



BOARD NOTES

A Summary of the February 21, 2019 Palestine ISD Board of Trustees Meeting

Spotlight

PHS Swim Team

Stephen Cooksey, PHS Principal introduced members of the PHS Swim Team and swim team instructors, Katherine Newton and Jim Davis. The Swim Team was recognized for their accomplishments during the district's first year to have swimming as a school sport. Swim Team members John Berry, Colyer LaFontaine, Sam Veneris, and Sydney Veneris, competed in UIL 19-4A District Competition, and Sydney Veneris advanced to Regional Competition.

Katherine Newton, Swim Team Instructor thanked Hampton Inn representative Lisa Aceveda for providing access to their pool facility for swim team practice. Ms. Aceveda shared that the hotel was pleased to be able to assist the swim team.

PHS Junior Rotarians

Carmen Aguilar and Matt Wages were recognized for being named Junior Rotarians for the month of February.

PHS Students of the Month

MyKayla Gonzalez and Bryston Lewis were recognized for being named PHS Students of the Month for February. Bryston was unable to attend the board meeting due to an out of town tennis tournament.

Celebrate Texas Public Schools

The Board adopted a resolution for the district to celebrate Texas Public Schools during the month of March.

Financial Report

Superintendent Jason Marshall presented a brief financial report noting that tax collections remained strong, and although student enrollment had been slightly lower than the previous school year; tax collections and student enrollment were providing adequate funding for the district.

Investment Policies Review

Superintendent Marshall presented the annual review of the district's investment policies pursuant to the Texas Public Funds Investment Act (PFIA).

Consent Items Approved

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 24, 2019
- Minutes of the Called Meeting of February 5, 2019
- Bills paid for January, 2019
- Financial Report
- Monthly Investment Report
- Tax Collection Report
- Donations
 - Palestine Junior High School
Gift cards valued at \$70.00 from Whataburger to be used as Teacher Christmas prizes.
Gift cards valued at \$50.00 from Little Mexico to be used as Teacher Christmas prizes.
- High School Computer Purchase
- PHS Robotics Out of State Trip
- Adult Lunch Price Increase from \$3.35 to \$3.50
- Revised PreAP/AP Entrance/Summer Learning Requirements

Academic Report

Chris Kiser, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services presented winter benchmark and CBA results for K-12 campuses.

Pre-Kindergarten Expansion

Superintendent Marshall presented information regarding the need for possible Pre-Kindergarten expansion. Mr. Marshall explained that currently the Pre-K program is available based on the parent(s) income, and for children of district employees. Expanding the Pre-K program would allow for the district to serve those children who don't qualify because the parent's income is slightly more than the income limit. Mr. Marshall shared that the district would conduct a survey to determine how many parents would be interested in their child attending Pre-Kindergarten if the program were to be expanded.

2019-2020 School Calendar

Chris Kiser, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, presented three calendar options for the 2019-2020 school year. The board approved that the school calendar adoption be tabled to allow time for further consideration of the impact of student early releases for the purpose of professional development.

Personnel

Professional Personnel approved for hiring:

Burton, Lindsey Speech Therapy Asst. Palestine ISD

Superintendent Jason Marshall accepted the resignation of Susan Johnson.

Contract extensions for administrators and directors approved:

David Atkeisson	2018-2020 Term
Sheila Bradley	2018-2020 Term
Jaime Clark	2018-2020 Term
Robby Clark	2018-2020 Term
Sam Coker	2018-2019 Term
Stephen Cooksey	2018-2020 Term
Dee Dietz	2018-2020 Term
Barbara Dutton	2018-2020 Term
Suzanne Eiben	2018-2020 Term
Rhonda Herrington	2018-2019 Term (part time)

Stephanie Johnson	2018-2019 Term
Tammy Jones	2018-2020 Term
Chris Kiser	2018-2020 Term
Larissa Loveless	2018-2020 Term
Linda Luce	2018-2019 Term
Grace Mancilla	2018-2020 Term
Joseph Mason	2018-2019 Term
Breck Quarles	2018-2019 Term
Sharon Reed	2018-2020 Term
John David Richardson	2018-2019 Term
Lolita Shead	2018-2019 Term (part time)
William Stewart	2018-2020 Term

Non-Certified Administrators

Jack Dalaba	2018-2019 contract
Mark Schrader	2018-2019 contract
Jacob Wheeler	2018-2019 contract

Board of Trustees Election

The Board approved a joint election agreement between Palestine ISD and the City of Palestine for an election to be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Jason Marshall shared the following information:

PISD student enrollment as of February 21, 2019: 3,379

Boys Basketball to play Area Playoff Game vs Lorena in Corsicana on February 22, 2019

High School District One Act Play to be held at PHS on March 8, 2019

The District will be closed the week of March 11-15, 2019 for spring break and April 19, 2019 for the Good Friday holiday.

Texas Association of School Boards Summer Leadership Institute (Board members plan to attend SLI in San Antonio June 13-15, 2019)

Board President Tutt declared the meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

**Next Regular Board Meeting
March 25, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.**