



BOARD NOTES

A Summary of the June 20, 2016 Palestine ISD Board of Trustees Meeting

Election of Officers for PISD Board of Trustees

The following trustees were elected to serve as officers beginning June 20, 2016:

Janie Sepulveda, President

Brandon Sheeley, Vice President

Dyna Tutt, Secretary

Financial Report & Budget Projection for School Year Ending 2015-2016

David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer, reported that tax collections are currently 99.6%, and that the current end of year financial surplus is anticipated to be lower than previously calculated. The lower financial surplus is due to unexpected construction needs and a small amount of weather related flooding at some of the campuses. The district expects to receive a reimbursement for the majority of the repair costs through insurance claims and construction warranties; however the repairs will be completed prior to receiving the expected reimbursements so that facilities are ready by the first day of the 2016-2017 school year.

Preliminary Budget for School Year 2016-2017

David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer, reported that the current projected budget for the next school year is estimated to be approximately 28 million, and that the district does not anticipate the need to increase the tax rate for the 2016-2017 school year. A budget workshop will be held at the July 18, 2016 regular meeting.

Consent Items Approved

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 24, 2016
- Bills paid for May, 2016
- Financial Report
- Monthly Investment Report
- Tax Collection Report

- Donations
Palestine High School Athletics Program
 Donations from PHS Athletic Booster Club:
 \$4,652.00 - Basketball program (Shoot-Away).
 \$4,429.85 - Football perpetual award plaques, and volleyball, cross country, & student trainer awards.
 \$2,142.00 - Soccer jackets and pants.
 \$5,223.35 - Softball uniforms to supplement uniform inventory due to increased participation in athletics.
 \$1,069.00 - Baseball equipment (bullpen screen).
Palestine High School
 Donation from Chicken Express - \$400.00 (chicken strips/rolls/gravy) for Prom refreshments.
 Donation from Walmart - \$178.80 (pallet of bottled water) for Prom.
Northside Primary
 Donation from Walmart - \$62.50 (bottled water) for Northside Primary field day.
- 2016-17 Vendors Approved: Dairy-Borden Dairy, Bread-Flowers Bakery
- 2016-17 Interlocal Agreement for Palestine ISD and Robertson County Special Education Cooperative

Report on LAUNCH, Gifted & Talented, and STEAM Programs

Tammy Jones, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, presented an update on services Palestine ISD provides for students identified as Gifted & Talented, as well as non- GT students who benefit from an enriched curriculum. The LAUNCH program serves Gifted & Talented students in grades K-5, as well as students who may not qualify for GT but do qualify for the LAUNCH program. The LAUNCH program goal is to prepare students for PreAP, AP, and dual credit classes. The district's STEAM (Science Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) classes are utilized to help students who need a more rigorous curriculum in the classroom. Project Lead the Way activities are available at some campuses to provide an additional option for enhanced curriculum. The after school TACE program provides enrichment learning opportunities for students who may not qualify for LAUNCH or GT classes. During the 2015-2016 school year, the district requested an audit of Gifted/Talented services and screening process from the Region VII Education Service Center which was performed and found the district's Gifted & Talented services to be compliant in all areas

Report on STAAR Scores & Accountability

Tammy Jones, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, reported that the district had expected to receive STAAR scores prior to the meeting. However, the district had not received the majority of scores due to testing issues at the state level during the spring administration. Mrs. Jones informed the Board that the state has notified districts to expect STAAR scores by the week of July 5, 2016, and that the information will be shared at a future board meeting.

Report on College and Career Readiness

Chris Kiser, Director of College and Career Readiness, presented information for the district's dual credit and career classes during the 2015-16 school year. Mr. Kiser reported that the number of students participating in Wildcat University (Dual Credit) classes had almost doubled from 2014-2015 to the 2015-2016 school year. For the past two school years the PHS Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Testing Center is providing a great savings for students as the cost of college entrance tests is much lower, and students no longer have to travel to other towns for testing. A career investigations class is helping high school and junior high students explore career possibilities, and there are plans to begin providing this class for sixth graders. The district is investigating the possibility of a Non-Traditional High School for Palestine ISD. If the district should decide to implement a Non-Traditional High School, the 2017-2018 school year would be the earliest date that the high school could open.

