



# BOARD NOTES

## **A Summary of the March 26, 2018 Palestine ISD Board of Trustees Meeting**

Sheila Bradley, Washington E.C.C. Principal, introduced children who attend the PISD Employee Daycare. The daycare children led pledges to the American and Texas flags.

### **Spotlight**

#### **Junior Rotarians of the Month**

Monia Bradford and Salvador Castillo were recognized for being named PHS Junior Rotarians for the month of March. Bryston Lewis, who was not able to attend the February school board meeting due to a tennis tournament, was recognized for being named PHS Junior Rotarian for the month of February.

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

Allison Sanchez and Jesus Garcia were recognized for being named PHS Students of the Month for March.

#### **Ladycat Basketball**

Coach Jozette Jenkins introduced PHS Girls' Basketball team members and shared the following season accomplishments: Season record (10-16), District record (3-5), Team was 4<sup>th</sup> in District and made it to Bi-District playoffs. 2019 All District Awards: Destiny Mathews, (Most Valuable Player), JaBrea Simmons and Ja'mya Reeves (1<sup>st</sup> Team All District), Alexis Calhoun and Machaela Jordan (2<sup>nd</sup> Team All District). Destiny Mathews (TGCA All State), Chanylla Gibson and Carmen Aguilar (THSCA Academic All State).

#### **Wildcat Basketball**

Johnnathan Johnson introduced PHS Boys' Basketball team members and shared the following season accomplishments: Season record (25-5), District record (8-0), Ranked in state, 2019 District Champions (1<sup>st</sup> time in 15 years), Bi-District Champions (2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year), and made it to Area playoffs. 2019 All District Awards: Matt Wages (Most Valuable Player), D'Michael Bellfield (Offensive MVP), Enoch Fatade (Co-Defensive MVP), Johnnathan Johnson (Coach of the Year), Eric Carthan and TJ Dever (1<sup>st</sup> Team All District), Amad Deckard, Quinton Cook, and Elvin Calhoun (Honorable Mention). All State Awards: Matt Wages (THSCA 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Academic and selected to play in Texas Roundup All-Star Game).

### **Public Comment**

There were no requests for public comment.

### **Financial Report**

Superintendent Jason Marshall presented a brief financial report that included the following information. District has received 67.26% of budgeted general fund revenue, and spent or encumbered 50.32% of general fund expenditure budget. Interest earned in the amount of \$20,180.32 during the previous month, which was almost twice the amount earned in one month in many years.

## **Consent Items Approved**

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 21, 2019
- Bills paid for February, 2019
- Financial Report
- Monthly Investment Report
- Tax Collection Report
- Donations
  - Palestine High School  
\$1,000.00 from Spencer Distributing to be used for Math & Science.  
\$500.00 from Scott Thompson to PHS welding for electronic hand magnet.
  - A.M. Story Intermediate  
\$500.00 from Spencer Distributing to be used for Math & Science.
  - PISD Food Service  
\$500.00 from Charles Nichols for student meals.
- Allotment and TEKS Certification for 2019-2020 Instructional Materials/Textbook Order
- 2019-2020 Certification of Superintendent for Region 7 ESC Regional Advisory Committee
- School Trustee Election Notice for May 4, 2019
- Superintendent's Report
  - Student Enrollment as of March 25, 2019: 3,388
  - March-May Calendar of Events (Copy provided to Board Members)
  - Legislative Update on Texas 86<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session

## **Personnel**

The Board approved the following personnel as presented.

Huff, Chelsi	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade ELA	A.M. Story Intermediate
Langley, Amy	Education	Palestine High School
Liljequist, Tara	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math	A.M. Story Intermediate
Manley, John Paul	Fire Service (New Position)	Palestine High School

The Board of Trustees approved term and probationary contracts of teachers for the 2019-2020 school year.

Superintendent Jason Marshall accepted the resignation of Brennan McGinty.

## **School Calendar for 2019-2020**

Chris Kiser, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, presented a proposed 2019-2020 calendar for adoption. Mr. Kiser informed that the District Action Team and Administrative team had reviewed several calendars and recommended a combination of each of the calendars for adoption. The calendar includes 173 student days, 187 staff days, and a total of 76, 415 minutes of student instruction. The calendar for the 2019-2020 school year was adopted as presented.

## **Pre-Kindergarten Expansion**

Discussion continued from the previous school board meeting in February of the possible expansion of the district's Pre-Kindergarten program to allow all children who meet the income qualification and reside in the district to attend the district's Pre-K program. Superintendent Marshall shared that there are approximately 140 children enrolled each year in the PISD Pre-K program, but there are still children who qualify each year but do not get to attend Pre-K due to the program being full. If the Pre-K program were expanded, Pre-K enrollment would increase by 50-70 students. Pre-K expansion would require the district to move PISD Employee Daycare Center from WECC to a new location to allow the necessary space requirements at the WECC campus for additional Pre-K children.

The Board approved a motion to create additional space in the Pre-K program to allow admission of all Pre-K children who qualify based on income and reside in the school district.

Additionally, the Board approved a motion for the district to continue investigating expansion of the Pre-K program to include all children who live in PISD regardless of income qualification.

### **Teacher Stipends**

Superintendent Marshall and the Board discussed the value of the district's effective teaching staff and the desire to retain excellent classroom teachers. Superintendent Marshall stated that the number one priority of the current Texas legislative session was teacher compensation, and that one of PISD's Vision 2020 goals was to address teacher compensation which the Board had addressed in a variety of ways over the past several years. The Board discussed addressing teacher compensation prior to the outcome of the legislative session by paying a one-time stipend to classroom teachers during the 2019-2020 school year.

The Board approved a one-time stipend for teachers in the amount of \$2,500.00 to be paid during the 2019-2020 school year only. The Board clarified the motion by stating the following: If the legislature approves additional funding for teacher salaries during the current legislative session, the district would adhere to the new legislative requirements in lieu of the \$2,500.00 stipend. Staff would not receive the \$2,500.00 stipend plus the full amount of any legislative increase. The Board noted that salaries for non-teaching PISD employees would be discussed at a later date.

A motion was made and approved for the Board to adjourn into executive session at 8:00 PM to discuss future district plans.

The Board reconvened into open session at 9:02 PM and President Tutt announced that no action had been taken during executive session.

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM.

**Next Regular Board Meeting  
April 15, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.**