



BOARD NOTES

A Summary of the December 17, 2012 Palestine ISD Board of Trustees Meeting

The PISD Board of Trustees met for the December regular school board meeting at the Palestine High School Career & Technology Building.

Financial Report

David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer reported that at this point in the 2012-2013 budget, the District is in good shape financially. Tax collections are slightly lower than at this point last year; however last year's collections at this time were above normal.

Consent Items Approved

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 26, 2012
- Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 10, 2012
- Bills paid for November, 2012
- Financial Report
- Monthly Investment Report
- Tax Collection Report
- Donations

Palestine ISD

\$300.00 from Buford Thompson Construction Company to provide a barbeque dinner for an Anderson County Public Schools Legislative Planning Meeting on Monday, December 10, 2012.

PISD Technology Department

Fifty desktop units from Capgemini valued at \$150 per unit, a total of \$7,500.

Northside Primary

A book titled "The Faery Stone", valued at \$6.99 from Pat Rainey.

Personnel

Eric Higginbotham	Reading Interventionist	A.M. Story Intermediate
Denise McDonald	Kindergarten	Northside Primary
Samantha Templin	Math	Palestine Middle School

Superintendent Jason Marshall accepted the resignations of Ashley Palmer and Wendy Schulze.

Board of Trustees Continuing Education Credit

Wade Hobbs, Board President, announced continuing education credit hours for each board member.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Jason Marshall reported that he is pleased with the participation of Palestine ISD staff and the Board of Trustees on the development of a legislative platform for Palestine ISD. Anderson County public schools also met recently to discuss and consider a combined platform for the 2013 legislative session. Anderson County public schools are in agreement on the most important areas that need to be addressed. These concerns were combined into a legislative platform that will be shared with Senator Robert Nichols, Representative Byron Cook and other elected officials prior to the convening of the Texas 83rd Legislative Session in January 2013.

Superintendent Jason Marshall also noted that Rep. Diane Patrick has sent a letter to Commissioner of Education, Michael Williams to suspend accountability ratings for the 2012-2013 school year as the State Legislature, Texas Education Agency, teachers, students and parents review and possibly modify the new system.

Design-Build Project Tour

Terry Gober of Buford Thompson Construction Company led the Board of Trustees on a tour of the newly renovated CTE building. Palestine High School career & technology students along with their teachers gave presentations on what the students are learning. The Culinary Arts class taught by Janeva Robertson prepared and served a meal in the new kitchen and Wildcat Café for the Board, CTE teachers and administrators. Cody Tunstall, Director of Career & Technical Education and Summer Alcauter, Technology Integration Specialist; created power point presentations that were shown highlighting pictures of the CTE building before and after the renovation and 2012-2013 Palestine High School happenings. Superintendent Jason Marshall thanked Buford Thompson Construction Company for the renovation and the PISD Board of Trustees for providing students with a building in which they can experience a realistic work environment.

Pictures of the projects and aerial photos of the construction sites can be viewed on the district website at (www.palestineschools.org). Go to "About PISD" at the top of the page, then select "Construction Updates".

**The next Regular Board Meeting
will be held at the Palestine ISD Administration Office
on Thursday, January 24, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**