



# BOARD NOTES

## **A Summary of the January 24, 2019 Palestine ISD Board of Trustees Meeting**

Grace Mancilla, Southside Elementary principal, introduced and recognized Southside students who have exhibited good character traits and responsibility during the school year, and the students then led pledges to the American and Texas flags..

### **Spotlight**

#### **Junior Rotarians**

Salma Ruiz and Ethan Savarese were recognized for being named Junior Rotarians for the month of January.

#### **Students of the Month**

Esther Jeffus and Hayden Sokolowski were recognized for being named PHS Students of the Month for January.

#### **School Board Appreciation**

In observance of School Board Appreciation Month, Superintendent Marshall thanked the Board for their service and dedication to students and staff. Each campus presented Board members with gifts that were handmade by students. Board President Dyna Tutt, complimented principals and administrators for working as a team which helps to make the work of the Board of Trustees easier.

### **Public Comment**

There were no requests for public comment.

### **Financial Report**

David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer, presented a brief financial report noting that tax collections were on target for that point in the school year, and that the district was conducting a review of investments to see if better interest rates were available.

### **Financial Audit**

J.W. Lambright of Smith, Lambright & Associates, presented the PISD Financial Audit for the year ending August 31, 2018. The Board approved the Financial Audit findings.

## **Consent Items Approved**

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 17, 2018
- Bills paid for December, 2018
- Financial Report
- Monthly Investment Report
- Tax Collection Report
- Donations  
\$450.00 from Palestine Realty to supplement PHS boys basketball program/tournament.
- TexPool Resolution and Participation Agreement
- 2018-2019 District Improvement Plan
- 2018-2019 Campus Improvement Plans
- 2019-2020 Cheerleading Constitution
- 2019-2020 Drill Team Constitution

## **Public Hearing – 2017-2018 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR)**

Board President, Dyna Tutt, called Public Hearing to order, announced that a quorum was present, that the hearing was duly called, and that notice of the meeting had been posted for the time and in the manner required by law.

Chris Kiser, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, presented the seven sections of the 2017-2018 PISD Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR). Mr. Kiser informed that the district received an overall accountability rating of B on an A-F scale, and that the district met requirements for Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) Test. Mr. Kiser also reported that the districtwide Special Education determination status was “Needs Intervention” and that a Targeted Improvement Plan had been submitted and approved by TEA. PHS, PJHS, and A.M. Story Intermediate, all received “Met Standard” accountability ratings. Southside Elementary, Northside Primary, and Washington Early Childhood Center all received “Improvement Required” accountability ratings and that a Targeted Improvement Plan had been submitted and approved by TEA. Northside and Washington are included in the “Improvement Required” ratings because they are feeder campuses and identified by TEA as paired campuses in the rating system.

President Tutt offered an opportunity for questions or comments regarding the TAPR Report. There were no questions or concerns from the audience or board members and there being no further discussion of the TAPR, the public hearing was adjourned.

## **District Calendar for 2019-2020: First Read**

Chris Kiser, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, presented three calendar options that were currently being reviewed by the calendar committee and District Action Team.

## **School Safety Update**

Dr. William Stewart, PISD Director of School Safety, presented the following information regarding school safety:

- PISD representative recently participated in Texas Pipeline Safety Training.
- PISD in process of updating safety and security agreements.
- PISD Maintenance Department in process of completing work items recommended in the safety audit report.
- Students receiving training on how to properly interact with law enforcement as required by Senate Bill 30.
- Evaluation and consideration of safety options available, some of which include; ways to make campus vestibules more secure, door sensors that would alarm when doors are left open, and modified window film to increase bullet penetration time.

### **Superintendent Contract and Evaluation Tabled**

The Board approved the 2018 Superintendent's evaluation that had been previously completed and shared with the Superintendent in closed meeting.

The Board approved extending the contract of Superintendent Jason Marshall one year to include the 2021-2022 school year.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Jason Marshall reported the following:

- District student enrollment as of January 24, 2019: 3,384
- May 2019 Election Information
  - Date of Election May 4, 2019, 7 am – 7 pm
  - Board Places up for Election Places 3, 4, 5 (3 Year Term)
  - Candidate Application Period January 16, 2019 – February 15, 2019
- Superintendent and group of four (4) administrators would be attending TASA Midwinter Conference January 27-30, 2019

**Next Regular Board Meeting  
February 21, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.**