

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Palestine ISD

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Palestine ISD was held Monday, April 16, 2018, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Palestine ISD Administrative Offices Board Room, 1007 East Park Avenue, Palestine, Texas 75801.

President Sheeley called the meeting to order and announced that a quorum was present.

A motion was made by Trustee Tutt, seconded by Trustee Sepulveda, and approved by the Board 6-0, that the Board convene in closed session at 6:00 PM in accordance with the Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.001, Texas Revised Statutes.

**Members present: Brandon Sheeley, President
Dyna Tutt, Vice President
Kurt Herrington
Jeffrey Schwab
Janie Sepulveda
Stanley Sokolowski**

Members absent: Michael Bennett, Secretary

**Others present: Jason Marshall, Superintendent
Suzanne Eiben, Assistant Superintendent of
Human Resources
Tammy Jones, Assistant Superintendent of
Instructional Services
David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer (Absent)
Chris Kiser, Director of College and
Career Readiness
Mark Schrader, Director of Technology
Lisa Edge, Recording Secretary**

Visitors present: Sheila Bradley, Janice Magee, Jimmy Osowski, William Stewart, Jaime Clark, Barbara Dutton, Mimi Spreen, Sharon Reed, Dee Dietz, Robby Clark, Luis Hernandez, Timothy Tillis, Cheryl Rogers, Virginia Rogers, Giovanni Cerrato, Lizbeth Stephens, Jana Plumber, Debra Smith, Devin Jackson, Melanie Jackson, Ben Campbell, Lisa Covington, Traci Pridgen, Art Veneris, Sheryl Quarles, Breck Quarles, Charla Higginbotham

President Sheeley opened the regular meeting at 7:00 PM and stated that no action was taken in closed session.

Timothy Tillis of The Antioch Church gave the invocation.

Pledges to the American and Texas flags were recited.

Spotlight – Athletics

Robby Clark, PISD Athletic Director, introduced coaches who shared accomplishments from the 2017-2018 athletic season and recognized PHS team members.

Ladycat Basketball

Marcus Chapa, Ladycat Basketball Team coach introduced Girls' Basketball team members and shared that the Varsity Girls' Basketball team record for the season was 23-12 and that the team had made it into the first round of the UIL 18-4A playoffs.

Ladycat Soccer

Luis Hernandez, Ladycat Soccer Team coach, introduced soccer team members and shared that the Ladycats won the UIL 15-4A District Championship and made it to the Regional Quarterfinal playoff game for the 3rd year in a row.

Golf

Michael Dear, PHS Golf Instructor, introduced golf team members and shared that the team placed 3rd in District 18-4A Competition. Coach Dear complimented the team for working hard throughout the season.

Spotlight – PHS Robotics Team

Terry Sloan, PHS Robotics Instructor, introduced PHS Robotics Team members and shared results from the US Open Robotics National Championship in Councils Bluff, Iowa. The PHS Robotics Team 8601D, made up of Jack Hallock, Bobby Stanley, and Johnathan Ramirez, placed 44th of 184 teams from across the United States, Canada, and China.

Spotlight – Junior Rotarians

Aundrea Johnson and Fransis Sis, PHS students, were recognized for being named Junior Rotarians for the month of April. Paige Bain, who was not able to attend the March school board meeting due to a school activity was recognized for being named Junior Rotarian for the month of March.

Spotlight – Students of the Month

Giovanni Cerrato and Virginia Rogers were recognized as the PHS Students of the Month for April. PHS teacher, Lisa Covington shared the accomplishments of Giovanni Cerrato and Janice Magee shared the accomplishments of Virginia Rogers.

Public Comment

There were no requests for public comment.

Financial Report

Superintendent Jason Marshall gave the financial report.

Consent Items

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Jason Marshall, a motion was made by Trustee Herrington, seconded by Trustee Schwab to approve the following consent items as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 26, 2018
- Bills paid for March, 2018
- Financial Report
- Monthly Investment Report
- Tax Collection Report
- Donations

PHS Athletics

\$7,214.10 from PHS Athletic Booster Club to be used for Junior High Volleyball nets, Girls' Basketball hotel rooms, Shoes for Girls and Boys Track, Softball Pitching Machine, and Powerlifting.

PJHS Art Department

\$100.00 from the Anderson County Arts Council in appreciation for PJHS help with ACAC projects to benefit PJHS Art classes.

Northside Primary

\$50.00 from Brian and Judith Phymmer to benefit the Northside Library.

