



BOARD NOTES

A Summary of the July 21, 2014 Palestine ISD Board of Trustees Meeting

Design-Build Update

Scott Hughes of Buford-Thompson Construction Company presented information for summer construction projects. Improvements have been ongoing during the summer at facilities throughout the district. A new HVAC system is in the process of installation at A.M. Story Intermediate, and the outdoor courtyard area at Palestine Junior High is being renovated with new concrete, plaster soffits, and upgraded lighting. New HVAC duct was installed in the Washington cafeteria and at Northside Primary and Southside Elementary; areas in need of new paint are being painted.

Financial Report

David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer stated that the 2013-2014 budget remains positive as the fiscal year comes to an end.

Preliminary Schools FIRST Rating

David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer reported that the Texas Education Agency has released the preliminary School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) ratings for 2013-14. Palestine ISD is to be rated Superior Achievement. As in the past couple of years, we should have perfect scores on all indicators except the Debt-to-Student ratio. Although the debt-to-student ratio is higher than the state recommendation, the higher amount has provided improved PISD facilities for students.

Fuel Bids Approved

The district solicited bids for motor fuel products and received bids from Spencer Distributing and Sumrall Distributing. Spencer Distributing was awarded the contract for gasoline and diesel fuel, and Sumrall Distributing was awarded the contract for oil and antifreeze products. Both contracts will begin September 1, 2014 and end on August 31, 2015.

Property & Casualty Insurance

Approval of Property & Casualty Insurance provider was tabled and will be considered at a future meeting.

Consent Items Approved

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 16, 2014
- Minutes of the Called Meeting of June 9, 2014
- Bills paid for June, 2014
- Financial Report
- Monthly Investment Report
- Tax Collection Report

- Donations
 - Palestine ISD
\$2,500.00 was awarded to PISD for doing important work in the community from Wal-Mart Foundation/DC 6036
 - Palestine High School
Refreshments from Chicken Express valued at \$500.00 for the PHS Prom.
Pallet of water valued from Wal-Mart for the PHS Prom.
 - Palestine ISD TACE Program
\$100.00 gift card from Wal-Mart Supercenter for the Juneteenth Celebration.
48 skeins of yarn valued at \$150.00 from Mohair & More for the TACE knitting class.
- PreAP/AP Entrance/Exit Criteria
- August, 2014 Administration of Credit by Exam
- Expedited Waiver for Teacher Data Portal of the Texas Assessment Management System
- Expedited Waiver for Early Release
- Expedited Waiver for Foreign Exchange Student
- Student/Parent Mobile Device Handbook and Agreement and Responsible Use Guidelines

2013-2014 SHAC Report

Tammy Jones, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services presented a School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Report. Highlights from 2013-14 include:

- Wellness/safety tips will be shared with all PISD employees. Each campus will be responsible for one month during the school year to pass along a health tip to all PISD employees.
- Wellness plan was updated and approved.
- The policy for Visitor on Campus was reviewed.
- PISD is a Texas Vaccines for Children Provider and can order and inoculate PISD students who are eligible to receive the services.
- Head lice procedures were reviewed. Families who cannot afford to purchase treatment are eligible for assistance. The campus counselor will determine eligibility and distribute treatment.
- The UT Health Care System will bring their “Breath of Life” Mobile Clinic to PISD. Nurses will prescreen students who need to be evaluated for breathing problems. Permission from parents will be required prior to scheduling appointments.
- A Community Services Resource Manual was compiled and distributed to nurses and counselors. The manual contains resource contact information for campuses to utilize for families in need.
- Officer Tinsley, School Resource Officer received training on SB 460 which addresses Youth Mental Health First Aide. Officer Tinsley provided training for PISD Staff.

District Improvement Plan for 2014-2015

The Board of Trustees approved the 2014-2015 District Improvement Plan.

Updates included in the plan are:

- 1) District goals updated to include House Bill 5 requirements.
- 2) Addition of the Launch Program.
- 3) Continue to utilize technology to enhance instruction in the classroom
- 4) Continue to implement research based instructional programs for student success.
- 5) Continue to review CTE offerings to increase certification and endorsement opportunities for students.

Early Reading Standards Plan

Tammy Jones, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services shared revisions to the Early Reading Standards plan for the 2014-15 school year. The primary revision to the plan is the return of the Texas Primary Reading Inventory to help identify the reading development of students in grades K-2 and to help provide targeted instruction for students.

PDAS Appraisers and Calendar

The Board of Trustees approved the following qualified appraisers and the PDAS calendar for the 2014-2015 school year as presented.

Qualified appraisers are: Sheila Bradley, Stephen Cooksey, Jenny Cunningham, Barbara Dutton, Suzanne Eiben, Michael Esparza, Carol Herring, Peggy Herrington, Rhonda Herrington, Linda Holmes, Kevin Jackson, Amanda Jackson, Tammy Jones, Chris Kiser, Larissa Loveless, Grace Mancilla, Jason Marshall, Joseph Mason, Melissa Molandes, Breck Quarles, Sharon Reed, Lolita Shead, William Stewart, and Cody Tunstall.

