



BOARD NOTES

A Summary of the February 10, 2020 Palestine ISD Board of Trustees Called Meeting

Meeting called to order by President Michael Bennett at 12:07 PM.

Board of Trustee Election Order

The Board approved an order for a school trustee regular Election to be held on Saturday, May 2, 2020, for the purpose of electing two (2) members, Place Six (6), and Place Seven (7) of the Board of Trustees of the said school district for a full three (3) year term.

Joint Election Resolution

The Board approved the adoption of a joint election resolution between the City of Palestine and Palestine ISD for the May 2, 2020 Board of Trustee Election.

Purchase of Property

Superintendent Jason Marshall reminded that the Board had taken action to authorize the superintendent to negotiate the purchase of property at the January regular school board meeting. Superintendent Marshall stated that the property included a home and two acres located across from the Junior High campus on Ben Milam Street. Superintendent Marshall shared that the district could use the land if needed for future district expansion, and that the home would provide a renovation project for the PHS Building Trades Program.

David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer, informed that the seller, Kenneth Bratz, had offered to sell the property to the district for \$65,000, and that the district had agreed to split the closing costs with the seller. Mr. Atkeisson stated that he felt the offer was fair, as the sale price was slightly less than the current appraised value.

Brian Howie, Director of College and Career Readiness, informed that he had toured the home and felt that it mainly needed updating, but that the renovation could be more extensive based on what is found during renovation. Board members expressed concern for the safety of students during the renovation process, and Superintendent Marshall agreed that ensuring that the worksite is safe for students would be top priority.

The Board approved the purchase of the property on Ben Milam Street in the amount of \$65,000, plus half of closing costs.

2020-2021 School Calendar Discussion

Superintendent Jason Marshall stated that the district was in the process of developing the school calendar for 2020-2021, and that a first read of two calendars under consideration had been presented and discussed at the January school board meeting. The Board continued discussions from the previous meeting regarding the two calendar options. The district will continue reviewing the benefits of each calendar and make changes based on what is in the best interest of students and staff. A calendar recommendation will be submitted for adoption at the February regular school board meeting.

There being no further business, President Bennett declared the meeting adjourned at 12:38 PM.