



BOARD NOTES

A Summary of the May 18, 2015 Palestine ISD Board of Trustees Meeting

Spotlight

UIL Academic Regional Qualifiers

Kathleen Brown, PHS teacher and UIL Academic Sponsor introduced students and shared achievements from the UIL Academic Regional Competition. Overall, Palestine High School students placed second in District. UIL Regional individual and team achievements include:

Ready Writing: Jana Diaz-2nd place, Ashley Waldon-5th place – Coached by Kathleen Brown.

Lincoln Douglas Debate: Charlee Cockrell-1st place and top speaker, Brenda Reyes-3rd place – Coached by Hugo Perez.

Accounting: Briana Minter-5th place - Coached by Janice Magee.

Number Sense: Alyson Alvarez-5th place.

Calculator Apps: Briana Minter-5th place - Coached by Janice Magee.

Current Issues and Events: Jantel Lewis-1st place, Jacob Houck-2nd place, Rigo Serralde-3rd place, Sara Coleman-4th place - Coached by Richard Sylvester. These students were the first place team.

Computer Applications: Aaron Jackson-5th place - Coached by Hugo Perez.

Computer Science: Ryan Jenkins-2nd place, Destiny Harding-6th place - Coached by Hugo Perez. These students were the second place team. Ryan, Aaron Jackson and Fernando Villegas were second place team.

Editorial Writing: Macy Stone-6th place - Coached by Carrie McComas.

Headline Writing: Katie Stone-3rd place - Coached by Carrie McComas.

Informative speaking: Charlee Cockrell-4th place, Haley Cook-5th place - Coached by Kathleen Brown.

Literary Criticism: Megan Holden-2nd place, Kristi Klauser-5th place coached by Lauren Gray. Megan Holden, Kristi Klauser and Piper Elrod were the second place team.

Mathematics: Ben Shiller-2nd place, Briana Minter-4th place - Coached by Judy Hobbs. Ben Shiller, Briana Minter, Jantel Lewis and Jordan Hobbs were the second place team.

News Writing: Shannah Avila-6th place - Coached by Carrie McComas.

Persuasive Speaking: Brenda Reyes-4th place, Paige Hatfield-5th place - Coached by Kathleen Brown.

Poetry Interpretation: Jordan Hobbs-6th place - Coached by Sharie Bailey.

Prose Interpretation: Dylan McElhaney-6th place - Coached by Sharie Bailey.

Science: Ben Shiller-1st place coached by Kathleen Brown. Ben Shiller, Jantel Lewis, David Yeakey, and Martha Garcia-Castillo were the second place team.

Social Studies: Jacob Houck-4th place, Rigo Serralde-6th place - Coached by Kathleen Brown. Jacob Houck, Rigo Serralde and Tyler Barnard were the second place team.

Regional Golf Qualifiers

Michael Dear, PHS Golf Coach shared Golf accomplishments for the year. The Girls' Golf Team consisting of; Charlee Cockrell, Jordan Hafner, Shelby Drees, Stacy Kolander, and Hannah Richmond placed first at District, and Charlee Cockrell individually won the District tournament. Charlee advanced to Regional competition where she missed advancing to State by only four strokes. Boy's Golf Team members; Chris Hall, David Yeakey, Bryce Ferguson, Justin Handorf, and Nick Williamson placed 2nd at District and competed well in Regional competition.

Regional and State Tennis Qualifiers

Scott Tyler, PHS Tennis Coach shared Regional and State accomplishments for the tennis program. Ben Shiller qualified for Regionals for the third straight year and made it to the quarterfinals this year in boys' singles. Mixed doubles team, Annalise Meyers and Lucas Sheeley won District and made it to the quarterfinals. Stevie Ybarra won District for the second year in a row, qualified for Regionals, and won a bronze medal at the Class 4A State Tennis Tournament at Texas A&M University in College Station.

State Track Meet Qualifiers

Darold Turner, PHS Track Coach introduced and shared the accomplishments of PHS students who competed at the State Track Meet. Mason Munoz was the District champion in the 800 meter race at District, Area, and Regional competition. Mason went on to State competition where he placed 6th in the 800 meter race. Jhumante Milton was the District champion in the High Jump at District and Area competition. He placed 2nd in the Regional competition advancing him to State where he placed 5th in the High Jump competition.

State Visual Arts Scholastic Event

Connie Teal, PHS Art teacher introduced Shaina Coleman who was awarded the highest medal of Excellency at the State Visual Arts Scholastic Event. Shaina also won the Gold Seal award for her art work. Amilia Thomason, who was not able to attend the school board meeting, was awarded the highest medal of Excellency for her art work at the State VASE Competition.

PHS Junior Rotarians for May

PHS students, Shaina Coleman and Carlos Ruiz, Junior Rotarians for the month of May were recognized.

PHS Students of the Month

Brittany Collins and Justin Hayes, PHS Students of the Month of May were recognized.

Recognition of Wade Hobbs

Wade Hobbs was recognized for eight years of service to Palestine ISD as a member of the Board of Trustees. Wade Hobbs was appointed to the Board in 2007, re-elected three times, and served until May, 2015. Wade and his wife, Judy, who has taught at Palestine High School for the past 13 years, will be relocating to another state where he will take a position with Crossover Communications International. Current member of the Board, Michael Bennett presented a plaque to Wade for his generous commitment of time, support, and inspiration to the students and staff of Palestine ISD and the Palestine Community. A slide show of the Hobbs' family during their time in Palestine, and Trustee Hobbs' years of service on the Board was shown. Wade expressed appreciation to Palestine ISD and said it has been easy to serve, and he was proud to have been a part of the District and the Board. Superintendent Marshall thanked Wade for always having the best interest of students at heart.

