



BOARD NOTES

A Summary of the July 16, 2012 Palestine ISD Board of Trustees Meeting

Oath of Office

The oath of office was administered to Dyna Tutt, who was reelected to the Board of Trustees in May, 2012; by Bridget Viser, a Notary Public appointed by the Secretary of State of Texas.

Construction Projects Update

Mike Trammell and Terry Gober of Buford-Thompson Construction Company, presented the Board of Trustees a construction update for the Design Build Project. Plans of the Palestine High School career & technology building as it exists currently were shown along with renovation plans that will be made to the building. Phase I of the Design Build Project will be ready when school starts on August 27, 2012. Phase II will be completed by October 15, 2012.

Pictures of the projects and aerial photos of the construction sites can be viewed on the district website at (www.palestineschools.org). Go to "About PISD" at the top of the page, then select "Construction Updates".

Financial Report

David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer, stated that the District has received 87% of general fund budgeted revenue and expended 83%. The District has received 136% of prior year tax collections. Current year tax collections are at 97%. The District earned approximately \$11,000 on interest investments in 2011-2012 and will continue to look at ways to maximize interest earnings.

2012-2013 Budget Information

David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer, presented 2012-2013 budget information. The District expects to receive approximately \$225,000-\$250,000 more in state revenue for 2012-2013 than in 2011-2012. This will help offset the loss of \$545,000 in EduJobs funds that the District received this past year but will not receive in 2012-2013. The District does expect to propose a balanced budget for approval at the August 20, 2012 school board meeting.

Student Athletic Insurance

The Baker Agency was approved to provide student athletic and catastrophic insurance coverage for the 2012-13 school year.

Student Lunch Prices

A lunch price increase of 10 cents was approved for the 2012-13 school year. Breakfast prices will remain the same. Breakfast and lunch prices for 2012-13:

Breakfast:	PreK – 6 th	\$1.00	Lunch: PreK-6 th	\$2.35
	7 th -12 th	\$1.25	7 th -12 th	\$2.60

Consent Items Approved

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 25, 2012
- Bills paid for June, 2012
- Financial Report
- Monthly Investment Report
- Tax Collection Report
- Donations

Palestine High School Athletics

\$836.20 from PHS Athletic Booster Club for equipment for cheerleaders.

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\$4,114.50 from PHS Athletic Booster Club for uniforms for boys & girls soccer and cross country.

- 2012-2013 Gifted & Talented Plan
- 2012-2013 Bilingual Plan
- 2012-2013 PHS Laptop Handbook
- 2012-2013 Professional Development Plan

SHAC Report for 2011-2012

Carolyn Martin, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction; presented a School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Report. The three most important accomplishments made by the SHAC Committee in 2011-2012 include: Palestine ISD became a Texas Vaccines for Children Provider; the Emergency Operations Plan was revised due to recommendations provided by an at-risk management company; and a health scan opportunity was provided to Palestine ISD employees.

Carolyn Martin, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction; presented PISD guidelines based on Senate Bill 27 for the care of students at risk of anaphylaxis.

Student Handbooks

The Board of Trustees approved student handbooks for 2012-2013.

Policy EIC (Local) Revision

A revision to Policy EIC (Local) was approved, which affects academic achievement: class ranking. The revision will allow physical education credit to be earned through a fall semester of band and deletes the section "End of Course Assessment Scores".

PDAS Appraisers and Calendar

The Board of Trustees approved the following qualified appraisers and the PDAS calendar for the 2012-2013 school year as presented.

Qualified appraisers are: Sheila Bradley, Stephen Cooksey, Barbara Dutton, Suzanne Eiben, Michael Esparza, Eric Haltom, Carol Herring, Peggy Herrington, Rhonda Herrington, Linda Holmes, Brandon Jayroe, Larissa Loveless, Grace Mancilla, Jason Marshall, Carolyn Martin, Melissa Molandes, Sharon Reed, Lolita Shead, William Stewart, and Cody Tunstall.

2012-2013 PDAS Appraisal Calendar

First date observations may be conducted for appraisal purposes	September 17, 2012
Observations are prohibited by policy DNA on the following dates, including days before and after a holiday, semester and end of year exams, and required testing days as applicable for each campus	October 22-24, 2012 November 16 & 26, 2012 December 17-21, 2012 January 8, 18 & 22, 2013 February 14 & 19, 2013 March 4-8, 18, 28, 2013 April 1-5, 9, 22-26, 2013 May 6-10, 13-17, 21, 24, 28, 2013
First Date for annual summative conferences	April 1, 2013
Last date formal observations may be conducted for appraisal purposes	April 25, 2013
Last date for annual summative conferences	May 15, 2013
Date that appraisal documentation is due to personnel office	June 4, 2013

Teacher Shortage Areas

The following teacher shortage areas for the 2012-2013 school year were approved: Bilingual Education/English as a Second Language, Foreign Languages, Mathematics, Science, and Special Education.

Personnel Approved

Leah Atkeisson	Language Arts	Palestine High School
George Clark	Science	Palestine High School
Rebecca Haines	1 st Grade Bilingual	Northside Primary
Eric Haltom	Assistant Principal	A.M. Story Intermediate
Jacqueline Hamel	Art	Palestine Middle School
Kari Haltom	2 nd Grade	Southside Elementary
Kristy Lindsey	Motor Lab	Washington E.C.C.
Lynn Maness	6 th Grade Math	A.M. Story Intermediate
Michael Moore	6 th Grade ELA	A.M. Story Intermediate
Ashley Palmer	6 th Grade ELA	A.M. Story Intermediate
Sheryl Quarles	6 th Grade Science	A.M. Story Intermediate
Matthew Reimer	Asst. Band Director	Palestine High School
Lora Sims	4 th Grade	A.M. Story Intermediate
Sandi Vaughn	Kindergarten	Northside Primary

Superintendent Jason Marshall accepted the resignations of Lori Camacho, Shannon Clakley, Kevin Feldser, Hannah Lipsey, and Scott Kaufman.

TASA/TASB Delegate Assembly

Dyna Tutt was appointed by the Board of Trustees to serve as delegate and Stanley Sokolowski to serve as alternate delegate at the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Delegate Assembly on Saturday, September 29, 2012.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Jason Marshall gave an update on upcoming events. A Dedication and Grand Opening for the new Palestine High School will be held on Sunday, August 19, 2012 at 2:00 pm. A ribbon cutting for Palestine High School will also take place the same day at 1:45 pm. A convocation service will be held on Monday, August 20, 2012 at 8:00 am and the first day of school for the 2012-2013 school year will be Monday, August 27, 2012.

The Board of Trustees, Superintendent Jason Marshall, Suzanne Eiben, and David Long traveled to Palestine High School at 7:22 pm where they were provided a tour of the Palestine High School construction by Balfour Beatty Construction.

The meeting was adjourned from Palestine High School at 8:30 pm.

**Next Regular Board Meeting
August 20, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.**