



BOARD NOTES

A Summary of the May 13, 2014 Palestine ISD Board of Trustees Meeting

Pledges

Northside Primary students who have read enough books to earn at least 100 points in the Accelerated Reader program led pledges to the American and Texas flags.

Spotlight

One-Act Play

The cast and crew of the Palestine High School 2014 One-Act Play were recognized. Palestine High School won the District Championship for their performance of “The Demons of Fleet Street”, directed by Eric Cates, Palestine High School Theater Arts Director. This is the tenth straight One-Act Play District Championship for the Palestine High School Ovation Theater Program.

Wildcat Weekly Producers

Paul Carr, Palestine High School Audio/Video Production & Printing and Imaging Technology teacher, introduced Ana and Rozi Balderas, two of PHS’s Printing and Imaging Technology students. Ana and Rozi have been the principle designers of Palestine ISD’s weekly publication, “Wildcat Weekly”. The publication showcases and celebrates Palestine ISD students and their accomplishments. PISD is thankful to Ana and Rozi for their dedication and ensuring that “Wildcat Weekly” is completed on time each week.

Anderson County Livestock Show

Stephanie Dickson, PHS Agriculture Science teacher and her students shared results from the 2014 Anderson County Livestock Show. Kacee Newman took Reserve Champion Ag Mechanic Sale Project at the show. He and a group of students helped to build and design a 30ft heavy duty hog trap. Kacee also received a blue ribbon for a cowboy cooker he helped build that placed 2nd in its class of recreational metal projects. Jimmy Lovelady, Logan Day, and Harold Molina II, placed 1st in their class of wildlife feeders. Andrea Andress participated on the radio broadcasting team and was involved in livestock judging. John Andress placed 7th with his BBQ grill and participated in poultry judging. Austin Hansel showed a steer placing 1st in his class and also participated in livestock judging. The students said that they learned about responsibility and how important reliability is for the success of the team.

Junior Rotarians

PHS students, Danielle Harroff and Ja’Darius Jackson, who received the honor of being named Junior Rotarians for the month of May were recognized.

Students of the Month

Dennishia Smith and Jorge Serralde, PHS students of the Month for May were recognized and each received a certificate and plaque.

Oath of Office for Re-elected Board Members

The Honorable Judge Jeff Doran administered the oath of office to newly re-elected board members, Michael Bennett and Stanley Sokolowski who were unopposed in May, 2014. Stanley Sokolowski will serve in Place 6 and Michael Bennett in Place 7 beginning May 13, 2014 through May, 2017.

Election of Officers

The Board of Trustees elected new officers:

Stanley Sokolowski, President

Janie Sepulveda, Vice President

Dyna Tutt, Secretary

Financial Report

David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer informed the Board of Trustees that District tax collections are currently at 99.06%, and revenue & expenditures are on target for this point in the school year.

Real Estate Purchase

David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer gave an update on the District's purchase of property located at 131 Ben Milam, located next to Palestine High School. Closing on the property was held last week and PISD will take possession in July, 2014. Plans for the property haven't yet been determined.

Tax Collection Legal Services

The Board of Trustees authorized PISD Administration to develop and publish requests for qualifications for tax collection legal services. There have been no issues with the current provider, however, over the past several years; the District has been evaluating all contracts for services to ensure the best interests of PISD.

Consent Items Approved

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 21, 2014
- Bills paid for April, 2014
- Financial Report
- Monthly Investment Report
- Tax Collection Report
- Donations

Palestine High School CTE Department

Gift card valued at \$75 from Walmart for Teacher Appreciation Week.

Palestine High School

Two free dinners valued at \$21 from Shep's BBQ for Cinco de Mayo Celebration.

Palestine High School

Two free dinners for two valued at \$40 from Whataburger for Cinco de Mayo Celebration.

Palestine High School

Four free items valued at \$25 from Sweet Frog Frozen Yogurt for Cinco de Mayo Celebration.

Palestine High School

Plant valued at \$10 from Palestine Garden Center for Cinco de Mayo Celebration.

Palestine High School

Gift certificate valued at \$15 from Oxbow Bakery & Antiques for Cinco de Mayo Celebration.

