

**AGENDA**  
**PALESTINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES BOARD ROOM**  
**November 26, 2012**  
**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.

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**7:00 PM**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Palestine Independent School District will be held on November 26, 2012, 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 as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

**1. ROUTINE BUSINESS**

- A. Invocation - Pastor Dwayne Moffitt, Jr. - South Union Baptist Church
- B. Pledges of Allegiance - Northside Primary Students
- C. Spotlight
  - 1. Recognition of "Junior Rotarians" for the Month
    - a. Anna Phelps and Gregory Conner
  - 2. Recognition of PHS Students of the Month
    - a. Amy Witt and Alex Meyers

**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. Financial Update

B. Consideration and Possible Approval of Resolution Authorizing Superintendent to Notify Comptroller of District's Authority to Exercise Power of Eminent Domain, as Required by Government Code Section 2206.101(b)

**6. CONSENT ITEMS**

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 22, 2012

B. Minutes of Special Meeting of October 29, 2012

C. Bills Paid for October, 2012

D. Financial Report

E. Monthly Investment Report

F. Tax Collection Report

G. Budget Amendments

H. Donations

**7. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES**

A. Consider Approval of December, 2012 Administration of Credit by Exam

B. Washington Early Childhood Center and Palestine High School Designated as PreK Centers of Excellence by the Texas Education Agency

C. Presentation by A.M. Story Intermediate

D. Presentation by Palestine Middle School

**8. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

A. Reporting of Meeting Highly Qualified Teacher Requirements

**9. PERSONNEL**

A. Consider Hiring of Professional Personnel

**10. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

A. Consider Approval to Renew the Legal Services Retainer Agreement with Walsh, Anderson, Brown, Gallegos, and Green, P.C., Attorneys at Law for 2012-2013

B. Consider Employee Retention Incentive

**11. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

A. Enrollment Report

B. Update on Public School Finance Lawsuit

C. Update on Extracurricular Activities

D. Calendar of Events

E. Any Other Updates

12. **ADJOURNMENT**