Charlee Cockrell (2nd place & Top Biology Scorer), Fernando Villegas (5th place), and Thomas Bame (2nd place in Chemistry).
- Social Studies - Second place team of Fernando Villegas (4th place), Charlee Cockrell (5th place), and Lucas Sheeley (6th place).
- Ready Writing – Nicolas Dominguez (1st place), and Ashley Waldon (3rd place).
- Poetry Interpretation – Katie Stone (3rd place).
- Speech & Debate – Charlee Cockrell and Nicolas Dominguez qualified for Regionals in LD Debate, and Charlee Cockrell qualified for Regionals in Informative Speaking.
- Student Congress – Charlee Cockrell (Alternate).

Spotlight – Powerlifting, Track, Golf, Tennis

Robby Clark, PISD Athletic Director, introduced Golf, Tennis, Track, and Powerlifting coaches who introduced team members and shared highlights from the 2016-2017 sports season.

Golf - Coach Michael Dear:

Charlee Cockrell qualified to compete at the Regional Golf Tournament. Charlee won three tournaments in a row during the 2016-2017 Golf season and had won the UIL District Golf Championship for the past three years in a row.

Tennis – Coach Scott Tyler:

Tennis participation has grown from 8 to 30 students over the past three years and fall Tennis was implemented in the fall of 2016 at PISD for the first time. For the first time in many years the Girls' Tennis Team won the District title and Boy's won Runner-up in District. Seth Sheeley, 9th grade student placed third at District. The doubles' team of Lucas Sheeley (Senior) and Alex Shiller (Sophomore) took second at District and were Regional Quarterfinalists. Girls' doubles' team of Macy Stone (Senior) and Monica Attaway (Senior) finished second at District and were Regional Quarterfinalists for the past two years. Girls' doubles' team of Annalise Meyers (Senior) and Camryn Lupo (Sophomore) won four tournaments to become District Champs, then placed third at Regionals to become alternates at girls' doubles' State competition. Stevie Ybarra (Senior) was the District Champ for the third time and was Regional runner-up qualifying her for the State tournament. Stevie will be going to Texas A&M Texarkana to play tennis in the fall of 2017.

Boys' Track - Coach Darold Turner:

Boys' Track team won the 18 4-A District Championship, where several team members qualified for area. Boys' Track finished 5th out of 12 teams at the Area Tournament and qualified for the Regional Track Meet in Discus, Long Jump, Triple Jump, High Jump, 4x100 Meter Relay, 100 meter, and 300 meter hurdles. At the Regional Tournament, Jhamonte Milton finished 4th in the high jump, Irric Deyon finished 2nd in the Long Jump and qualified for the State Track Meet.

Girls' Track – Coach Marcos Chapa:

Girls' Track Team members, Jay'vionna Asberry, Shayla Arthur, Elisha Turner, Destiny Matthews, and Dominique Lacy advanced to the Area Track Meet and then to the State Track Meet in the 400mRelay and 800mRelay.

Powerlifting - Coach Ty Kuhn:

Jesus Garcia-Castillo competed at Regional and State Powerlifting competitions. Edward Reese competed at Regionals.

Spotlight – Kym Chapa, Coach of the Year

Robby Clark, PISD Athletic Director, presented Kym Chapa, PHS Volleyball and Softball Coach, with a plaque commemorating her being named Coach of the Year by the UIL District 18 4-A schools.

Spotlight – PHS Band Sweepstakes Award

Daniel Curry, PISD Band Director, introduced PHS Assistant Band Directors, Steven Reiss, Jennifer Joslin, Jimmy Shelton, and PHS Band members. Mr. Curry shared that for the first time in many years, that the PHS Band had received the Sweepstakes Award which is based on the band receiving the highest possible rating of Superior at UIL Marching and Concert and Sight Reading Contests during the 2016-2017 school year.

Spotlight – PHS Junior Rotarians

Dr. William Stewart, PHS Principal, recognized PHS students, Laura Velazquez and Ethan Toscano for being selected to serve as Junior Rotarians for the month of May. A certificate of accomplishment was presented to each student.

