



BOARD NOTES

A Summary of the March 27, 2017 Palestine ISD Board of Trustees Meeting

Spotlight

A.M. Story Intermediate Robotics Program

Jaime Clark, A.M. Story Intermediate Principal introduced Virgil Buell, Story Robotics Instructor who introduced Robotics Team members and shared information from the VEX IQ Robotics Tournament in Terrell, Texas where 27 Story students competed on January 7, 2017. In the Finals Match, one of the Story teams won first place and another team won second place. The first place team will compete at the state competition later this spring and has been invited to compete at the national championship in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Members of the Robotics Team who were present at the Board meeting presented a demonstration with their robots.

Junior Rotarians of the Month

Summer Hagan and Frank Durugbor were recognized for being named Junior Rotarians for the month of March.

Students of the Month

Brenda Garcia and Terry Molina were recognized for being named PHS Students of the Month for March.

Financial Report

David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer reported that the budget for 2016-2017 was nearing the end and that the district had begun planning for the 2017-2018 budget. The district will review information from the current Texas Legislative session to see how the new legislation may affect school finance.

Custodial Services Contract

The Board approved to award a one year contract for the district's custodial services to McLemore Building Maintenance.

Consent Items Approved

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 20, 2017
- Bills paid for February, 2017
- Financial Report
- Monthly Investment Report
- Tax Collection Report
- Donations
 - Palestine High School
\$2,500.00 from Chartwells Food Service to benefit Ag Greenhouse project.
- Certification of EMAT System for 2017-2018 Textbook Order

- Out of State Trip for A.M. Story Intermediate and Palestine High School students to Robotics Championships
- 2017-2018 Certification of Superintendent for Region 7 ESC Regional Advisory Committee

Campus Presentation

Dr. William Stewart introduced a video titled “Rise up, Reaching New Heights” that showcased the PHS campus.

School Calendar for 2017-2018

Tammy Jones, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services presented the school calendar for 2017-2018. Mrs. Jones informed the Board that the proposed calendar had been reviewed by the district’s calendar committee, the District Action Team, the administrative team, and voted on by staff members. Mrs. Jones noted that the district is waiting to hear from the Texas Education Agency for clarification on flex days. The Board approved the adoption of the 2017-2018 school calendar as presented.

Personnel

The Board approved the following personnel as presented.

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| Allen, Naomi | Life Skills | A.M. Story Intermediate |
| Keisling, Terri | ABU (New Position) | Southside Elementary |

The Board of Trustees approved term and probationary contracts of teachers for the 2017-2018 school year.

Superintendent Jason Marshall accepted the resignations/retirements of Heidi Fox, Michelle Bullock, Alexis Burnett, Nicholas Harper, Eric Higginbotham, Heather Malkie, Robert Adam Miller, Joshua Moore, Jennifer Myrick-George, Mindy Welch, Donna Weldon, and Donna Wurtzel.

Texas Association of School Boards Media Honor Roll

The Board voted to nominate the Palestine Herald Press to the 2017 Texas Association of School Board’s Media Honor Roll. Superintendent Marshall expressed appreciation to the Palestine Herald Press for publicity and for allowing the district an opportunity to clarify information to prevent incorrect reporting of school district news.

Board of Trustees Election

The following candidates were certified by the Board as unopposed:

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| Stanley Sokolowski | Place 6 |
| Michael Bennett | Place 7 |

The May 6, 2017 Board of Trustees Election was cancelled due to unopposed candidates.

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Jason Marshall reported on the following:

Student enrollment as of March 24th: 3,449

A calendar of activities for the remainder of March through May was given to Board members.

An electronic marquee is scheduled to be installed at the Palestine High School campus during the month of April.

**Next Regular Board Meeting
April 17, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.**