

AGENDA
PALESTINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Palestine ISD Administrative Offices Board Room
Thursday, March 26, 2015
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 Administrators and Teachers.
- B. Discuss Contracts of District Administrators and Teachers.
- C. Discuss 2014 Board of Trustees Self-Evaluation.
- D. 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)
- E. Discussion of purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.072)
- F. 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)
- G. Discussing personnel or to hear complaints against personnel. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.074)
- H. Investments. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.075)
- I. Considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.076)
- J. Considering discipline of a public school child, or complaint or charge against personnel. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.082)
- K. 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)
- L. Excluding witnesses from a hearing. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.084)
- M. Telephone consultation with the Board's attorney. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.129)

N. 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

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Palestine ISD will be held March 26, 2015, 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 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 - Reverend Keith Parkes of Beulah Baptist Church
- D. Pledges of Allegiance
- E. Spotlight
 - 1. Recognition of Texas Area Fund Foundation - The Action Fund Grant Award to Wildcat Golf Course
 - 2. Recognition of Lowe's for Northside Primary Playground Equipment Grant
 - 3. Recognition of PHS Students for Visual Arts Scholastic Event
 - 4. Recognition of Palestine High School Students Earning Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Certification
 - 5. Recognition of "Junior Rotarians" for the Month
 - a. February, 2015: Destiny Swain and Jacob Nicholas
 - b. March, 2015: Tanisha Klopper and Mauricio Serralde
 - 6. Recognition of Palestine High School Students of the Month
 - a. February, 2015: Geneva Spreen and Jacob Houck
 - b. March, 2015: Amiya Thomas and Jordan Hobbs
 - 7. Recognition of District eRate Efforts
 - 8. Recognition of PISD for 2014 Platinum Leadership Circle Award
 - 9. Video Showcase of PHS Career and Technology Education

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
- B. Construction Update

5. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 23, 2015
- B. Bills Paid for February, 2015
- C. Financial Report
- D. Monthly Investment Report
- E. Tax Collection Report
- F. Budget Amendments
- G. Donations
- H. Certification of EMAT System for 2015-2016 Textbook Order
- I. 2015-16 Cheerleading and Drill Team Constitutions

6. PERSONNEL

- A. Consider Hiring of Professional Personnel
- B. Consider Approval of Renewals, Non-renewals, and Terminations of Contracts for Professional Personnel

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Consider Approval of Resolution to Call on the Texas Legislature to Expand the State's Investment in Prekindergarten Education
- B. Certification of Unopposed Candidates for May 9, 2015 Board of Trustees Election
- C. Cancellation of May 9, 2015 Board of Trustees Election
- D. Consider Nomination for TASB Media Honor Roll
- E. Discuss 2014 Board of Trustees Self-Evaluation

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Enrollment Report
- B. March-May Activities
- C. Texas Association of School Boards - Summer Leadership Institute Dates
 - 1. San Antonio - June 11-13, 2015
 - 2. Fort Worth - June 18-20, 2015
- D. Any Other Updates

9. ADJOURNMENT