Spotlight – PHS Students of the Month

Jessica Valencia and Pedro Chirino were recognized for being named PHS Students of the Month for the month of May. Leslie Hooe, PISD Choir Director, introduced Jessica, and Carolina Dominguez, PHS Spanish Department Head, introduced Pedro and shared each student’s accomplishments. Each student was presented with a Student of the Month plaque.

Oath of Office

The Honorable Judge Jeff Doran administered the oath of office to board members who were unopposed for the Saturday, May 6, 2017 Board of Trustees Election which was cancelled due to having no opposed candidates. Michael Bennett was re-elected to Place 6 due to being unopposed. He was first elected to serve on the Board in 2005, making this his sixth term to serve in Place 6. Stanley Sokolowski was re-elected to Place 7 due to being unopposed. He was first elected in 2011, making this his third term to serve in Place 7.

Consent Items Approved

- Financial Report
 Note: A written financial report replaced the monthly oral report from David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer, due to amount of time for student recognitions at May meeting. The financial report included the following information:
 District has received 74.06% of budgeted general fund revenue, and the District has received 77.03% of budgeted prior year tax collections. District has spent or encumbered 72.36% of general fund expenditure budget.

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 17, 2017
- Minutes of Called Meeting of May 4, 2017
- Bills paid for April, 2017
- Monthly Investment Report
- Tax Collection Report
- Donations

Palestine High School Athletics Program

\$300.00 from EJ and Joyce Cates to be used to provide a scholarship for a PHS senior in memory of Eric Cates, former PHS Theater Arts Teacher.

\$250.00 from Steve and Cindi Presley on behalf of their daughter, Diane Jenkins, to be used to provide a scholarship for a PHS senior in memory of Eric Cates, former PHS Theater Arts Teacher.

\$10,000.00 from The Gragg Foundation to be used to provide a scholarship for a PHS senior.

- June, 2017 Administration of Credit by Exam

Personnel Approved

Alexis Burnett	4 th Grade	A.M. Story Intermediate
Amber Carnell	2 nd Grade	Southside Elementary
Robert Enox	5 th Grade	A.M. Story Intermediate
Kristen Gore	LSSP	Special Education
Amanda Harrison	4 th Grade	A.M. Story Intermediate
Cliff Hutcheson	History	Palestine Junior High School
Samuel Johnson	Science	Palestine Junior High School

Danna Jones	Special Ed. Inclusion	A.M. Story Intermediate
Jessie Little	4 th Grade	A.M. Story Intermediate
Kelly Lupo	1 st Grade	Northside Primary
Kelsey Molandes	1 st Grade	Northside Primary
Amy Moore	Kindergarten	Northside Primary
Sandra Norman	Special Ed. English	Palestine High School
Ann Paine	Instructional Coach	Special Education
Kaitlyn Sardaneta	4 th Grade	A.M. Story Intermediate
Julie Schoppe	Instructional Tech Coach	Curriculum

Superintendent Jason Marshall accepted the resignations/retirements of Joseph Baker, Ashley Barton, Linda Bowser, Virginia Gayso, Leslie Hasler-Gail, Susan Jackson, Natalie Leath, Brooke Sturdivant, and Norris White, Jr.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Jason Marshall reported on the following:

End of Year Events:

Elementary Academic Awards	May 23, 2017	PHS Auditorium
Last Day of School	May 25, 2017	
Employee Service Awards	May 26, 2017	PHS Auditorium
Graduation	May 26, 2017	Wildcat Stadium
Memorial Day Holiday	May 29, 2017	

Summer School and Summer TACE Programs will begin on Tuesday, May 30, 2017.

A Legislative Update and Team of Eight Training will be held on Monday, July 24, 2017 beginning at 5:00 PM in the PISD Board Room.

President Sepulveda declared the meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM.

Next Regular Board Meeting
Monday, June 19, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.