



# BOARD NOTES

## **A Summary of the July 22, 2019 Palestine ISD Board of Trustees Meeting**

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

### **Spotlight**

Palestine ISD honored the Palestine Fire Department for all they do for the community and schools. Superintendent Marshall thanked the Palestine Fire Department for all that they do to protect the community and for keeping the school district informed of safety issues.

### **Public Comment**

Brian Homann spoke regarding New York field trip opportunity for PHS Choir students.

### **Financial Update**

David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer, presented a brief financial update.

- Tax Collections above 100%
- District continuing to review investments to ensure best interest rates possible

### **Budget Workshop**

David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer, presented the following information during a Budget Workshop for the 2019-2020 school year:

- 2019 Legislative Session having a positive effect on school finance.
- General fund (199) budget for the 2019-2020 school year projected at approximately \$34 million.
- PISD teacher pay to be increased approximately \$6,000 on average.
- PISD support staff pay to be increased approximately 10-15%.
- House Bill 3 requiring school districts to compress tax rates, therefore the district would be proposing a lower total tax rate for 2019-2020.
- Mr. Atkeisson noted that although the tax rate would be lower in 2019-2020, increased property values were expected to be higher. Therefore, property taxes may not be lower for homes/businesses that increased in value due to property values being higher.

### **Proposed Tax Rate**

David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer, presented information regarding the proposed property tax rate for 2019-2020: Maintenance & Operations proposed tax rate (\$1.0684). Interest & Sinking proposed tax rate (\$.036). Total proposed tax rate (\$1.4284) Total proposed tax rate is \$0.1016 less than the 2018-2019 tax rate.

### **Consent Items Approved**

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 18, 2018
- Bills paid for June, 2018
- Financial Report
- Monthly Investment Report
- Tax Collection Report
- Donations: (No donations received)
- Anderson County Appraisal District 2020 Proposed Budget
- 2019-2020 Teacher Shortage Areas: Bilingual/ESL (Elem & Secondary), Career & Technical Education, Computer Science/Technology Applications, Math, Science, and Special Education (Elem & Secondary)
- 2019-2020 School Supply List
- Out of State Trip for PHS Choir
- 2019-2020 Credit by Exam Plan/Timeline
- Endorsement of Nomination of Dr. Carolyn Booker to Serve on TASB Board of Directors

### **Preliminary STAAR Scores/Accountability**

Chris Kiser, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, presented 2019 District and Campus Projected State Accountability Ratings and improvement plans for 2019-2020. Projected Accountability Ratings: District Rating (B/88), Southside Elementary (B) Improved from previous school year C rating, A.M. Story Intermediate (D), PJHS and PHS (B).

### **LAUNCH/GT/STEAM**

Chris Kiser, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services shared the district's plans for 2019-2020 LAUNCH/GT/STEAM Programs.

### **Campus Start and End Times**

Chris Kiser, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, reviewed campus daily start and stop times for 2019-2020: (No change from previous school year)

High School (Grades 9-12)	8:00-3:40 (TACE 3:40-5:40)
Junior High (Grades 7-8)	8:00-3:40 (TACE 3:40-5:40)
Story (Grades 4-6)	7:55-3:35 (TACE 3:15-5:15)
Southside (Grades 2-3)	7:45-3:10 (TACE 3:10-5:10)
Northside (Grades K-1)	7:45-3:10 (TACE 3:10-5:10)
Washington (Head Start/PreK)	8:00-3:00

## **College and Career Readiness**

Brian Howie, Director of College and Career Readiness, presented the following 2018-2019 College and Career Readiness information:

Number of students enrolled in dual credit classes: 265

College hours earned by the senior class: 3,537

College courses completed for credit: 1,081

Seniors completing at least one college class: 96 (125 seniors/59% of seniors enrolled in workforce classes)

Seniors earning core complete status: 42

Seniors earning an associate's degree: 26

Seniors who completed at least 20 hours of college: 64

Seniors who completed at least 30 hours of college: 59

Seniors who completed at least 40 hours of college: 47

Seniors who completed at least 50 hours of college: 35

Seniors who completed at least 60 hours of college: 26

Industrial Certifications earned by the Senior class: 210

District working with TVCC and SFA as Dual Credit Providers. District has increased offerings from SFA within the last two years but TVCC still has the majority. TVCC also handles all workforce dual credit programs at no charge (cosmetology, welding, and business).

