

# **Minutes of Regular Meeting**

## **The Board of Trustees Palestine ISD**

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**A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Palestine ISD was held Monday, May 21, 2018, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Palestine High School Auditorium, 1600 South Loop 256, Palestine, Texas 75801. \*Meeting relocated from the PISD Administration Office to Palestine High School to provide additional parking and seating for the large number of students to be recognized.**

**President Sheeley called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and announced that a quorum was present.**

**An executive session was not held at the May 21, 2018 regular meeting.**

**Members present: Brandon Sheeley, President (Officially sworn in)  
Dyna Tutt, Vice President (Officially sworn in)  
Michael Bennett, Secretary  
Kurt Herrington  
Davi Killion Ingram (Officially sworn in)  
Jeffrey Schwab  
Janie Sepulveda (Outgoing Board Member)  
Stanley Sokolowski**

**Others present: Jason Marshall, Superintendent  
Chris Kiser, Director of College and Career Readiness  
Mark Schrader, Director of Technology  
Lisa Edge, Secretary**

**Visitors present: Carla & Charles Cambrez, Kathleen Brown, Natalie Byrd, David & Carla Killion, Angela Sheeley, Hilda Garcia-Castillo, Jesus Garcia-Castillo, Charles Davis, Rylee Davis, Braun Family, W. Scott Nicholson, Ian Nicholson, Kim Harris, Abby Jeffus, Pablo Castillo Jr., David Eylar, Griselda & Pablo Castillo Sr., Matthew Symmank, Janice Magee, Jeff Watson, Jeff Doran, Larissa Loveless, Dee Dietz, Rebecca Huff, Michael Esparza, Leslie Hooe, Alyson Alvarez, Giovanni Cerrato, Serena Coker, Freda Deamesi, Jesus Garcia-Castillo, Morghyn Harper, Ian Nicholson, Jessica Ramirez, and Diana Soto Ramirez.**

**Lance King of Dogwood Hills Baptist Church gave the invocation.**

**Leslie Hooe, PISD Choir Director, led PHS Choir members in singing The National Anthem.**

### **Board of Trustees Oath of Office**

The Honorable Judge Jeff Doran administered the oath of office to the following board members:

**Dyna Tutt, Place 1 (Re-elected for Three Year Term)**

**Brandon Sheeley, Place 2 (Re-elected for Three Year Term)**

**Davi Killion Ingram, Place 5 (Elected to complete the one year unexpired term of Janie Sepulveda)**

Following the oath, each of the newly sworn in Board members received a Certificate of Election.

**Note: Each of the Board Members was unopposed for the Saturday, May 5, 2018 Board of Trustees Election, and Election was cancelled due to no opposed candidates.**

After being administered the oath, Davi Killion Ingram was seated at the board table.

### **Recognition of Board of Trustee Member**

Janie Sepulveda was recognized for ten years of service as a PISD Board of Trustee member. Mrs. Sepulveda was appointed to serve as the Place 5 Board member in August 2008. She was re-elected to her seat in 2010, 2013, and 2016 and resigned from the Board in May, 2018.

### **Board of Trustee Officer Election**

Officer Election was tabled to allow time for Board discussion and will be placed on a future school board agenda.

### **Spotlight**

Superintendent Jason Marshall introduced the spotlight portion of the meeting, stating that it had become a tradition to move the May school board meeting from the PISD Administration Office Board Room to the PHS Auditorium to provide additional seating due to the large number of student achievements.

### **TVCC Graduates:**

Dr. Jeff Watson, Provost for Trinity Valley Community College, presented the following students with a diploma for the Associate's Degree they earned from TVCC: Alyson Alvarez, Giovanni Cerrato, Serena Coker, Freda Deamesi, Jesus Garcia-Castillo, Morghyn Harper, Ian Nicholson, Jessica Ramirez, and Diana Soto Ramirez. Malachi Musil and Cecelia Woodall also earned an Associate Degree from TVCC but were not present at the school board meeting.

