



BOARD NOTES

A Summary of the August 5, 2020 Palestine ISD Board of Trustees Called Meeting

Call to Order

President Kurt Herrington called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM, announced that a quorum was present by telephone, that the meeting had been duly called, and that notice of the meeting had been posted for the time and in the manner required by law.

Public Comment

There were no requests for public comment.

2020-21 School Calendar Update

Superintendent Jason Marshall presented an update regarding the 2020-21 school calendar and the district's plan for reopening schools following the COVID-19 shutdown during the spring of 2020 due to health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 Coronavirus Pandemic. Safety measures to be implemented for the 2020-21 school year include temperature checks, face mask requirement for staff and students above the age of 11, social distancing, and limiting the number of students at school for the first several weeks to 25% of students during the first two weeks of school, 50% during weeks 3-4, and 100% following Labor Day holiday. The plan may be adjusted should there be an increased amount of COVID-19 cases.

Band Program Purchase

David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer; informed that the district's band program had grown and that band growth had been a goal of the district for several years. Mr. Atkeisson shared that while the district is excited about the band growth, there were some costs associated with that growth. New band instruments, chairs, and music stands at an estimated cost of \$200,000 was needed to accommodate the larger band. The Board approved the purchase of band instruments and supplies.

Personnel Approved

1) Almanza, Amy	Pre-Kindergarten	Washington ECC
2) Hernandez, Victor	History	Palestine Junior High School
3) Owens, Melissa	PPCD	Washington ECC
4) Wheeler, Loretta	Life Skills	A.M. Story Intermediate

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM.