



BOARD NOTES

A Summary of the May 21, 2018 Palestine ISD Board of Trustees Meeting

The May 21, 2018 Regular School Board Meeting was held at Palestine High School in the auditorium.

Leslie Hooe, PISD Choir Director, led PHS Choir members in singing The National Anthem.

Board of Trustees Oath of Office

The Honorable Judge Jeff Doran administered the oath of office to the following board members:

Dyna Tutt, Place 1 (Re-elected for Three Year Term)

Brandon Sheeley, Place 2 (Re-elected for Three Year Term)

Davi Killion Ingram, Place 5 (Elected to complete the one year unexpired term of Janie Sepulveda)

Following the oath, each of the newly sworn in Board members received a Certificate of Election.

Note: Each of the Board Members was unopposed for the Saturday, May 5, 2018 Board of Trustees Election, and Election was cancelled due to no opposed candidates.

After being administered the oath, Davi Killion Ingram was seated at the board table.

Recognition of Board of Trustee Member

Janie Sepulveda was recognized for ten years of service as a PISD Board of Trustee member. Mrs.

Sepulveda was appointed to serve as the Place 5 Board member in August 2008. She was re-elected to her seat in 2010, 2013, and 2016 and resigned from the Board in May, 2018.

Board of Trustee Officer Election

Officer Election was tabled to allow time for Board discussion and will be placed on a future school board agenda.

Spotlight

Superintendent Jason Marshall introduced the spotlight portion of the meeting by stating that it had become a tradition to move the May school board meeting from the PISD Administration Office Board Room to the PHS Auditorium to provide additional seating due to the large number of student achievements.

TVCC Graduates

Dr. Jeff Watson, Provost for Trinity Valley Community College, presented the following students with a diploma for the Associate's Degree they earned from TVCC: Alyson Alvarez, Giovanni Cerrato, Serena Coker, Freda Deamesi, Jesus Garcia-Castillo, Morghyn Harper, Ian Nicholson, Jessica Ramirez, and Diana Soto Ramirez. Malachi Musil and Cecelia Woodall also earned an Associate Degree from TVCC but were not present at the school board meeting.

McLarty Toyota

McLarty Toyota of Palestine and Chuck Eldridge, General Manager was recognized for providing an opportunity for PHS seniors with perfect attendance each six weeks of the school year to have their name entered in a drawing for a free Toyota. Macey Everhart, PHS Senior, won a new Toyota Corolla during a PHS event at Wildcat Stadium in May 2018.

PHS Choir

Leslie Hooe, PISD Choir Director, introduced PHS Choir members and shared the following 2018-19 accomplishments:

All Region Honor Choir: Baritone Section - Blake Ormsby (1st Chair) for the second year in a row.
Crisstifer Butler (16th Chair and Monia Bradford (18th Chair).

Alto Section - Erika Diaz (11th Chair), and Destiny Williams (12th Chair).

Soprano Section - Allyson Byrd (5th Chair; Joy Ruffin, (6th Chair); and Kayla Watkins, (7th Chair).

Region 21 UIL Vocal Solo & Ensemble: Advancing to State: Allyson Byrd, Abby Berwanger, Blake Ormsby, Joy Ruffin, and Katie Wheat

Superior Ratings: Allyson Berwanger, Morghyn Harper, Mattew Holman, and Kaitlyn Peirson

Excellent Ratings: Torri Bailey, Alexis Belyew, Chloe Boyce, Monia Bradford, Sabrina Burge, Brittney Burke, Kardney Fru, Erika Mejia, Citlali Soto Ramirez, Justice Smith, Katelyn Tatum, Nikki Webb, Destiny Williams, and Rebeca Zepeda

UIL Academics

Kathleen Brown, PHS Science Teacher and UIL Academic Sponsor, introduced students who qualified based on UIL 18-4A District Academic results to advance to Regional competition and some students who competed at the State competition in spring 2018:

- Current Issues and Events: District 1st place
Team Members: Jesus Garcia-Castillo (District-1st place), Alex Shiller (District-2nd place), Ethan Savarese (District-5th place), and Alexis Kiser (District-6th place).
- Science: District 1st Place Team Members: Jesus Garcia-Castillo (District-1st place & Top Chemistry Scorer), Alexis Kiser (District-2nd place), Alyson Alvarez (District-3rd place), and Serena Coker (District-4th place & Top Biology Scorer)
- Calculator Application: Alyson Alvarez (District-2nd place)
- Poetry Interpretation: Katie Stone (District-3rd place).
- Informative Speaking: Nicolas Dominguez (District-2nd place/Regional-5th place), and Taylor Kelly (District-4th place)
- Computer Science: District-2nd place
Team Members: Ben Meas, Ian Nicholson, Daniel Arzola, and Colton Croft.
- Persuasive Speaking: Morghyn Harper (District-4th place).
- Ready Writing: Nicolas Dominguez (District-1st place/advanced to State), and Katie Stone (District-4th place).
- Lincoln Douglas Debate: Taylor Kelly (District-2nd place & Top Speaker) and Nicolas Dominguez (District-3rd place)
- Computer Applications: Ian Nicholson (District-4th place/advanced to regionals), Daniel Arzola (District-5th place), Edgar Ayala (District-6th place).

Region 7 Innovative Invention Competition

Rebecca Huff, A.M. Story Intermediate Assistant Principal, introduced Story students who were recognized for their participation in the Region 7 Innovative Invention Competition.

Tennis, Track, Soccer, Baseball

Robby Clark, PISD Athletic Director, introduced Tennis, Track, Soccer, and Baseball coaches who introduced team members and shared highlights from the 2017-2018 sports season.

Tennis - Coach Scott Tyler

The JV boys' Tennis Team won the UIL 18-4A District Title. Noel Pouncy won boys' singles title. Gage Concilio and Luis Gonzales won boys' doubles title. Dominick Gonzalez and Raheal Egbe won mixed doubles title. 4th place medals were won by Grant Attaway in singles, Alan Mercado and Edward Chavez in doubles and Carlos Adame and Kosi Odiaka in mixed doubles.

The Varsity boys' Tennis Team won the UIL 18-4A District Title and girls' took 2nd place at District. Monique Ibarra was District Champion in girls' singles. Alex Shiller and Camryn Lupo were District Champions in mixed doubles. Seth Sheeley and Bryston Lewis took 5th place in boys' doubles, Cassidy Turner took 5th place in Girls' singles, Salvador Castillo and Lily Nolan took 5th place in mixed doubles. Six players qualified to advance to the Regional Tournament (Monique Ibarra, Alex Shiller, Camryn Lupo, Edgar Ayala, Isaac Fulgham, and Hunter Haroff). Monique Ibarra won the Class 4A Region III Tournament and advanced to State where she placed 3rd and won a bronze medal. Serena Coker was named to the Texas High School Coaches' Association Elite Academic All-State Team.

Boys' Track - Coach Darold Turner

Boys' Track JV and Varsity Teams won UIL 18-4A District Championships. Deonundre Hatton and Waylon Nickerson won gold medals. Outstanding distance performers were Michael Guzman and Garrett Bowden with multiple medals. Outstanding middle distance performer was Grant Attaway with a gold medal. Outstanding sprinter was Quintin Cook who won 3 medals. At the Area Meet, the Varsity Team placed 5th. Deonundre Hatton was Area Champion in the Shot Put, and placed 2nd in Discus. Quinton Cook 100 meter dash, Caden LaFontaine long jump. The following placed in the top six in their event: Waylon Nickerson (Discus), Garrett Bowen (3200 Meter Run), Marquis Thompson (110 Meter Hurdles), Grant Attaway (800 Meter Run), and Keyshawn Nonette (300 Meter Hurdles). At Regional Competition, Deonundre Hatton finished 7th place in the Discus and Shot Put.

Girls' Track – Coach Janae Evans

The Girls' Varsity Track Team placed 2nd at the UIL 18-4A District Meet and Junior Varsity finished in 3rd place. The following advanced to Area and Regional Competition: Shayla Arthur (Long Jump Champion, 100 Meter Dash, and 4x200 Meter Relay), Ke'Ondre White (300 Meter Hurdles), Dominique Lacy (200 Meter Dash, High Jump, and 4x200 Meter Relay), Ja'Bria Simmons (Shot Put), Destiny Matthews (4x200 Meter Relay).