### **McLarty Toyota:**

McLarty Toyota of Palestine and Chuck Eldridge, General Manager was recognized for providing an opportunity for PHS seniors with perfect attendance each six weeks of the school year to have their name entered in a drawing for a free Toyota. Macey Everhart, PHS Senior, won a new Toyota Corolla during a PHS event at Wildcat Stadium in May 2018.

### **PHS Choir:**

**Leslie Hooe, PISD Choir Director, introduced PHS Choir members and shared the following 2018-19 accomplishments:**

**All Region Honor Choir: Baritone Section - Blake Ormsby (1<sup>st</sup> Chair) for the second year in a row. Crisstifer Butler (16<sup>th</sup> Chair and Monia Bradford (18<sup>th</sup> Chair).**

**Alto Section - Erika Diaz (11<sup>th</sup> Chair), and Destiny Williams (12<sup>th</sup> Chair).**

**Soprano Section - Allyson Byrd (5<sup>th</sup> Chair; Joy Ruffin, (6<sup>th</sup> Chair); and Kayla Watkins, (7<sup>th</sup> Chair).**

**Region 21 UIL Vocal Solo & Ensemble: Advancing to State: Allyson Byrd, Abby Berwanger, Blake Ormsby, Joy Ruffin, and Katie Wheat**

**Superior Ratings: Allyson Berwanger, Morghyn Harper, Matthew Holman, and Kaitlyn Peirson**

**Excellent Ratings: Torri Bailey, Alexis Belyew, Chloe Boyce, Monia Bradford, Sabrina Burge, Brittney Burke, Kardney Fru, Erika Mejia, Citlali Soto Ramirez, Justice Smith, Katelyn Tatum, Nikki Webb, Destiny Williams, and Rebeca Zepeda**

### **UIL Academics:**

**Kathleen Brown, PHS Science Teacher and UIL Academic Sponsor, introduced students who qualified based on UIL 18-4A District Academic results to advance to Regional and some students who competed at the State competition in spring 2018:**

- **Current Issues and Events: District 1<sup>st</sup> place**  
Team Members: Jesus Garcia-Castillo (District-1<sup>st</sup>place), Alex Shiller (District-2<sup>nd</sup> place), Ethan Savarese (District-5<sup>th</sup> place), and Alexis Kiser (District-6<sup>th</sup> place).
- **Science: District 1<sup>st</sup> Place**  
Team Members: Jesus Garcia-Castillo (District-1<sup>st</sup> place & Top Chemistry Scorer), Alexis Kiser (District-2<sup>nd</sup> place), Alyson Alvarez (District-3<sup>rd</sup> place), and Serena Coker (District-4<sup>th</sup> place & Top Biology Scorer)
- **Calculator Application: Alyson Alvarez (District-2<sup>nd</sup> place)**
- **Poetry Interpretation: Katie Stone (District-3<sup>rd</sup> place).**
- **Informative Speaking: Nicolas Dominguez (District-2<sup>nd</sup> place/Regional-5<sup>th</sup> place), and Taylor Kelly (District-4<sup>th</sup> place)**
- **Computer Science: District-2<sup>nd</sup> place**  
Team Members: Ben Meas, Ian Nicholson, Daniel Arzola, and Colton Croft.
- **Persuasive Speaking: Morghyn Harper (District-4<sup>th</sup> place).**
- **Ready Writing: Nicolas Dominguez (District-1<sup>st</sup> place/advanced to State), and Katie Stone (District-4<sup>th</sup> place).**
- **Lincoln Douglas Debate: Taylor Kelly (District-2<sup>nd</sup> place & Top Speaker) and Nicolas Dominguez (District-3<sup>rd</sup> place)**
- **Computer Applications: Ian Nicholson (District-4<sup>th</sup> place/advanced to regionals), Daniel Arzola (District-5<sup>th</sup> place), Edgar Ayala (District-6<sup>th</sup> place).**

### **Region 7 Innovative Invention Competition:**

**Rebecca Huff, A.M. Story Intermediate Assistant Principal, introduced Story students who were recognized for their participation in the Region 7 Innovative Invention Competition.**

