

**AGENDA**  
**PALESTINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Palestine ISD Administrative Offices Board Room**  
**Thursday, January 21, 2016**  
**6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.**

Call to order by President Sokolowski

**Closed Session**

The Board of Trustees will convene in closed session to discuss matters authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001 et. seq., including, but not limited to the following sections and purposes:

- A. Discuss Performance of District Administration.
- B. Discuss Superintendent Evaluation.
- C. Discuss Superintendent Contract.
- D. Discuss Board Self-Evaluation Instrument.
- E. Discussion for the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.071)
- F. Discussion of purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.072)
- G. Discussion of prospective gift or donation to the District if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the Board's position in negotiations with a third person. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.073)
- H. Discussing personnel or to hear complaints against personnel. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.074)
- I. Investments. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.075)
- J. Considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.076)
- K. Considering discipline of a public school child, or complaint or charge against personnel. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.082)
- L. Considering the standards, guidelines, terms, or conditions the board will follow, or will instruct its representatives to follow, in consultation with representatives of employee groups. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.083)
- M. Excluding witnesses from a hearing. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.084)

N. Telephone consultation with the Board's attorney. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.129)

O. Discussion or adoption of individual assessment instruments or assessment instrument items. (Education Code Sect. 39.030(a))

The Board of Trustees will reconvene in open session for action to be taken on closed session items.

# Agenda of Regular Meeting

## The Board of Trustees Palestine ISD

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Palestine ISD will be held January 21, 2016, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Palestine ISD Administrative Offices Board Room, 1007 East Park Avenue, Palestine, Texas 75801.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

### 1. **ROUTINE BUSINESS**

- A. Call to Order by President Stanley Sokolowski
- B. First Order of Business - Announcement by the Chairman as to the presence of a quorum, that the meeting has been duly called and that notice of the meeting has been posted in the time and manner required.
- C. Invocation - Ben Shiller - Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- D. Pledges of Allegiance - A.M. Story Intermediate Students
- E. Spotlight
  - 1. Recognition of PHS Culinary Arts Class
  - 2. Recognition of Fernando Varela with All Star Ford for Northside Primary Marquee
  - 3. Recognition of "Junior Rotarians"
    - a. Astrid Sandoval and Ryan Jenkins
  - 4. Recognition of PHS Students of the Month
    - a. Megan Holden and Jaime Pena
  - 5. Recognition of Palestine ISD Board of Trustees in Observance of School Board Appreciation Month

### 2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The public comment portion of each board meeting shall be used as a forum for the public or employees to present items of information to the Board of Education. We are doing this to be responsive to the community. Due to the confidentiality provision contained in the Texas Public Information Act, Family Education Rights to Privacy Act and other state and federal laws, no speaker will be allowed to demean employees of the school district or discuss students. Each speaker that is recognized shall limit the presentation to five minutes. A delegation of five or more persons shall

appoint one person to present their view to the Board. Due to a possible violation of the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Board shall make no response.

**3. CLOSED MEETING STATEMENT**

IF, DURING THE COURSE OF THE MEETING, DISCUSSION OF ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA SHOULD BE HELD IN A CLOSED MEETING, THE BOARD WILL CONDUCT A CLOSED MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT, TX. GOV'T CODE, CHAPTER 551.146, SUBCHAPTERS D AND E. BEFORE ANY CLOSED MEETING IS CONVENED, THE PRESIDING OFFICER WILL PUBLICLY IDENTIFY THE SECTION OR SECTIONS OF THE ACT AUTHORIZING THE CLOSED MEETING. ALL FINAL VOTES, ACTIONS, OR DECISIONS WILL BE TAKEN IN OPEN MEETING.

**4. DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS SERVICES/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

A. Financial Report

**5. CONSENT ITEMS**

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 14, 2015

B. Bills Paid for December, 2015

C. Financial Report

D. Monthly Investment Report

E. Tax Collection Report

F. Budget Amendments

G. Donations

H. SkoolLive, L.L.C. Agreement

**6. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES**

A. 2016-17 District Calendar Overview

**7. PERSONNEL**

A. Consider Hiring of Professional Personnel

B. Consider Superintendent's Evaluation

C. Consider Superintendent's Contract

**8. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

A. Consider Approval of Vision 2020

**9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

A. Enrollment Report

B. Calendar of Events

C. Texas Educators' Vote

D. Election Update

E. TASA Midwinter Conference - Austin, Texas - January 24 - 27, 2016

F. Any Other Updates

**10. ADJOURNMENT**