2015-2016 Dual Credit/Career Statistics:

College hours earned by the senior class - 2,274

College courses earned by the senior class - 681

Seniors completing at least one college class - 65

Seniors earning core complete status - 27

Seniors earning an associate's degree - 5

Industrial Certifications earned by the Senior class - 195

Seniors earning certifications - 85

We still have 19 students waiting for State Approval for the CNA exam

Skills USA State qualifiers - 80 National qualifiers - 6

Robotics National Qualifiers - 6

Business Professionals of America State Qualifiers - 15 National Qualifiers - 1

TAFE (Future Educators) State Qualifiers - 6

Policy Update 104

Policy Update 104 revisions, affecting local policies EEH, FB, FD, FEB, and FFH were approved as presented.

Policy DNA (Local) Revision

Suzanne Eiben, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, presented information for a policy DNA (Local) revision, which changes the district's appraisal method from PDAS to Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS). The Policy DNA (Local) revision was approved by the Board as presented.

Policy DNB (Local) Revision

Suzanne Eiben, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, presented information for a policy DNB (Local) revision, which changes the district's appraisal method for principals from PDAS to Texas Principal Evaluation and Support System (T-PESS). The Policy DNB (Local) revision was approved by the Board as presented.

Title IX Update

Suzanne Eiben, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, presented information on Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Title IX prohibits sex discrimination in education programs and activities. School districts, colleges, and universities receiving Federal Financial assistance must comply with Title IX requirements. Federal agencies may not discriminate based on a student's sex, including a student's gender identify as the student's sex for purposes of enforcing Title IX. When a student or parent notifies the school that a student is transgender, the school must treat the student consistent with the student's gender identity, and may not require a medical diagnosis. All students are entitled to protection under the sex discrimination provision of Title IX.

A.M. Story Intermediate Awning Repair/Replacement

David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer, informed the Board regarding an accident at the A.M. Story Intermediate campus, in which an employee hit an exterior awning with their vehicle while moving personal items from the campus. Replacement of the awning is estimated at \$180,000-\$200,000, which the district expects to be covered through insurance; however, the repairs will be completed prior to receiving the expected reimbursement from insurance so that facilities are ready by the first day of the 2016-2017 school year. The Board approved the advertisement for Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) for a Design-Build procurement method for replacement of the awning.

Personnel Approved

Anne Brantley	3 rd Grade	Southside Elementary
Marcos Chapa	DAEP	Palestine High School
Tracie Chapa	4 th Grade	A.M. Story Intermediate
Justin Florence	Health Science	Palestine High School
Donna Gill	5 th Grade	A.M. Story Intermediate
Jazmine Hicks	Physical Education	Palestine High School
Nicole Highsmith	5 th Grade	A.M. Story Intermediate
Kimberly Hill	Cosmetology	Palestine High School
Brandi Hinton	4 th Grade	A.M. Story Intermediate
Lane Hissong	4 th Grade	A.M. Story Intermediate
Jalla Johnson	Physical Education	Palestine Junior High School
Allison Jones	Athletic Trainer	Palestine High School
Jordan Joyner	4 th Grade	A.M. Story Intermediate
Christina Knight	4 th Grade	A.M. Story Intermediate
Donnie Leach	ABU	Palestine High School
Jacob Magee	Careers	Palestine Junior High School
Aracely Martinez	Math	Palestine High School
Caleb Stokes	History	Palestine Junior High School
Richard Taylor	English/Language Arts	Palestine Junior High School
Nathan White	History	Palestine Junior High School
Keith Willis	ABU	Palestine Junior High School

Superintendent Jason Marshall accepted the resignations of Julie Axum, Whitney Brockman, Brandi Crouch, Lora Edgemon, Thomas Felts, Heather Haas, Lisa Hampton, Kirra Ibarra, Deborah McGraw, Michael Moore, and Kayla Zimmerman.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Marshall reported on the following:

The 2016 Bilingual/ESL Summer School will end on June 24, 2016, and the TACE Summer School will end July 8, 2016.

Palestine ISD will begin reviewing all local board policies in the fall of 2016 with assistance from the Texas Association of School Boards.

Kay Douglas of the Texas Association of School Boards will present training for the Board on July 11, 2016. The regular July meeting and a budget workshop will be held on Monday, July 18, 2016. The regular August meeting will be held on Monday, August 22, 2016.

Board members shared thoughts on the Texas Association of School Boards Summer Leadership Institute that all board members attended during the month of June. PISD Board members expressed appreciation for the good working relationship between PISD Board members and the superintendent.

**Next Regular Board Meeting
July 18, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.**