



# BOARD NOTES

## **A Summary of the December 16, 2019 Palestine ISD Board of Trustees Meeting**

### **Pledges**

Pledges of allegiance to the American and Texas flags were recited. .

### **Spotlight**

PHS Football Team:

Lance Angel, Director of Athletics, introduced Wildcat Football Team members and shared the following season accomplishments:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in UIL District 10-4A, Bi-District Champions, Area Champions
- Regional Semi-Finals (lost to Midlothian Heritage)
- Longest playoff run since 2004 and most wins since 2013

PHS Junior Rotarians:

Jezlein Garcia and Patrick Ealy were recognized for being selected to serve as Junior Rotarians for the month of November. Each student was presented a plaque.

PHS Students of the Month:

Guadalupe Vega and David George were recognized for being chosen as students of the month for November. Each student was presented a plaque.

### **Public Comment**

There were no requests for public comment.

### **Consent Items Approved**

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 18, 2019
- Bills paid for November, 2019
- Financial Report
- Monthly Investment Report
- Tax Collection Report
- Donations

Palestine High School Athletics

\$100.00 from Chris & Toni Rogers for soccer banner sponsorship.

\$100.00 from BJTD Hospitality McKinney LLC for soccer banner sponsorship.

\$100.00 from Local Hospitality LLC for soccer banner sponsorship.

\$500.00 from City of Palestine for Wildcat Golf Country Christmas Tourney.

\$20.00 from Jordan Crabill for gun table purchase student tip.

\$50.00 from Troy Freeman for ETX Has Talent Choir advertisement.

- Purchase of ISD Police Department Vehicles
- Revised Board Planning Calendar
- PISD Daycare Update: The daycare facility has been a significant benefit for parents, and has had a positive impact on the ability to recruit and employ certified teachers. The current child enrollment is 52, consisting of nine infants, 13 toddlers, 16 two year old children, and 14 three year old children with a staff of 13. Of the 52 children, 44 are children of PISD employees (others are grandchildren of PISD employees). Daycare has achieved Texas Rising Star (TSR) certification. PISD voluntarily participates in the TWC program which enables several PISD employees to receive subsidies for childcare costs.
- Credit by Exam – January 2020 Administration
- Superintendent’s Report
  - 1) Enrollment Report: 3,459
  - 2) Palestine ISD Year in Review
  - 3) Fall 2019 Report on Community Academic Committee Meetings: Committee meets monthly to discuss ways to improve student performance.
  - 4) Christmas Holiday Shutdown
  - 5) Calendar of Events given to Board members

**Personnel Approved**

Leach, Donnie	DAEP	Palestine High School
McLain, Virginia	Math	Palestine High School
Michael, Sherry	Math	Palestine High School

Superintendent Marshall accepted the resignations of Kristen Blank, Johanna Faucett-Davis, and Sherry Michael.

**Band Uniform Purchase**

David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer, informed the Board regarding the need for new band uniforms. Mr. Atkeisson explained that the current uniforms were no longer able to outfit the band as it continues to grow. PISD Band Director, Adrian Alonso, had inquired and received pricing for 180 uniforms prior to the meeting. The expected life span of new uniforms is 8-10 years, and as the band continues to grow the pricing for additional uniforms would be good for 3 years. The purchase of new uniforms for the band was approved by the Board.

**Construction Manager At-Risk Selection**

David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer, presented information regarding the selection of a Construction Manager At-Risk for facility improvements.

Mr. Atkeisson reviewed the process as outlined below for selection of CMAR:

- The required 2 step process that calls for qualifications and proposals completed.
- The district received responses from Heritage Constructors, Inc., and Buford Thompson Construction (BTC).
- Proposals rated and BTC received the higher rating.
- Recommendation to select BTC as the Construction Manager At-Risk firm for the project.

The Board approved BTC to serve as Construction Manager At-Risk for Facilities Improvement, and to authorize the Superintendent to negotiate the contract.

**Weight Room Building Purchase**

The Board approved the purchase of a building to be utilized for a new weight room at Palestine High School.

### **Wildcat Stadium Access Card Readers**

Superintendent Jason Marshall presented information regarding the need to monitor public access into Wildcat Stadium. Mr. Marshall shared that the stadium had been open to the public for exercise purposes for many years with few problems. However, during a recent safety audit, it was noted that unmonitored public use of the stadium and possible interaction between unfriendly guests and students was a potential safety concern. Mr. Marshall explained that until recently there had not been a good way to monitor access into the stadium. However, the recent installation of a new electronic turnstile with a card reader/camera on it would prevent unwanted entry into the stadium while allowing those who have permission to continue using the exercise areas. The Board approved stadium access cards and procedures for Wildcat Stadium public access as presented.

### **Review of Vision 2020**

Superintendent Jason Marshall and each Vision 2020 team leader presented a review of the district's five year strategic plan, called Vision 2020. Mr. Marshall noted that Vision 2020 had helped the district make a lot of progress in several areas, and that the district was one year away from completing Vision 2020. The district will begin work on a new strategic plan in early 2021 that will lead the district through the year 2025.

Vision 2020 Categories/Team Leaders/Board Members:

- 1) Teaching & Learning  
Chris Kiser, Asst. Superintendent of Instruction/Davi Killion Ingram
- 2) College & Career Readiness  
Brian Howie, Director of College & Career Readiness/Kurt Herrington
- 3) Human Resources  
Suzanne Eiben, Asst. Superintendent of Human Resources/Brandon Sheeley
- 4) Extracurricular  
Fine Arts: Rhonda Herrington, Director of Fine Arts/Jeffrey Schwab  
Athletics: Lance Angel, Director of Athletics/Jeffrey Schwab
- 5) Community & Public Relations  
Larissa Loveless, Director of Public Relations/Stanley Sokolowski
- 6) Technology  
Mark Schrader, Director of Technology/Dyna Tutt
- 7) Business Services  
David Atkeisson, Director of Business Services & CFO/Michael Bennett
- 8) Team of Eight  
Jason Marshall, Superintendent/All Board Members

### **Executive Session**

The Board convened into executive session at 7:25 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Codes 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.075, 551.076, 551.082, 551.083, 551.084, and 551.129

- A. Academic Programs and Expansion
- B. Campus and Grade Level Alignments
- C. Facility Needs

The Board reconvened into open session at 8:52 PM. Board President Bennett stated that there had been no action taken in executive session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM.