



# BOARD NOTES

## **A Summary of the June 18, 2018 Palestine ISD Board of Trustees Meeting**

President Sheeley opened the regular meeting at 7:04 PM.

Pledges of allegiance to the American and Texas flags were recited.

### **Public Comment**

There were no requests for public comment.

### **Financial Report**

David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer, reported that tax collections were at 98% at the end of May, and revenues and expenditures were on target for that point in the school year. Mr. Atkeisson reported that preliminary tax valuations were down which could result in less funds for the district through property taxes, but the decrease in funds could possibly be made up to the district through state funds. The Board of Trustees discussed decreased classroom budgets and about possibly re-designating funds for classroom use that were previously designated for construction. Superintendent Marshall added that although budgets had decreased due to funding cuts by the legislature and TACE Grant funds had helped to make up that difference.

### **Consent Items Approved**

- Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 21, 2018
- Minutes of Special Meeting of June 11, 2018
- Bills paid for May, 2018
- Financial Report
- Monthly Investment Report
- Tax Collection Report
- Donations
  - \$10,000.00 from the Gragg Foundation to be used for college scholarship for a PHS senior.
- Resolution Authorizing the Sale, Assignment, Transfer and/or Delivery of Stocks, Bonds, and Other Securities
- Vehicle Purchase (2 SUV's/1 Maintenance Pick-up)
- 2018-2019 Student Tuition: \$3,000.00 for School Year
- 2018-2019 Credit by Exam Timeline

### **Report on College and Career Readiness**

Chris Kiser, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services/Director of College and Career Readiness, presented the following information for the district's dual credit and career classes during the 2017-2018 school year:

Number of students enrolled in dual credit classes: 215

Number of students enrolled in workforce dual credit: 232

College hours earned by the senior class - 3,324 (491 more than previous school year)

College courses completed for credit- 1,045 (169 more than previous school year)

Seniors completing at least one college class – 76

Seniors earning core complete status - 46

Seniors earning an associate's degree – 12 (7 more than previous school year)

Seniors who completed at least 20 hours of college – 67

Seniors who completed at least 30 hours of college – 62

Seniors who completed at least 40 hours of college – 52

Seniors who completed at least 50 hours of college – 62

Seniors who completed at least 60 hours of college - 12

Industrial Certifications earned by the Senior class - 206

### **Report on LAUNCH, Gifted & Talented, and STEAM Programs**

Chris Kiser, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, presented information on LAUNCH, Gifted & Talented, and STEAM Programs. Mr. Kiser explained that PISD students identified Gifted & Talented (GT) are served through the LAUNCH Program, and some students not identified GT may also qualify for LAUNCH based on their abilities. Mr. Kiser informed that the district is working to create a multi-level partnership teaching plan at the Northside Primary and Southside Elementary campuses to assist students as they progress from one campus to the next to allow for better instructional opportunities. A more detailed report on the multi-level partnership will be presented at a future school board meeting.

Board members asked questions regarding LAUNCH testing, discussed whether there was a need to add LAUNCH classes to ensure all students who qualify for the program are served, and the need to ensure students in the program are challenged. Superintendent Marshall responded that based on information from teachers and testing data, the district was not finding that students are being under identified for LAUNCH, and as students progress to the next grade level, LAUNCH instruction becomes more difficult for students.

### **Report on STAAR Scores & Accountability**

Chris Kiser, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, shared that the district had received preliminary STAAR scores and that the district expected to have an analysis of the scores to report on at the July school board meeting.

### **Election of PISD Board of Trustees Officers**

The following board members were elected to serve as officers:

Dyna Tutt, President

Michael Bennett, Vice President

Kurt Herrington, Secretary

Following the Board officer elections, former President Brandon Sheeley and newly elected President, Dyna Tutt exchanged seats and President Tutt chaired the remainder of the meeting.

## **Palestine ISD Safety Plan Update**

Superintendent Marshall presented an update regarding the district's plans for school safety. Superintendent Marshall reported that School Safety had been named the district's number one goal in January 2018, and that community school safety forums had been held during spring 2018. The district used the information gained from the safety forums to develop the following plans for school safety:

- Dr. William Stewart, former Palestine High School Principal, assigned as District Safety Coordinator (new position for district).
- Perimeter and interior safety audit of campuses prior to new school year.
- Safety training on a variety of safety situations for all staff prior to start of the 2018-19 school year.
- Detailed districtwide safety audit by Texas School Safety Center.
- Safety drills with local emergency management departments to assist the district in performing drills correctly, and to ensure that city and county law enforcement is knowledgeable of and has access to PISD facilities.
- Review Governor Abbot's School Safety Plan and research safety methods to determine those with best fit for the district.
- Guns on campuses not being implemented at this time but may be considered in the future.

## **Summer School**

Superintendent Marshall reported on PISD Summer School 2018. An ESL Summer School Program was held at Washington Early Childhood Center, and TACE Summer Programs were held. High School had approximately 20 summer school students per day which was lower than usual but some students were not required to attend summer school due to completing work on FLEX days that were held during the last week of school. The other campuses averaged about 75 students in summer school each day. Summer Nutrition Programs were held at PHS, PJHS, Southside Elementary, and Northside Primary campuses to provide healthy meals for children 18 and younger at no cost.

## **Personnel**

The Board approved the following personnel as presented:

Anderson, Kristina	Asst Tech Spec/Spec Ed	Palestine ISD
Andrez, Regis	Special Education	Palestine High School
Baley, Ashley	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Southside Elementary
Calhoun, Heather	Reading	Palestine Junior High School
Campbell, Kayla	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	A.M. Story Intermediate
Dolan, Chris	Physical Education	Palestine Junior High School
Hollums, Carl	Science	Palestine High School
Jackson, Lori	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	A.M. Story Intermediate
Salinas, Rosalinda	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Southside Elementary
Standard, Cedric	Special Education	Palestine High School
Stewart, Lauren	Physical Ed/Athletics	Palestine Junior High School
Wagley, Rebekah	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	A.M. Story Intermediate

Superintendent Jason Marshall accepted the resignations/retirements of Erica Blakemore, Danielle Blank, Amanda Cox, Casey Enox, William Flori, Amy Hopson, Courtney Johnson, Donnie Leach, Tara Liljequist, Rebecca May, Jami McCoy, Sulema Meyers, Leizel Nichols, Kaitlyn Sandaneta, and Robin Stallings.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Marshall reported on the following:

A budget workshop to be held during the regular school board meeting on July 16, 2018.

The district's budget and tax rate for 2018-2019 to be presented for approval at the August 20, 2018 regular school board meeting.

86<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session: PISD plans include developing a platform in the fall with Anderson and possibly with Freestone, Navarro, and Hill County schools. The platform will be delivered to the new state representative in Austin prior to the first day of the legislative session.

The Board discussed Senate Bill 1566 state required training that was presented at Palestine ISD by Marvin Thompson on June 11, 2018. Higher expectations for students and more board involvement in the district's state accountability were topics of interest.

A calendar of PISD Summer and Back to School events was given to board members.

President Tutt declared the meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

**Next Regular Board Meeting  
July 16, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.**