

AGENDA
PALESTINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES BOARD ROOM
December 12, 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. Discuss Superintendent Evaluation Process
- 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.

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December 12, 2011
7:00 PM

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Palestine Independent School District will be held on December 12, 2011, 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 Paul Jones - Court Drive Church of Christ
- B. Pledges of Allegiance - Washington Early Childhood Students
- C. Spotlight
 - 1. Kristi Duckworth, Region 7 ESC Head Start Director Compliments Washington Early Childhood Center Facility
 - 2. Recognition of PHS Students of the Month
 - a. Lucy Ayala and Bryan Ibarra
 - 3. Recognition of "Junior Rotarians" for the Month
 - a. Jessica Estrada and Lizbeth Rivas

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. Public Hearing to Discuss Taxation of Goods in Transit

6. DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS SERVICES/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

A. Financial Report

B. Consider Resolution to Provide for the Taxation of Goods in Transit

C. Consider Resolution to Adopt GASB Statement 54

D. Consider Resolution to Commit Funds to Committed Fund Balance

7. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 21, 2011

B. Bills Paid for November, 2011

C. Financial Report

D. Monthly Investment Report

E. Tax Collection Report

F. Budget Amendments

G. Donations

8. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

A. Policy Update 92, Affecting Local Policies:

DFF (Local): Termination of Employment - Reduction in Force

DFFA (Local): Reduction in Force - Financial Exigency

DFFB (Local): Reduction in Force - Program Change

9. PERSONNEL

A. Consider Approval of Hiring Professional Personnel

10. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Consider Approval of Out of State Trip for PHS Students - National Welding Competition - Tulsa, Oklahoma

B. Elect Trustee to Serve as Anderson County Appraisal District Representative

C. Discussion of Election Law Changes

D. Announcement of Board of Trustees Continuing Education Credit

11. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Enrollment Report

B. Any Other Updates

C. Update on Public School Finance Lawsuit

D. Report on Christmas Holiday Happenings

12. **ADJOURNMENT**