



# BOARD NOTES

## A Summary of the December 18, 2017 Palestine ISD Board of Trustees Meeting

### Pledges

Members of the A.M. Story Intermediate 6<sup>th</sup> grade band led pledges to the American and Texas flags.

### Spotlight – Recognition of Junior Rotarians and Students of the Month

PHS Junior Rotarians: Chenoa Logan Mason and Jordin Matthews

PHS Students of the Month: Katie Stone and Malachi Musil

### Public Comment

There were no requests for public comment.

### Financial Report

Superintendent Jason Marshall presented a brief financial report noting that as of December, 2017 the district had received 11% of budgeted fund general revenue, spent or encumbered 16% of general fund expenditure budget, and received approximately 44% of budgeted prior year tax collections.

### Consent Items Approved

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 27, 2017
- Bills paid for November, 2017
- Financial Report
- Monthly Investment Report
- Tax Collection Report
- Donations
  - Palestine High School Athletics \$1,425.00 from PHS Athletic Booster Club for water cow for use during practices and games.
  - \$150.00 from Walmart for supplies in hospitality room for playoff games.
  - \$150.00 from Walmart for walkie talkies.
  - Ball Handlers of Palestine \$250.00 from Union Pacific Railroad for BOP t-shirts.
  - Pizza valued at \$100.00 from Little Caesar's Pizza.
  - PISD Fellowship of Christian \$300.00 from Dr.'s Jim and Carol Herrington in memory of Jim Steadman.
  - Athletes
  - Washington ECC \$2,500.00 from Palestine Rotary Club for fencing.

## **PISD Campus Presentation**

Jaime Clark, A.M. Story Intermediate Principal, presented the following highlights from each campus for the month of December:

Washington Early Childhood Center – Campus took field trip to Mr. & Mrs. Tree Farm. Senior Paw Pals visited WECC for a Polar Christmas PJ Hop.

Northside Primary – Piatigorsky Foundation visited campus for presentation of classical music.

Southside Elementary – Campus held Sock Drive to benefit the Anderson County Crisis Center. Rotary Club donated dictionaries to each third grade student. 42 students participated in UIL Academic Meet in Athens where 11 students earned medals.

Palestine Junior High School – 75 students competed in UIL Academic Meet in Athens where students earned 24-1<sup>st</sup> place medals, 13-2<sup>nd</sup> place medals, and 13-3<sup>rd</sup> place medals.

Palestine High School – Kik Kats and Choir performed at PISD campuses and at the Cartmell Nursing Home. Several High School groups participated in Frost Fest and the Christmas parade in downtown Palestine.

A.M. Story Intermediate – Drive-thru Whobilation Reading Night held for Story parents and students. More than 200 cars (parents & students) drove through the Whobilation event. Campus held TACE Painted Cookie Night. Ball Handlers of Palestine traveled to Tyler to perform at halftime of the Men's UT Tyler Basketball game. Amber Manning, author of *Mighty Big* and *Super Great Texas* came to visit 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. 4<sup>th</sup> grade took field trip to PHS to tour facilities and learn about the volleyball program. 5<sup>th</sup> grade took field trip to American Freedom Museum in Bullard, Texas. 104-6<sup>th</sup> grade band students performed at Band Concert in PHS Auditorium.

## **Policy Review**

Suzanne Eiben, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, reminded the Board that at the PISD November 27, 2017 regular school board meeting, the Board authorized TASB Policy Service to add, revise, or delete (LOCAL) policies according to the summary document resulting from the policy review session conducted with the district on September 20-21, 2017. Note: The PISD Board requested changes be made to the policies where noted below at the November school board meeting. The changes were made and included with the list of local policies presented for approval at the December, 2017 school board meeting.

The board approved (Local) policies according to the summary document resulting from the policy review session conducted by TASB Policy Service with the district on September 20-21, 2017.