\$30.00 from Craig Daugherty to benefit the Northside Library.0

- Chartwells Food Service Contract Extension for 2018-2019 School Year
- Bread and Milk vendors for 2018-2019 School Year:
Bread: Flowers Bakery, Milk: Borden Dairy

Personnel

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Jason Marshall, and Suzanne Eiben, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; a motion was made by Trustee Tutt, seconded by Trustee Sepulveda to approve the following personnel as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Alonso, Adrian	Band Director	Palestine High School
Alonso, Donna	1 st Grade	Northside Primary
Baker, Adrienne	Head Start	Washington E.C.C.
Cearley, Erin	Theatre Arts	Palestine High School
Gonzalez, Holly	Speech Pathology	Special Education
Pouncy, Jessica	1 st Grade	Northside Primary
Swart, Amanda	1 st Grade	Northside Priary
Timmons, Cailynn	1 st Grade	Northside Primary
Torres, Tina	1 st Grade	Northside Primary

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Jason Marshall, and Suzanne Eiben, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, a motion was made by Trustee Herrington, seconded by Trustee Tutt to approve the following contract extensions for administrators and directors as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Holmes, Linda	2018-2019 Term
Huff, Rebecca	2018-2019 Term
Marshall, Shanna	2018-2019 Term
Pridgen, Traci	2018-2019 Term
Tunstall, William	2018-2019 Term

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Jason Marshall and Suzanne Eiben, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; a motion was made by Trustee Sepulveda, seconded by Trustee Tutt to approve the issuance of term contract extensions to teachers for 2018-2019 as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

1) Chapa, Kymberly	Palestine High School
2) Chapman, Robin	Southside Elementary
3) Conner, Tamra	Northside Primary
4) Corley, Andrus	Washington E.C.C.
5) Curry, Daniel	Palestine High School
6) Healey, Martha	Southside Elementary
7) LaFontaine, Phillippe	Palestine High School
8) Worthan, Donna	Southside Elementary
9) Yarbrough, Paula	Palestine High School

Probationary for current year, moving to Term for 2018-2019 school year:

1) Collins, Piper	A.M. Story Intermediate
2) Kincade, Tracy	Palestine Junior High School
3) Nichols, Angela	A.M. Story Intermediate
4) Ryal, Jonathan	Palestine High School

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Jason Marshall and Suzanne Eiben, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; a motion was made by Trustee Sokolowski, seconded by Trustee Sepulveda to approve the issuance of probationary contract extensions to teachers for 2018-2019 as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

1) Ashford, Veronica	Palestine Junior High School
2) Blakemore, Erica	Southside Elementary
3) Durham, Ashley	Palestine Junior High School
4) Highsmith, Nicole	A.M. Story Intermediate
5) Hinton, Brandi	A.M. Story Intermediate
6) Hooe, Damon	Palestine Junior High School
7) Johnson, Samuel	Palestine Junior High School
8) Kennedy, Joshua	Palestine Junior High School
9) Medlock, Joshua	Palestine Junior High School
10) Norman, Sandra	Palestine High School
11) Vaughn, Kaysi	Palestine Junior High School
12) White, Norris Jr	Palestine High School

Superintendent Jason Marshall accepted the resignations/retirements of Kathryn Campbell, Tracie Chapa, Marcus Chapa, Piper Collins, Patrick Howard, Jordan Laurence, Margaret Namovich, Sheila Van Deman, Carrie Cotton, Johnny Davenport, Lisa Haygood, Charles Herber, Clifford Hutcheson, Tamria Jones, Kelsey Molandes, Cheryl Parrish, Iris Perry, and Samantha Woolverton.

Universal Breakfast Waiver Clarification

Superintendent Marshall reminded that the Board had approved the submission of a Universal Breakfast Waiver for A.M. Story Intermediate at the March regular school board meeting. However, the district will not need to submit a Universal Breakfast Waiver for the A.M. Story Intermediate campus for the 2018-19 school year due to a clarification the district received from the Texas Department of Agriculture after the March school board meeting. The clarification does not reflect A.M. Story Intermediate as a campus with 80 percent or more enrolled students eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Currently, Washington Early Childhood Center is the only campus in PISD that qualifies for free breakfast.

School Safety

The Board and Superintendent discussed input received from parents, employees, and the community at school safety forums held by the district in March and April and potential future plans for district-wide safety. Superintendent Marshall stated that the district appreciates the assistance of local law enforcement and will continue seeking their input, as well as, all options available.

The following ideas were discussed as possible options for improving safety: Safety audit of the district, groups assigned at each campus within the district to review the overall safety of the campus, the Guardian Plan, review of the kinds and number of safety drills, perimeter improvements, bullet resistant glass, and a new counselor position to work with students who exhibit behavioral concerns.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Marshall reported the following:

Student enrollment as of April 16, 2018: 3,393

Calendar of events given to Board members.

Three PISD facilities to be used as polling locations for the City of Palestine Election on Saturday, May 5, 2018.

Board President, Brandon Sheeley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Brandon Sheeley, President

Michael Bennett, Secretary