

AGENDA
PALESTINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Palestine ISD Administrative Offices Board Room
Thursday, August 20, 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. Discussion of Proposed Budget and Tax Rate for 2015-16.
- B. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, private consultation with the Board's attorney regarding approval to retain Gravely & Pearson, L.L.P. and initiate contemplated litigation regarding defects at Palestine ISD.
- C. Discussion of New Board Member Orientation.
- 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 August 20, 2015, beginning at 7:10 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 Meeting to Order

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

D. Pledges of Allegiance

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. **THE HONORABLE JUDGE JEFF DORAN WILL ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS**
5. **CONSIDER AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RETENTION OF GRAVELY & PEARSON, L.L.P. AND APPROVAL TO INITIATE CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION REGARDING DEFECTS AT PALESTINE ISD.**
6. **DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS SERVICES/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**
 - A. Financial Update
 - B. Discussion of Preliminary Schools FIRST Rating
 - C. Consider Approval of Fuel Bids
 - D. Consider Adoption of Tax Rate for 2015-16 Budget
 - E. Consider Adoption of 2015-16 Budget
7. **CONSENT ITEMS**
 - A. Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 20, 2015
 - B. Minutes of Called Meeting of July 27, 2015
 - C. Minutes of Called Meeting of July 28, 2015
 - D. Minutes of Called Meeting of August 11, 2015
 - E. Minutes of Called Meeting of August 12, 2015
 - F. Bills Paid for July, 2015
 - G. Financial Report
 - H. Monthly Investment Report
 - I. Tax Collection Report
 - J. Donations
 - K. Budget Amendments
 - L. Resolution Regarding Budget Transfers Between Functions
 - M. Anderson County Appraisal District 2016 Proposed Budget
 - N. Gifted and Talented Timeline for 2015-16
 - O. 2015-16 Honors Classes
 - P. 2015-16 Grading Procedures
 - Q. 2015-16 Wellness Plan - Information Item
 - R. Care of Students with Food Allergies At-Risk for Anaphylaxis - Information Item
 - S. 2015-16 Student Handbooks - Information Item
 - T. Qualified Appraisers and PDAS Calendar for 2015-16
8. **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES**

A. Update on Palestine ISD 2015 District & Campus Accountability Ratings

9. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

A. Consider Approval of Teacher Shortage Area Stipends for 2015-16

10. PERSONNEL

A. Consider Approval of Hiring Professional Personnel

11. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Discussion of Vision 2020 Strategic Planning Process & Timelines

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. First Day of School Plans

B. Campus Site Visit Reflection

C. Extracurricular Update

D. Calendar of Events

E. Any Other Updates

13. ADJOURNMENT