

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Palestine ISD

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Palestine ISD was held Monday, November 12, 2018, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Palestine ISD Administrative Offices Board Room, 1007 East Park Avenue, Palestine, Texas 75801.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Schwab, seconded by Trustee Sokolowski, that the Board convene in closed session at 6:00 PM in accordance with the Tex. Govt. Code Sect. 551.001, Texas Revised Statutes. Motion carried 5-0.

**Members present: Dyna Tutt, President
Michael Bennett, Vice President
Kurt Herrington, Secretary
Jeffrey Schwab
Stanley Sokolowski**

**Members absent: Davi Killion Ingram
Brandon Sheeley**

**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: Robby Clark, Scott Tyler, Janae Evans, Grace Mancilla, Sheila Bradley, Breck Quarles, Jack Dalaba, Larissa Loveless, John Absalom, Ernesto Hernandez, Luis Hernandez, Adrian Alonso, Leslie Hooe, Lizbeth Stephens, Jonathan Ryal, Cathy Martinez, Paula Moore, Harry Oliver, and Timothy Tillis.

The Board of Trustees convened in open session at 7:00 pm and stated that no action was taken in closed session.

Timothy Tillis of The Antioch Church gave the invocation.

Pledges of allegiance to the American and Texas flags were led by A.M. Story Intermediate K-Kid's Club members.

Spotlight – Band

Adrian Alonso, PISD Band Director, introduced band members and shared that the band had received Unanimous 1st Division (Superior) ratings at the UIL Region 21 Marching contest.

Spotlight – Choir

Leslie Hooe, PISD Choir Director, introduced junior high and high school choir members and shared the following choir accomplishments:

- **September 2018: Region 21 High School All-Region Competition**
Thirteen High School Choir students competed and three students advanced to Pre-Area. (Sopranos - Allyson Byrd and Emyalyn Nicholson; Alto - Abby Berwanger)
- **October 2018: Region 21 High School Honor Choir**
Thirteen high school students competed and six students earned the opportunity to participate in the Region 21 High School All-Region Choir Clinic and Concert. 20 junior high school students competed in the Region 21 Middle School All-Region competition, and 8 students advanced to sing in the Region 21 All-Region Choir.
- **November 2018: Pre-Area Competition**
High School students; Allyson Byrd, Abby Berwanger, Emalyn Nicholson, and Katie Wheat competed. Emalyn Nicholson made first alternate.

Spotlight – Volleyball, Fall Tennis, Cross Country

Robby Clark, PISD Athletic Director introduced coaches who shared athletic accomplishments for Fall 2018.

Volleyball: Janae Evans, PHS Volleyball Coach, shared that the team placed 3rd in District and made playoffs for the 2nd consecutive year.

Fall Tennis: Scott Tyler, Tennis Coach, shared that PISD Fall Tennis was in its 3rd season. The team was undefeated in district (3rd consecutive district title) and also undefeated at area. The team advanced to regional quarterfinals, which is further in the playoffs than since Fall Tennis began three years ago.

Cross Country: Luis Hernandez, Girls' Cross Country Coach shared that the Varsity Girls' team placed 3rd in District and competed well at Regionals for the 14th consecutive year. The JV team placed 2nd in District.

John Absalom, Boys' Cross Country Coach shared that the JV Boys' Cross Country team was undefeated in District, Varsity team won the District Championship for the 13th consecutive year, and the Regional Championship for the 2nd consecutive year. Varsity finished 10th place in State Competition.

Spotlight – The Junior Rotarians and Students of the Month for the month of November will be recognized at the December school board meeting.

Public Comment

There were no requests for public comment.

Financial Report

Superintendent Marshall presented a brief financial update.

Consent Items

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Jason Marshall, a motion was made by Trustee Bennett, seconded by Trustee Herrington to approve the following consent items as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 15, 2018
- Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 5, 2018
- Bills paid for October, 2018
- Financial Report
- Monthly Investment Report
- Tax Collection Report
- Donations

PISD Athletics Department

\$1,610.00 from Palestine Athletic Booster Club to cover cost of shoes and backpacks for PHS Girls' Basketball.

\$1,500.00 from Palestine Athletic Booster Club to support PHS Softball.

\$450.00 from Jeff Atkinson Farm Bureau to provide rally towels for PHS Varsity Football Game.

- 2018-2019 Legal Services Retainer Agreement with Walsh, Gallegos, Trevino, Russo, & Kyle, P.C., Attorneys at Law
- Credit by Exam – December, 2018 Administration
- Resolution of Board Approved Credit by Examination Audit Process
- Out of State Trip for PHS Girls' Varsity Basketball Team
- Out of State Trip for PHS Boys' Varsity Basketball Team

School Safety Update

Dr. William Stewart, Director of School Safety, informed that he expected to receive safety audit results during the month of December. Dr. Stewart also shared that a community safety forum was scheduled to be held at 6:00 pm on January 14, 2019 at Palestine High School.

Personnel

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Jason Marshall, and Suzanne Eiben, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; a motion was made by Trustee Bennett, seconded by Trustee Sokolowski to approve the following personnel as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Meredith Hogan

1st Grade

Northside Primary

Anderson County School District Legislative Platform

Superintendent Marshall presented a first read of Anderson County school district's legislative priorities that will be shared with elected officials prior to the next legislative session. Priorities include the following:

- 1) Additional Funding to ensure an appropriate, modern-day education for all students with no reduction for some schools in order to provide extra money for other schools.

- 2) **Teacher Recruitment and Retention:** State leaders need to recognize chronic teacher shortage, adopt an attitude of support for teachers, and support a plan to address this major problem.
- 3) **School Safety:** Additional state funding and support for security, safety, and mental health needs of students, staff – including training for counselors.
- 4) **Testing and Accountability:** Elimination of the A-F School Rating System, return to a more simple system such as Met Standard, and allowing for further local accountability system development.
- 5) **Full Day PreK:** Complete funding for full-day PreK.
- 6) **College and Career Readiness:** Plan to further improve and expand college and career initiatives, not one that restricts students to limited opportunities.
- 7) **Vouchers, Student Savings Scholarships, etc:** No vouchers of any form of public/taxpayer dollars being redistributed to private schools/education.
- 8) **School Governance:** Support legislation that provides greater control of school district at the local level.

Superintendent's Report

- Superintendent Jason Marshall reported on the following:
- PISD total student enrollment as of November 12, 2018: 3,400
- Turkey Distribution to staff: Wednesday, November 14, 2018.
- District administrators and Board of Trustee members to distribute retention incentives to PISD staff on Friday, December 7, 2018.

Board members were given a calendar of events for the remainder of 2018.

There being no further business, Board President Tutt declared the meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Dyna Tutt, President

Kurt Herrington, Secretary