Palestine High School

Snow globe, photo frame, candle, kitchen tool, two purses, two cotton head wraps, eleven gift tissues, eight Longhorn t-shirts, multi tool wallet sets, Schick razor sets, utility knife set, coloring books, play shave set, and wash cloths valued at \$175 from Dollar General Stores for Cinco de Mayo Celebration.

Palestine High School

Two free dinners for two valued at \$40 from Mazzios for Cinco de Mayo Celebration.

Palestine High School

Gift certificate valued at \$20 from Dogwood Junction for Cinco de Mayo Celebration.

Palestine High School

Gift card valued at \$25 from Brookshire's Grocery for Cinco de Mayo Celebration.

Palestine High School

Pallet of water valued at \$191.04 from Walmart for Cinco de Mayo Celebration.

- Credit by Exam - June, 2013 Administration
- Federal Grants Submission for 2013-2014

LAUNCH Program

Carolyn Martin, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services presented information for the LAUNCH Program that will be implemented in the District next school year. Students in kindergarten through grade 5 who exhibit advanced levels in reading and math will be given the opportunity to excel in a curriculum designed to stretch the imagination, as well as provide rigorous learning activities throughout their school day. LAUNCH is the new elementary component for Project Lead the Way, a national STEM program that the District first implemented two years ago. Parents may nominate their child for the LAUNCH Program. Forms are available at the counselor's office at the child's school and all nominations are due by May 20, 2014.

Policy Update 99

The Board of Trustees approved Policy Update 99 that includes changes in law from the 83rd Texas Legislative Session.

Personnel Approved

Rebecca Baker	English Language Arts	Palestine Junior High
Robert Brooks	Special Education	Southside Elementary
Autumn Brown	2 nd Grade	Southside Elementary
Andrus Corley	Kindergarten	Northside Primary
Kristi Evans	Counselor	A.M. Story Intermediate
Tamara Hand	Special Education	Palestine Junior High
Hannah Huggins	3 rd Grade	Southside Elementary
Katherine Kimbrough	2 nd Grade	Southside Elementary
Tracy Lasser	Kindergarten	Northside Primary
Vanessa Looman	2 nd Grade	Southside Elementary
Macey Miller	1 st Grade	Northside Primary
Carolyn Reina	1 st Grade	Northside Primary
Cindy Rubalcava	1 st Grade	Northside Primary

Superintendent Jason Marshall accepted the resignations/retirements of Michaela Chybowski, Katie Covington, Linnetrice Riden, Candace Turner, Haylie Unger, Carol White, and Kristin Willmott.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Jason Marshall reviewed end of year events, summer activities, and reported on the 1A Track Meet.

End of Year Events

Academic Awards Banquet	Monday, May 19, 2014	6:00 pm	PHS Auditorium
Spring Band Concert	Tuesday, May 20, 2014	6:30 pm	PHS Auditorium
Secondary Academic Honors	Thursday, May 22, 2014	6:00 pm	PHS Auditorium
Elementary Academic Honors	Tuesday, May 27, 2014	6:00 pm	PHS Auditorium
Spring Choir Concert	Thursday, May 29, 2014	6:30 pm	PHS Auditorium
Junior High Play Performance	Fri-Sat, May 30-31, 2014	7:00 pm	PHS Auditorium
Baccalaureate Service	Sunday, June 1, 2014	3:00 pm	First Baptist Church
Last Day of School	Friday, June 6, 2014		
Graduation	Friday, June 6, 2014	8:00 pm	Wildcat Stadium

Summer Activities

TACE Summer Programs will be held beginning Monday, June 9-July 17, 2014. Students will enjoy learning in a camp atmosphere with lots of fun activities and sports clinics. Due to summer construction projects, some of the TACE Centers will relocate to another campus.

TACE Center Summer Locations

Northside Primary	Northside Primary
Southside Elementary	Southside Elementary
A.M. Story Intermediate	Palestine High School
Palestine Junior High School	Palestine High School
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Palestine ISD hosted a 1A Track Meet at Palestine High School on April 25, 2014. The track meet was a success and the District profited approximately \$8,000.00.

**Next Regular Board Meeting
June 16, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.**