2014-2015 PDAS Appraisal Calendar

First date observations may be conducted for appraisal purposes	September 15, 2014
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 10-14, 2014 November 21, 2014 December 1 and 15-19, 2014 January 6, 16 & 20, 2015 February 12 & 17, 2015 March 13 & 23, 2015 April 2, 6, 16, & 20, 2015 May 22 & 26, 2015 June 1-5, 2015
First Date for annual summative conferences	March 30, 2015
Last date formal observations may be conducted for appraisal purposes	April 24, 2015
Last date for annual summative conferences	May 13, 2015
Date that appraisal documentation is due to personnel office	June 3, 2015

Dates for additional testing where a choice for the scheduled time is allowed and/or where testing is applicable to specific segments of the student population are also dates when observations are prohibited for those areas of the campus. Appraisers are required to follow the prohibition of observations according to the campus testing calendar.

Student Code of Conduct

The Board approved the Student Code of Conduct for 2014-15. There were no changes from the previous year.

Student Handbooks

The Board approved Student Handbooks for 2014-15. There were no substantive changes from the previous year; the only revisions were for rephrasing and clarification.

Student Transfer Tuition Fee

The Board approved the student transfer tuition rate of \$1,220.00 for the 2014-2015 school year. The transfer tuition fee is waived for students who meet the deadline and are accepted for transfer under the District's Open Enrollment policy.

Personnel Approved

Jimmie Bassham	5 th Grade	A.M. Story Intermediate
Benisha Blake	6 th Grade ELA	A.M. Story Intermediate
Amanda Cox	3 rd Grade	Southside Elementary
Ginny Gayso	1 st Grade	Northside Primary
Teresa Gold-Carter	5 th Grade	A.M. Story Intermediate
Lauren Gregory	Social Studies	Palestine Junior High School
Martha Healey	3 rd Grade	Southside Elementary
Laci Hickman	Math	Palestine Junior High School
Amber Hutchison	3 rd Grade	Southside Elementary
Jennifer Joslin	Asst. Band Director	Palestine Junior High School
Sarah Kolac	Art	A.M. Story Intermediate
Catherine LaRose	2 nd Grade	Southside Elementary
Natalie Dawn Leath	2 nd Grade	Southside Elementary
Noralee Lewis	ABU	A.M. Story Intermediate
Jennifer Lowe	4 th Grade	A.M. Story Intermediate
Sharon Nichols-Polk	Social Studies	Palestine Junior High School
Leann Nickerson	Trainer	Palestine High School
Erin Oranch	English Language Arts	Palestine Junior High School
Jesse Pierce	English Language Arts	Palestine High School
Januel Plumber	Reading	Palestine Junior High School
Kelvin Polk	Physical Education	Palestine Junior High School
Steven Reiss	Asst. Band Director	Palestine High School
John Richardson	English Language Arts	Palestine Junior High School
Eva Ramos-Soto	4 th Grade	A.M. Story Intermediate
Nicholas Stauffer	DAEP Math	Palestine High School
Terri Sumrow	5 th Grade	A.M. Story Intermediate
Riki Travera	4 th Grade	A.M. Story Intermediate
Darold Turner	History	Palestine High School
Lisa Turner	2 nd Grade	Southside Elementary
Rhea Villarreal	Kindergarten	Northside Primary
Julie Waldon	English Language Arts	Palestine High School
Eric Whitener	History	Palestine Junior High School
Stephen Wickham	English Language Arts	Palestine Junior High School

Superintendent Jason Marshall accepted the resignations of Colby Barron, George Clark, Abby Cowley, William Cowley, Sammie Davis, Eric Haltom, Joseph Jackson, Katherine Kimbrough, Ashley McGruder, Miranda Moore, Angela Nichols, Maegan O'Neal, Erin Palmer, Kirk Palmer, Robin Pilette, Matthew Reimer, Lacie Sloan, Kendale Stoker, Pamela Vallance, and Dejoran Wright.

TASA/TASB Delegate Assembly

Dyna Tutt was appointed by the Board of Trustees to serve as delegate and Dana Staples to serve as alternate delegate at the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Delegate Assembly on Saturday, September 27, 2014.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Jason Marshall reported on the Texas After-School Centers for Education (TACE) Summer Programs. Northside Primary, Southside Elementary, A.M. Story Intermediate, Palestine Junior High School, and Palestine High School held TACE programs during the summer in which 200 students participated.

Practices have begun for students participating in fall extracurricular activities. A Convocation service for PISD staff will be held on Monday, August 18, 2014 and the first day for students is Monday, August 25, 2014.

Superintendent Marshall introduced Chris Kiser, who will serve as Director of College and Career Readiness for the district and shared that Mr. Kiser will be working to continue the expansion of Career and Technical opportunities for students.

**Next Regular Board Meeting
August 25, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.**