



BOARD NOTES

A Summary of the June 25, 2012 Palestine ISD Board of Trustees Meeting

Spotlight

The Board of Trustees recognized Paula Barnes, Administrative Assistant to David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer for Palestine ISD. In addition to Mrs. Barnes' duties as Administrative Assistant, she also keeps the Palestine ISD Administrative Offices in tip top shape. The Board of Trustees and everyone who works in the Administrative Offices appreciate Mrs. Barnes for the job she does!

Construction Projects Update

Brent Schreiner of Balfour Beatty Construction Company, presented the Board of Trustees a construction update for Palestine High School. Concrete parking in front of the high school has been completed and being prepared for striping. Stage/auditorium lighting and sound systems are being completed and flooring installation is underway in many areas. The PHS project is 90% complete. The community is invited to visit the new Palestine High School on Sunday, August 19, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in the new PHS Auditorium for a Grand Opening and Dedication Ceremony.

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

Financial Report

David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer, stated that the District has received 96% of its property tax collections. Prosperity Bank has been a good partner for the District with investment earnings seeing an increase from the previous year. The District has managed well with budget reductions this past year. Planning for the 2012-2013 budget is underway and will be presented at a Public Hearing on August 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. The regular board meeting will follow the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m.

The Board of Trustees approved the Anderson County Appraisal District's proposed budget for 2013 as presented.

Consent Items Approved

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 21, 2012
- Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 17, 2012
- Bills paid for May, 2012
- Financial Report
- Monthly Investment Report
- Tax Collection Report

District Goals

The following District Goals for 2012-2013 were approved:

- Educate, Empower, and communicate with all Stakeholders to increase TAKS/STAAR scores across all subject areas with emphasis on math and science.
- Attract and retain a highly qualified faculty and provide all teachers with staff development that assures all state mandates regarding faculty training requirements and all priority district needs are met.
- Maintain a safe and orderly environment through implementation to create an atmosphere conducive to learning.
- Increase positive attitude of School District throughout Community.

Policy Update 94

Suzanne Eiben, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources presented information for Policy Update 94, which affects Policy FFAF (Local). Policy Update 94 was approved by the Board of Trustees. The policy requires that school districts develop guidelines to ensure the safety of students who are at risk of anaphylaxis. The guidelines will be shared prior to the 2012-2013 school year.

Student Code of Conduct

The Board of Trustees adopted the 2012-2013 Student Code of Conduct as presented. A new definition for serious misbehavior and bullying issues are addressed in the new code of conduct.

Personnel Approved

Paul Carr	English/Language Arts	Palestine High School
Stefanie Carr	4 th Grade	A.M. Story Intermediate
Scott Catchot	English/Language Arts	Palestine High School
Stephen Cooksey	Principal	Southside Elementary
Byron Dickey	Social Studies	Palestine High School
Erin Dickson	Kindergarten	Northside Primary
Lacie Farmer	Ag	Palestine High School
Caroline Griffin	4 th Grade	A.M. Story Intermediate
Ashley Hudson	PreK	Washington Early Childhood Center
Chrissy Humphrey	Math Lab	Palestine High School
Kathy Kirkpatrick	1st Grade	Northside Primary
Linda Luce	Counselor	A.M. Story Intermediate
Donna Lynn	English/Language Arts	Palestine Middle School
Joseph Mason	Assistant Principal	Palestine High School
Melissa Molandes	Assistant Principal	Southside Elementary
Iris Perry	Math/Special Education	Palestine High School
Wendy Schulze	4 th Grade	A.M. Story Intermediate
Pamela Vallance	4 th Grade	A.M. Story Intermediate

Superintendent Jason Marshall accepted the resignations of Kali Blume, Cynthia Brock, Kimberly Cary, Christi Herrington, Allison Linam, Paige Peyton, Cynthia Stouff, and Kim Tutt.

Superintendent's Report

The Palestine ISD Board of Trustees named the Palestine Herald Press to the Texas Association of School Board's Media Honor Roll for 2012. The Media Honor Roll recognizes media representatives statewide who deserve recognition for fair and balanced reporting of news about public schools.

Criteria for being selected include the media representative's efforts to get to know the superintendent, board president, and the district's mission and goals; report school news in a fair, accurate, and balanced manner; give a high profile to positive news about schools; visit the schools; and maintain a policy of no surprises by sharing information with school officials.

Public Schools Lawsuit Update

David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer, presented an update on the public schools lawsuit from a Texas Equity Center meeting he attended in Austin this week. A trial for the Texas Taxpayer and Student Fairness Coalition lawsuit representing over two thirds of the students in Texas will begin on October 22, 2012 in Travis County. A decision is expected by December, 2012. The lawsuit supports the equitable distribution of funding for all public schools in Texas.

**Next Regular Board Meeting
July 16, 2012 – 6:30 p.m.**