

**AGENDA**  
**PALESTINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Palestine ISD Administrative Offices Board Room**  
**Monday, November 18, 2013**  
**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 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)
- B. Discussion of purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.072)
- C. 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)
- D. Discussing personnel or to hear complaints against personnel. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.074)
- E. Investments. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.075)
- F. Considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.076)
- G. Considering discipline of a public school child, or complaint or charge against personnel. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.082)
- H. 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)
- I. Excluding witnesses from a hearing. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.084)

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

K. 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 November 18, 2013, 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. Invocation - Pastor Phil Chamberlin. - Grace United Methodist Church

B. Pledges of Allegiance - Washington Early Childhood Center Students

C. Spotlight

1. Recognition of Palestine High School Cross Country Teams

2. Recognition of "Junior Rotarians" for the Month

a. Leanne Fort and Branden Dantin

3. Recognition of Palestine High School Students of the Month

a. Gabrielle Steele and Wesley Ives

4. Recognition of The Honorable Robert Nichols, Texas Senate, District 3

5. Recognition of The Honorable Byron Cook, Texas House of Representatives, District 8

### **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 Update
- B. Tax Collection Update by Robert Myers of McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen, P.C., Attorneys at Law
- C. Discuss and Consider Fuel Bids
- D. Discuss and Consider Approval of Fund Balance Expenditures Associated with Construction

**5. CONSENT ITEMS**

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 21, 2013
- B. Bills Paid for October, 2013
- C. Financial Report
- D. Monthly Investment Report
- E. Tax Collection Report
- F. Budget Amendments
- G. Donations
- H. Administration of Credit by Exam for December, 2013
  - I. Palestine ISD Emergency Operations Plan
  - J. Legal Services Retainer Agreement with Walsh, Anderson, Brown, Gallegos, and Green, P.C., Attorneys at Law for 2013-2014

**6. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES**

- A. Presentation by the Palestine High School Audio Video Production Department
- B. 1 to 1 Technology Update

**7. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

- A. Public Reporting of Meeting Highly Qualified Teacher Requirements
- B. Consider Approval of Policy Update 98, Affecting Local Policies:
  - BBE (Local): Board Members - Authority
  - DBA (Local): Employment Requirements and Restrictions - Credentials and Records
  - DFFA (Local): Reduction in Force - Financial Exigency
  - DFFB (Local): Reduction in Force - Program Change

DGBA (Local): Personnel - Management Relations - Employee  
Complaints/Grievances

DH (Local): Employee Standards of Conduct

DNA (Local): Performance Appraisal - Evaluation of Teachers

EC (Local): School Day

EIA (Local): Academic Achievement - Grading/Progress Reports to Parents

FEA (Local): Attendance - Compulsory Attendance

FEC (Local): Attendance - Attendance for Credit

## **8. PERSONNEL**

A. Consider Hiring of Professional Personnel

## **9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

A. Enrollment Report

B. Update on Extracurricular Activities

C. Report on Lunches in the Lounge

D. Update on Retention Incentive

E. Calendar of Events

F. Any Other Updates

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**