

AGENDA
PALESTINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES BOARD ROOM
October 17, 2011
6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Call to order by President Hobbs

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 Board of Trustees Self Evaluation
- B. 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)
- C. Discussion of purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.072)
- D. 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)
- E. Discussing personnel or to hear complaints against personnel. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.074)
- F. Investments. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.075)
- G. Considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.076)
- H. Considering discipline of a public school child, or complaint or charge against personnel. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.082)
- I. 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)
- J. Excluding witnesses from a hearing. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.084)

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

L. 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
PALESTINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES BOARD ROOM
October 17, 2011
7:15 PM

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Palestine Independent School District will be held on October 17, 2011, at 7:15 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 as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

1. ROUTINE BUSINESS

- A. Invocation - Pastor Danny Rodriguez - Palestine Church
- B. Pledges of Allegiance - A.M. Story Intermediate Students
- C. Spotlight
 - 1. Recognition of PHS Students of the Month
 - a. Crystal Banuelos and Paul Carlson
 - 2. Recognition of "Junior Rotarians" for the Month
 - a. Alexis Gaston and Nathan Perkins
 - 3. Recognition of Palestine ISD Teachers of the Year
 - a. Elementary: Tammy Ives of Northside Primary
 - b. Secondary: Janice Magee of Palestine High School
 - 4. Recognition of ICEE Success Program Contributors
 - 5. Recognition of Palestine Fire Department

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. CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

5. DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS SERVICES/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

A. Consider passage of an order authorizing the issuance and sale of the District's Limited Tax and Revenue Tax Refunding Bond, Series 2011; calling for redemption prior to maturity certain outstanding obligations of the District; and ordering other matters relating to the subject.

B. Transportation Report

6. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 19, 2011

B. Bills Paid for September, 2011

C. Financial Report

D. Monthly Investment Report

E. Tax Collection Report

F. Budget Amendments

G. Donations

7. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

A. Discussion of STAAR/EOC Testing at Junior High Campus (Math Update)

B. Consider Approval of Palestine Middle School Corrective Action Plan

C. Texas Title I Priority Schools (TTIPS) Grant Information

8. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Tax Collection Update by Robert Myers of McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen, P.C., Attorneys at Law

B. Consider Approval of Change in Dates of December, January, February and March Board Meetings

C. Consider Resolution to Join Unincorporated Association Concerning the Texas School Finance System and Potential Litigation to Protect the Taxpayers and School Children of Texas

9. PERSONNEL

A. Consider Hiring of Professional Personnel

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Enrollment Report
- B. Update on Extracurricular Activities
- C. Calendar of Events for November
- D. Any Other Updates

11. ADJOURNMENT