District working toward ways to add robotics/drone competitions and exploration at the campuses through the STEAM Program.

Career Readiness additions for 2019-2020: Fire Science Academy, Ag Mechanics/Animal Science.

## **Policy Update 113**

Policy Update 113 was tabled and moved to the August regular school board meeting.

## **Personnel Approved**

1) Arndt, Andrew	Special Education	A.M. Story Intermediate
2) Ellis, Kendrick	Physical Education	A.M. Story Intermediate
3) Facio, Francisco	Government/Economics	Palestine High School
4) Harding, Destiny	Robotics	Palestine High School
5) Jones, Laura	Assistant Principal	A.M. Story Intermediate
6) Jones, Michael	Assistant Principal	Palestine High School
7) Jones, Sara	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	A.M. Story Intermediate
8) Leach, Ana	Band Director	A.M. Story Intermediate
9) Martinez, Beatriz	Campus Nurse	Northside Primary
10) McCullough, Diane	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	A.M. Story Intermediate
11) McKnight, Chauntine	Physical Education	A.M. Story Intermediate
12) Nichols, Angela	Assistant Principal	Palestine Junior High School
13) Parker, Alexandra	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Southside Elementary
14) Patty, Audrey	English Language Arts	Palestine High School
15) Richardson, Lee Ann	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Southside Elementary
16) Schmutz, Karen	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Southside Elementary
17) Schulz, Misti	Art	Palestine High School

Superintendent Jason Marshall accepted the resignations/retirements of Jaime Clark, Tiffany Cooksey, Juli Durham, and Chelsi Huff.

### **New Welding Shop**

The Board approved to begin the process for a new welding shop to be constructed on the high school campus.

### **TASA/TASB Delegate Assembly**

The Board appointed Davi Ingram to serve as delegate at the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Delegate Assembly on Saturday, September 21, 2019 in Dallas, Texas.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Jason Marshall shared the following information:

- Update on recent Public Information Request  
Superintendent Marshall presented an update regarding a Public Information Request that PISD had received from the Palestine Herald Press. PISD denied the request based on FERPA requirements. After denying the Palestine Herald Press request, PISD received a communication from the Attorney General requesting the district's reason for denial of the PIR. PISD responded to the Attorney General's inquiry and later received a communication from the Attorney General that PISD's denial of the PIR had been handled correctly by the district.
- PISD Upcoming Events
  - 1) Student extracurricular programs to begin Monday, August 5, 2019
  - 2) New Teacher Orientation to be held Monday, August 5, 2019, 11:30 AM in the A.M. Story Intermediate Library
  - 3) PISD Employee Daycare Grand Opening to be held Tuesday, August 6, 2019, 2:00 PM
  - 4) Staff Development/Work Days: August 7-9 & August 12-14, 2019
  - 5) Convocation: Wednesday, August 7, 2019, 1:00 PM in PHS Auditorium
  - 6) Back to School Staff Picnic: Thursday, August 8, 2019, 6:30 PM in Reagan Park
  - 7) Meet the Teacher Day/Night: Monday, August 12, 2019
  - 8) PISD Presentation: Wednesday, August 14, 2019
  - 9) First Day for Students: Thursday, August 15, 2019
- Football Scrimmages
  - 1) Friday, August 16, 2019: Salado @ Waco ISD Stadium
  - 2) Thursday, August 22, 2019: Athens @ PISD Wildcat Stadium
- Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, August 26, 2019

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.