Public Comment

Mason Munoz, a Palestine High School senior, expressed appreciation to the Palestine ISD Board of Trustees and staff for academic and athletic support during his years at PISD.

Personnel Approved

Whitney Brockman	Life Skills	Palestine Junior High School
Jaime Clark	Campus Administration	
Stephanie Johnson	Asst. Principal	Palestine High School
Crystal Jones	5 th Grade	A.M. Story Intermediate
Michelle Mason	Culinary Arts	Palestine High School
Nikki McChesney	1 st Grade	Northside Primary
Christopher Murray	Special Education	Palestine High School
Julia Poff	4 th Grade	A.M. Story Intermediate
John Richardson	Campus Administration	
Angela Rollins	4 th Grade	A.M. Story Intermediate
Amanda White	Nurse	A.M. Story Intermediate

Superintendent Jason Marshall accepted the resignations/retirements of Brett Botard, Selina Jowell, Macey Miller, Hugo Perez, and Mallory Smith.

Oath of Office for Board Members

The Honorable Judge Jeff Doran administered the oath of office to newly re-elected board member, Dyna Tutt; and newly elected board member, Brandon Sheeley. Both were unopposed in May, 2015. Dyna Tutt will serve in Place 1 and Brandon Sheeley in Place 2 beginning May 18, 2015 through May, 2018.

Election of Officers

The Board of Trustees voted to resume the current officer positions for the 2015-16 school year:
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 continue to be strong and that his department is in the process of planning for the 2015-16 budget. Mr. Atkeisson also reported on the Regional 2A track meet that was hosted at Wildcat Stadium in May, 2015. The District's net profit was \$25,000.00, which is approximately \$10,000.00 more than net profit of previous years. Mr. Atkeisson explained that the profit increased this year due to the purchase of equipment that in years past, the District had to rent for the track meet.

Consent Items Approved

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 20, 2015
- Minutes of the Called Meeting of April 29, 2015
- Bills paid for April, 2015
- Financial Report
- Monthly Investment Report
- Tax Collection Report
- Donations

Palestine ISD

Two free cups of yogurt valued at \$10.00 from Sweet Frog for TACE JH Parent Workshop. Parent

\$25.00 gift certificate from El Toro for TACE JH Parent Workshop.

Chili and cheeseburgers valued at \$34.50 from Wendy's Restaurant for TACE JH Parent Workshop.

\$10.00 gift certificate from Bon Appetit for TACE JH Parent Workshop.

5 large pizzas valued at \$50.00 from Papa Murphy's Pizza for TACE JH Parent Workshop.

Items valued at \$200.00 from Family Dollar Store, 330 E. Spring St., for TACE JH Parent Workshop.

\$300.00 from Barbara Summerlin to benefit the Wildcat Golf Course.

- Upgrades to PJH and Story Cafeterias
- Submission of Federal Grants Application for 2015-2016
- Credit by Exam – June, 2015 Administration
- 2015-2016 Credit by Exam Timeline
- Waiver for Staff Development
- Resolution Supporting Senate Bill 149
- National Skills USA Competition Trip in Louisville, Kentucky, June 19-26, 2015

Summer School

Tammy Jones, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services shared information for summer school programs and upon her recommendation, a motion was made by Trustee Bennett, seconded by Trustee Ferguson to approve ESL and TACE summer school programs for summer 2015. Bilingual/ESL summer school will be held at the Washington Early Childhood Center. Students will attend Monday-Thursday, June 8-July 3, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. The TACE summer program will be from Monday-Thursday, June 8-July 16, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. High School and Junior High TACE will take place on the High School campus due to construction at the Junior High campus. Northside, Southside, and Story will have TACE on their respective campuses. Motion carried unanimously.

Palestine High School Presentation

William Stewart, Palestine High School Principal presented “Wildcat Nation”, a video produced by the PHS Broadcast Journalism class showcasing the PHS campus and offerings. Mr. Stewart stated that in the past three years, PHS students have gone from being ritually engaged or not engaged to highly engaged. A big part of that is the help the Board has given for facility improvements, new programs including Wildcat University, additional CTE courses, and the Wildcat Golf Course. These improvements have changed the campus culture to one of students doing, and are better helping students to prepare for the 21st century global workforce.

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Jason Marshall reviewed end of year events, summer activities, summer board training, reported on the Wildcat Golf Course and the summer relocation of the Special Education Department.

End of Year Events:

Secondary Academic Awards Banquet	May 21, 2015	PHS Auditorium
Memorial Day Holiday	May 25, 2015	
CTE Banquet	May 29, 2015	PHS Auditorium
Baccalaureate Service	May 31, 2015	Evangelistic Temple
Employee Appreciation Banquet	June 2, 2015	PHS Auditorium
Last Day of School	June 5, 2015	
Graduation	June 5, 2015	Wildcat Stadium

Summer Activities:

TACE Summer Programs will be held Monday-Thursday beginning Monday, June 8 and continuing through July 17, 2015. Due to summer construction projects, the Junior High TACE Center will relocate to the High School campus.

Summer Board Training:

Due to the schedules of PISD board members, school board training will be attended at two locations this summer. Some board members will attend TASB Summer Leadership Institute in San Antonio, June 11th - 13th, and some will attend the TASB SLI in Fort Worth, June 18th – 20th.

Wildcat Golf Course:

The Golf Course is progressing well. The District has received a recommendation to wait until fall to open the holes to allow time for greens to improve; however the driving range will open in June. Palestine ISD will receive \$150,000.00 in grant funding from the Wadsworth Golf Charities Foundation over a five year period to be used for Golf Course improvements.

Special Education Relocation:

The Special Education Department will relocate from portable buildings at the PISD Maintenance Department to the PISD Administration Office on June 22, 2015.

**Next Regular Board Meeting
June 15, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.**