AE – Educational Philosophy

AF – Innovation Districts

BBB – Board Members: Elections

BDB – Board Internal Organization: Internal Committees

BE – Board Meetings

BED – Board Meetings: Public Participation (*Board recommended not decreasing time allowed for a public comment from 5 minutes to 3 minutes*)

BG – Board Self-Evaluation

BQA – Planning and Decision-Making Process: District Level

BQB – Planning and Decision-Making Process: Campus Level

CFB – Accounting: Inventories

CL – Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment Management

CQ – Technology Resources

DBA – Employment Requirements and Restrictions: Credentials and Records

DCA – Employment Practices: Probationary Contracts

DEC – Compensation and Benefits: Leaves and Absences

DP – Personnel Positions (*Board recommended that principal/assistant principal candidates be required to have prior classroom experience*)  
DK – Assignments and Schedules  
EB – School Year  
EEB – Instructional Arrangements: Class Size  
EHBB – Special Programs: Gifted and Talented Students  
EHBD – Special Programs – Federal Title I  
EIA – Academic Achievement: Grading/Progress Reports to Parents  
EIC – Academic Achievement: Class Ranking  
EIE – Academic Achievement: Retention and Promotion  
FDB – Admissions: Intradistrict Transfers and Classroom Assignments  
FEC – Attendance: Attendance for Credit  
FEF – Attendance: Released Time  
FFA – Student Welfare: Wellness and Health Services  
FFAC – Wellness and Health Services: Medical Treatment  
FNAA – Student Expression: Distribution of Nonschool Literature  
FNF – Student Rights and Responsibilities: Interrogations and Searches (*Board recommended review and possible clarification of wording*)  
FO – Student Discipline  
GKD – Community Relations: Nonschool use of School Facilities (*Board recommended review of process for determining facility request approvals*)  
GKDA – Nonschool Use of School Facilities: Distribution of Nonschool Literature

### **PISD Campus Presentation**

Grace Mancilla, Principal of Southside Primary presented highlights from each campus for the month of November:

Veterans Day Programs during the month of November.

Washington Early Childhood Center – Teachers raised funds at McDonald’s McTeacher event. Campus will administer RTI testing one on one and in small groups.

Northside Primary – Campus held 2 week skating unit, LAUNCH Challenge, Fall Festival, and TACE Fall Craft Night.

Southside Elementary – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade students went on Wildcat Golf Course Field Trip. Students are participating in Newsela instruction, a reading engagement program that helps students in every subject. A.M. Story Intermediate – Students are participating in character building, anti-bullying lessons. Staff participated in Kagan Training on the Professional Development Day. Christmas Countdown plate painting presented to students by Vicki Braly of Braly’s Hardware. Math tutoring implemented. STEM Carnival provided opportunity for students to work with rockets, drones, virtual goggles, 3D printers and other STEM activities. Students participated in the first Robotics competition of the school year.

Palestine Junior High School – Campus is participating in KIND Anti-bullying Campaign and Tuesday’s Professional Program. The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> place and 8<sup>th</sup> grade team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> place in District Competition.

Palestine High School – PHS presented Alice in Wonderland with students from across the district. CAT Connections and after school tutorials help address student needs. Eight of twenty Choir students made Honor Choir at competition.

### **Personnel**

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Jason Marshall, and Suzanne Eiben, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; a motion was made by Trustee Schwab, seconded by Trustee Sokolowski to approve the following personnel as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Alexandra Naismith

Student Leadership

Palestine High School

### **Announcement of Board of Trustees Continuing Education**

Board of Trustees President, Brandon Sheeley announced continuing education records earned by each trustee. As of December 18, 2017, Trustee Herrington earned 6 hours of continuing education credit and needed 5 additional hours. Trustee Sokolowski earned 7 hours but was not present at the 2017 team building or legislative update. All other board members met or exceeded the number of hours of continuing education required for school board members.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Marshall reported on the following:

Student enrollment as of December 18, 2017: 3,431

Campus principals and District administrators completed a 2017 Year in Review for their campus/department. The information will be shared with the Board prior to the January, 2018 regular school board meeting.

A calendar of events was given to Board members.

Early Release - Friday, December 21, 2017

Christmas Holidays - Friday, December 22, 2017 – Friday, January 5, 2018

Staff workday - Friday, January 5, 2018

Students return to class - Monday, January 8, 2018

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.