Boys' Soccer – Coach John Absalom

The Wildcat Soccer Team finished the season as UIL 15-4A District Champions. The team also advanced to Bi-District, Area, Regional, and State Competitions. At State, the team defeated the Progreso Red Ants but lost to the San Elizario Eagles ending the season with a record of 36-1. Other awards: Chris Giron was selected to play in the TASCOS Senior All-Star Match, and Coach John Absalom was selected to coach in the TASCOS All-Star Match. Academic Achievements from the Texas High School Coaching Association include: Paul Jenkins (1st Team Academic All-State), Malachi Musil (2nd Team Academic All-State), and Gerardo Garcia (Honorable Mention). Paul Jenkins and Malachi Musil were recognized as Academic All-State athletes by the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches.

Baseball – Coach Austin Evans

The Varsity Baseball Team finished 3rd in UIL District 18-4A, advanced to Bi-District. District awards: Chris Perez (Defensive MVP), Parkes Giles (1st Team Pitcher), Jayden Townsend (1st Team 2B), Will McBride (2nd Team Catcher), Caleb Harris (2nd Team 1B), Caden LaFontaine (2nd Team OF), Rusty Stephenson (2nd Team OF), Nemesio Vigil (2nd Team Utility), Luke Harris (Honorable Mention 3B), and Tyler Gray (Honorable Mention OF).

PHS Junior Rotarians

Dr. William Stewart, PHS Principal, introduced PHS students, Macey Everhart and Gerardo Garcia who were recognized for being selected to serve as Junior Rotarians for the month of May. A certificate of accomplishment was presented to each student.

PHS Students of the Month

Dr. William Stewart, PHS Principal, introduced PHS students, Paul Jenkins and Aspen Williams who were recognized for being named PHS Students of the Month for the month of May. Each student was presented with a plaque.

Public Comment

There were no requests for public comment.

Consent Items Approved

- Financial Report
Note: A written financial report replaced the monthly oral report from David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer, due to amount of time for student recognitions at May meeting. The financial report included the following information:
District has received 73.22% of budgeted general fund revenue, and the District has received 81.42% of budgeted prior year tax collections. District has spent or encumbered 53.94% of general fund expenditure budget.
- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 16, 2018
- Minutes of Called Meeting of April 30, 2018
- Bills paid for April, 2018
- Monthly Investment Report
- Tax Collection Report
- Donations (No donations received in April, 2018)
- June, 2018 Administration of Credit by Exam
- Out of State Trip for SkillsUSA
- Engagement of Smith, Lambright, and Associates for Financial Audit of the Fiscal Year Ending August 31, 2018
- District Cafeteria Renovations (*Item pulled from consent agenda for Board discussion of possible return of fryers to cafeterias. Item was approved within consent agenda.)
- Resolution: Alternative Graduation Requirements
- Designation of District Coordinator for Video Surveillance of Special Education Settings

Personnel Approved

Estrada, Jonathan	Music	Southside Elementary
Foster, Sidney	Special Education	Palestine Junior High School Jenkins,
Jozette	Athletics	Palestine High School
McGinty, Brennen	English/Language Arts	Palestine Junior High School
Stewart, Heather	4 th Grade	A.M. Story Intermediate

Superintendent Jason Marshall accepted the resignations/retirements of Colton Bradford, Jeffrey Cotton, Daniel Curry, Megan Kendrick, Sherry Kendrick, Jacob Magee, Terry Sloan, James Storment, Crystal Symmank, Travis Walter, and Kaysie Woody

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Jason Marshall reported on the following:

End of Year Events:

Employee Service Awards	May 25, 2018	PHS Auditorium
Graduation	May 25, 2018	Wildcat Stadium

*Note: Superintendent Marshall informed Board members that security would be increased for graduation and that a backup plan was in place should inclement weather occur.

Memorial Day Holiday	May 28, 2018
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Board Training:

- 1) Orientation for new board member to be held in June.
- 2) Senate Bill 1566 required accountability training to be held on Monday, June 11, 2018.
- 3) TASB Summer Leadership Institutes to be held in San Antonio and Fort Worth during the month of June.

PISD Summer School and Summer TACE Programs scheduled to begin on Tuesday, May 29, 2018.

PISD Administration Office hours: Monday-Thursday (10 hour days/closed on Friday)

**Next Regular Board Meeting
Monday, June 18, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.**