



BOARD NOTES

A Summary of the March 26, 2018 Palestine ISD Board of Trustees Meeting

Spotlight

Officer Joe Tinsley

Joe Tinsley was honored for his years of service from 2011 through 2018 as the PISD School Resource Officer. Officer Tinsley resigned from PISD to serve as the new Quality of Life Officer for the Palestine Police Department. Also during the meeting, Yvette Durbin was introduced as the new PISD School Resource Officer.

Junior Rotarians of the Month

Austin Seat was recognized for being named PHS Junior Rotarian for the month of March. Paige Bain, who was also named Junior Rotarian for the month of March was not able to be present due to another school activity. She will be recognized at the April school board meeting.

Students of the Month

Brianna Samford and Ian Nicholson were recognized for being named PHS Students of the Month for March.

CX Debate Meet

Morghyn Harper and Jack Hallock, PHS students, were recognized for their 3rd place win at CX Debate Meet.

Student Congress State Meet

Jack Hallock, PHS student, was recognized for his participation at the Student Congress State Meet.

Powerlifting

Ty Kuhn, Powerlifting coach, introduced the team and shared Regional and State accomplishments. Justin Villatoro placed 9th, Jesus Garcia-Castillo placed 5th, and Deonundre Hatton placed 1st at Regional Competition. Based on his 1st place win at Regionals, Deonundre Hatton qualified for the State Powerlifting Meet.

Wildcat Basketball

Johnnathan Johnson introduced the PHS Boys' Basketball team and shared season accomplishments. The team won the 2018 Bi-District Championship and the team earned an Area Finalist spot in UIL District 18-4A.

Tammy Jones

Tammy Jones, PISD Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services from 2015 until April 2018 was recognized for her years of service with the district. Mrs. Jones was named Superintendent of Schools for Troup ISD in March, 2018.

Public Comment

Dominique Lacy, PHS student, spoke regarding PHS Seniors possibly being permitted to decorate graduation caps.

Denise May, PHS parent, spoke regarding concerns with the PHS Extracurricular requirement.

Old Memorial Hospital

Nate Smith, Communications and Best Practices Officer with the City of Palestine, shared information regarding the city's plan to demolish and remove the Old Memorial Hospital structure located at 900 S. Sycamore, Palestine, Texas. Mr. Smith informed the Board that the city was interested in purchasing PISD's interest in the property valued at \$109,096.00; however, due to the cost of demolition and other compliance issues on the property, the fair market value of the property was believed to be zero or negative. Supt Marshall asked Mr. Smith for verification that the property in which the Old Memorial Hospital currently sits is zoned as residential property and Mr. Smith confirmed that was correct. Trustee Bennett asked if there were plans for rezoning of the property for any plans other than residential use. Mr. Smith stated that there were no plans for rezoning at this time and any rezoning would require the city to hold a public hearing and that property owners in the neighborhood would be notified of the possibility of rezoning.

The Board approved the transfer of Palestine ISD's share of the Old Memorial Hospital deed to the City of Palestine.

Financial Report

David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer gave a brief financial report noting that tax collections, ADA, and enrollment were good.

Public Hearing - Universal Breakfast Waiver

Superintendent Jason Marshall informed the Board that the Texas Department of Agriculture requires public school campuses with 80 percent or more enrolled students who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals to provide breakfast at no cost to all students unless the district receives a waiver. For the 2018-19 school year, two of the district's campuses (Washington Early Childhood Center and A.M. Story Intermediate) qualify for universal free breakfast. The remaining four campuses (Northside Primary, Southside Elementary, Palestine Junior High School and Palestine High School) do not qualify.

After discussion, the Board felt it in the best interest of all students to approve a Universal Breakfast Waiver to opt out of this requirement. Board President, Brandon Sheeley offered an opportunity for public comment. There were no public comments.

The Board approved the submission of a Universal Breakfast Waiver for School Year 2018-19.

Consent Items Approved

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 26, 2018
- Bills paid for February, 2018
- Financial Report
- Monthly Investment Report
- Tax Collection Report

- Donations
Palestine High School
 \$500.00 from Spencer Distributing to be used for Math & Science.
A.M. Story Intermediate
 \$500.00 from Spencer Distributing to be used for Math & Science.
- Certification of EMAT System for 2018-2019 Textbook Order
- 2018-2019 Certification of Superintendent for Region 7 ESC Regional Advisory Committee
- TASB Media Honor Roll Nomination: KYYK Radio Station and KBPC Pine Country Radio Station

PISD Campus Presentation

Dr. William Stewart, PHS Principal, presented highlights from each campus for the month of March and also presented “A Day in the Life of a Wildcat”, a video created by PHS students.

Personnel

The Board approved the following personnel as presented.

Perez, Juan

5th Grade

A.M. Story Intermediate

The Board of Trustees approved term and probationary contracts of teachers for the 2018-2019 school year.

Superintendent Jason Marshall accepted the resignations/retirements of Kathy Drinning, Elaine Hazel, Sharon Main, and Amanda Pruitt.

Athletic Facility - Architect

Superintendent Marshall shared information regarding the need for improvements to the district’s Athletic Facilities. Since 2009, the district’s football stadium has received astro turf, each of the district’s campuses has received a complete renovation with some new construction, the Career & Technical facility has been renovated, and the softball field renovated. A Vision 2020 survey of staff, parents, and community members in 2016 revealed that there was interest in improvements to the baseball and weight room facilities. Superintendent Marshall also reported that the visiting football concession building was in need of repairs, and that the first step in developing a plan for athletic facility renovations was the selection of an architect.

After discussion, Superintendent Marshall informed board members that prior to construction/renovation to the baseball field and weight room that the Board would be informed of those costs. Trustee Bennett asked if renovation costs would be covered by funds established several years ago in the district’s designated fund balance. Superintendent Marshall confirmed that they would be.

The Board approved the selection of Jeff Potter as the architect for a potential Athletic Facility Improvements Project.

Athletic Facility - Authority

The Board approved the delegation of authority to the superintendent to negotiate, finalize, and sign the contract with the selected architect for the Athletic Facility Improvements Project.

Storage Facility - Track Equipment

The Board approved the construction of a storage facility area for Track equipment.

District Safety Plan

Superintendent Marshall shared that PISD's number one goal for 2018 was safety and that the district would begin reviewing the District's Safety Plan and seek parent and community input through Safety Forums to be held in March and April. No action was taken.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Jason Marshall reported on the following:

Student enrollment as of March 26th 3,386

Calendar of events given to Board members

**Next Regular Board Meeting
April 16, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.**