

**AGENDA**  
**PALESTINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Palestine ISD Administrative Offices Board Room**  
**Monday, February 23, 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. Discuss Performance of District Administrators and Teachers.
- B. Discuss Contracts of District Administrators.
- C. Discuss Board Self-Evaluation Instrument.
- D. Discuss Prospective Athletic Director/Head Football Coach Position.
- E. 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)
- F. Discussion of purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.072)
- G. 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)
- H. Discussing personnel or to hear complaints against personnel. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.074)
- I. Investments. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.075)
- J. Considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security personnel or devices. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.076)
- K. Considering discipline of a public school child, or complaint or charge against personnel. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.082)
- L. 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)
- M. Excluding witnesses from a hearing. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.084)
- N. Telephone consultation with the Board's attorney. (Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.129)
- O. 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 February 23, 2015, 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. Call to Order by President Sokolowski
- 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 - Reverend Keith Parkes of Beulah Baptist Church
- D. Pledge of Allegiance - Washington Early Childhood Center Students

### **2. SPOTLIGHT**

- A. Recognition of Texas Area Fund Foundation - The Action Fund Grant Award to Wildcat Golf Course
- B. Recognition of Lowe's for Northside Primary Playground Equipment Grant
- C. Recognition of Palestine High School students Earning Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) certification
- D. Recognition of "Junior Rotarians"
  - 1. Destiny Swain and Jacob Nicholas
- E. Recognition of PHS Students of the Month
  - 1. Geneva Spreen and Jacob Houck
- F. Recognition of District eRate Efforts
- G. Recognition of PISD for 2014 Platinum Leadership Circle Award
- H. Video Showcase of PHS Career and Technology Education

### **3. 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.

**4. 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.

**5. DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS SERVICES/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

A. Financial Report

**6. CONSENT ITEMS**

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 22, 2015

B. Bills Paid for January, 2015

C. Financial Report

D. Monthly Investment Report

E. Tax Collection Report

F. Budget Amendments

G. Donations

H. Certification of Superintendent to Region 7 Education Service Center Regional Advisory Committee

I. Class Size Reduction Waiver

J. Resolution To Disclaim Certain Real Property

K. Request for Proposals (RFP) for LED Signage

L. Universal Breakfast Waiver for School Year 2015-2016

M. Smith, Lambright & Associates, P.C. Approval to Provide Palestine ISD Financial Audit for Year Ending August 31, 2015

N. Cosmetology Innovative Course and Certification

**7. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES**

A. Resolution Supporting Texas Public Schools 2015

B. Consider Approval of 2015-2016 School Calendar

C. Palestine Junior High School Presentation by Stephen Cooksey, Principal

**8. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

A. Consider Approval of Cheerleading Constitution for 2015-16

**9. PERSONNEL**

A. Consider Hiring of Professional Personnel

B. Consider Employment of Palestine ISD Athletic Director and Head Football Coach

C. Consider Approval of Renewals/Extensions of Administrators' Contracts

**10. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

A. Consider and Take Action on Approval of School Trustee Election Order for May 9, 2015 Election

B. Consider and Take Action on Approval of Joint Election Resolution Between City of Palestine and Palestine Independent School District

C. Consider Change to 2014-15 District Calendar for Professional Development

D. Consider Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Anderson County for Removal of Trees at Golf Course

**11. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

A. Enrollment Report

B. March Activities

1. Spring Break (March 16-20, 2015)

C. TASB Summer Leadership Institute Dates

San Antonio - June 11-13, 2015

Fort Worth - June 18-20, 2015

D. Any Other Updates

**12. ADJOURNMENT**