



# BOARD NOTES

## A Summary of the April 16, 2018 Palestine ISD Board of Trustees Meeting

### Spotlight

#### Athletics

Robby Clark, PISD Athletic Director, introduced coaches who shared accomplishments from the 2017-2018 athletic season and recognized PHS team members.

#### **Ladycat Basketball**

Marcus Chapa, Ladycat Basketball Team coach introduced Girls' Basketball team members and shared that the Varsity Girls' Basketball team record for the season was 23-12 and that the team had made it into the first round of the UIL 18-4A playoffs.

#### **Ladycat Soccer**

Luis Hernandez, Ladycat Soccer Team coach, introduced soccer team members and shared that the Ladycats won the UIL 15-4A District Championship and made it to the Regional Quarterfinal playoff game for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row.

#### **Golf**

Michael Dear, PHS Golf Instructor, introduced golf team members and shared that the team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in District 18-4A Competition. Coach Dear complimented team members for working hard throughout the season.

#### **PHS Robotics Team**

Terry Sloan, PHS Robotics Instructor, introduced PHS Robotics Team members and shared results from the US Open Robotics National Championship in Councils Bluff, Iowa. The PHS Robotics Team 8601D, made up of Jack Hallock, Bobby Stanley, and Johnathan Ramirez, placed 44<sup>th</sup> of 184 teams from across the United States, Canada, and China.

#### **Junior Rotarians**

Aundrea Johnson and Fransis Sis, PHS students, were recognized for being named Junior Rotarians for the month of April. Paige Bain, who was not able to attend the March school board meeting due to a school activity, was recognized for being named Junior Rotarian for the month of March.

#### **Students of the Month**

Giovanni Cerrato and Virginia Rogers were recognized as the PHS Students of the Month for April. PHS teacher, Lisa Covington shared the accomplishments of Giovanni Cerrato and Janice Magee shared the accomplishments of Virginia Rogers.

## **Public Comment**

There were no requests for public comment.

## **Financial Report**

Superintendent Jason Marshall gave the financial report.

## **Consent Items Approved**

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

### PHS Athletics

\$7,214.10 from PHS Athletic Booster Club to be used for Junior High Volleyball nets, Girls' Basketball hotel rooms, Shoes for Girls and Boys Track, Softball Pitching Machine, and Powerlifting.

### PJHS Art Department

\$100.00 from the Anderson County Arts Council in appreciation for PJHS help with ACAC projects to benefit PJHS Art classes.

### Northside Primary

\$50.00 from Brian and Judith Phymmer to benefit the Northside Library.

\$30.00 from Craig Daugherty to benefit the Northside Library.0

- Chartwells Food Service Contract Extension for 2018-2019 School Year
- Bread and Milk vendors for 2018-2019 School Year:  
Bread: Flowers Bakery, Milk: Borden Dairy

## **Personnel**

The Board approved the following personnel as presented:

Alonso, Adrian	Band Director	Palestine High School
Alonso, Donna	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Northside Primary
Baker, Adrienne	Head Start	Washington E.C.C.
Cearley, Erin	Theatre Arts	Palestine High School
Gonzalez, Holly	Speech Pathology	Special Education
Pouncy, Jessica	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Northside Primary
Swart, Amanda	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Northside Priary
Timmons, Cailynn	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Northside Primary
Torres, Tina	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Northside Primary

The Board of Trustees approved the following contract extensions for administrators and directors for the 2018-2019 school year:

Holmes, Linda	2018-2019 Term
Huff, Rebecca	2018-2019 Term
Marshall, Shanna	2018-2019 Term
Pridgen, Traci	2018-2019 Term
Tunstall, William	2018-2019 Term

The Board of Trustees approved the following term contract extensions for teachers for the 2018-2019 school year:

Chapa, Kymberly	Palestine High School
Chapman, Robin	Southside Elementary
Conner, Tamra	Northside Primary
Corley, Andrus	Washington E.C.C.
Curry, Daniel	Palestine High School
Healey, Martha	Southside Elementary
LaFontaine, Phillippe	Palestine High School
Worthan, Donna	Southside Elementary
Yarbrough, Paula	Palestine High School

The Board of Trustees approved the following probationary contract extensions, moving to term for 2018-2019 school year:

Collins, Piper	A.M. Story Intermediate
Kincade, Tracy	Palestine Junior High School
Nichols, Angela	A.M. Story Intermediate
Ryal, Jonathan	Palestine High School

The Board of Trustees approved the issuance of probationary contract extensions to teachers for 2018-2019:

Ashford, Veronica	Palestine Junior High School
Blakemore, Erica	Southside Elementary
Durham, Ashley	Palestine Junior High School
Highsmith, Nicole	A.M. Story Intermediate
Hinton, Brandi	A.M. Story Intermediate
Hooe, Damon	Palestine Junior High School
Johnson, Samuel	Palestine Junior High School
Kennedy, Joshua	Palestine Junior High School
Medlock, Joshua	Palestine Junior High School
Norman, Sandra	Palestine High School
Vaughn, Kaysi	Palestine Junior High School
White, Norris Jr	Palestine High School

Superintendent Jason Marshall accepted the resignations/retirements of Kathryn Campbell, Tracie Chapa, Marcus Chapa, Piper Collins, Patrick Howard, Jordan Laurence, Margaret Namovich, Sheila Van Deman, Carrie Cotton, Johnny Davenport, Lisa Haygood, Charles Herber, Clifford Hutcheson, Tamria Jones, Kelsey Molandes, Cheryl Parrish, Iris Perry, and Samantha Woolverton.

#### **Universal Breakfast Waiver Clarification**

Superintendent Marshall reminded that the Board had approved the submission of a Universal Breakfast Waiver for A.M. Story Intermediate at the March regular school board meeting. However, the district will not need to submit a Universal Breakfast Waiver for the A.M. Story Intermediate campus for the 2018-19 school year due to a clarification the district received from the Texas Department of Agriculture after the March school board meeting. The clarification does not reflect A.M. Story Intermediate as a campus with 80 percent or more enrolled students eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Currently, Washington Early Childhood Center is the only campus in PISD that qualifies for free breakfast.

### **School Safety**

The Board and Superintendent discussed input received from parents, employees, and the community at school safety forums held by the district in March and April and potential future plans for district-wide safety. Superintendent Marshall stated that the district appreciates the assistance of local law enforcement and will continue seeking their input, as well as, all options available.

The following ideas were discussed as possible options for improving safety: Safety audit of the district, groups assigned at each campus within the district to review the overall safety of the campus, the Guardian Plan, review of the kinds and number of safety drills, perimeter improvements, bullet resistant glass, and a new counselor position to work with students who exhibit behavioral concerns.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Marshall reported the following:

Student enrollment as of April 16, 2018: 3,393

Calendar of Palestine ISD events was given to Board members.

Three PISD facilities to be used as polling locations for the City of Palestine Election on Saturday, May 5, 2018.

PHS Boys' Soccer Team to compete in 2018 State playoffs and PHS Tennis to compete in 2018 Regional Competition.

**Next Regular Board Meeting  
May 21, 2018 – 5:00 p.m.  
PHS Auditorium**