### **Tennis, Track, Soccer, Baseball:**

**Robby Clark, PISD Athletic Director, introduced Tennis, Track, Soccer, and Baseball coaches who introduced team members and shared highlights from the 2017-2018 sports season.**

#### **Tennis - Coach Scott Tyler**

**The JV boys' Tennis Team won the UIL 18-4A District Title. Noel Pouncy won boys' singles title. Gage Concilio and Luis Gonzales won boys' doubles title. Dominick Gonzalez and Raheal Egbe won mixed doubles title. 4<sup>th</sup> place medals were won by Grant Attaway in singles, Alan Mercado and Edward Chavez in doubles and Carlos Adame and Kosi Odiaka in mixed doubles.**

**The Varsity boys' Tennis Team won the UIL 18-4A District Title and girls' took 2<sup>nd</sup> place at District. Monique Ibarra was District Champion in girls' singles. Alex Shiller and Camryn Lupo were District Champions in mixed doubles. Seth Sheeley and Bryston Lewis took 5<sup>th</sup> place in boys' doubles, Kassidy Turner took 5<sup>th</sup> place in Girls' singles, Salvador Castillo and Lily Nolan took 5<sup>th</sup> place in mixed doubles. Six players qualified to advance to the Regional Tournament (Monique Ibarra, Alex Shiller, Camryn Lupo, Edgar Ayala, Isaac Fulgham, and Hunter Haroff). Monique Ibarra won the Class 4A Region III Tournament and advanced to State where she placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and won a bronze medal. Serena Coker was named to the Texas High School Coaches' Association Elite Academic All-State Team.**

#### **Boys' Track - Coach Darold Turner**

**Boys' Track JV and Varsity Teams won UIL 18-4A District Championships. Deonundre Hatton and Waylon Nickerson won gold medals. Outstanding distance performers were Michael Guzman and Garrett Bowden with multiple medals. Outstanding middle distance performer was Grant Attaway with a gold medal. Outstanding sprinter was Quintin Cook who won 3 medals. At the Area Meet, the Varsity Team placed 5<sup>th</sup>. Deonundre Hatton was Area Champion in the Shot Put, and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Discus. Quinton Cook 100 meter dash, Caden LaFontaine long jump. The following placed in the top six in their event: Waylon Nickerson (Discus), Garrett Bowen (3200 Meter Run), Marquis Thompson (110 Meter Hurdles), Grant Attaway (800 Meter Run), and Keyshawn Nonette (300 Meter Hurdles). At Regional Competition, Deonundre Hatton finished 7<sup>th</sup> place in the Discus and Shot Put.**

#### **Girls' Track – Coach Janae Evans**

**The Girls' Varsity Track Team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at the UIL 18-4A District Meet and Junior Varsity finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The following advanced to Area and Regional Competition: Shayla Arthur (Long Jump Champion, 100 Meter Dash, and 4x200 Meter Relay), Ke'Ondre White (300 Meter Hurdles), Dominique Lacy (200 Meter Dash, High Jump, and 4x200 Meter Relay), Ja'Bria Simmons (Shot Put), Destiny Matthews (4x200 Meter Relay).**

#### **Boys' Soccer – Coach John Absalom**

**The Wildcat Soccer Team finished the season as UIL 15-4A District Champions. The team also advanced to Bi-District, Area, Regional, and State Competition. At State, the team defeated the Progreso Red Ants but lost to the San Elizario Eagles ending the season with a record of 36-1. Other awards: Chris Giron was selected to play in the TASCOS Senior All-Star Match, and Coach John Absalom was selected to coach in the TASCOS All-Star Match. Academic Achievements from the Texas High School Coaching Association include: Paul Jenkins (1<sup>st</sup> Team Academic All-State), Malachi Musil (2<sup>nd</sup> Team Academic All-State), and**

**Gerardo Garcia (Honorable Mention). Paul Jenkins and Malachi Musil were recognized as Academic All-State athletes by the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches.**

**Baseball – Coach Austin Evans**

**The Varsity Baseball Team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in UIL District 18-4A, advanced to Bi-District. District awards: Chris Perez (Defensive MVP), Parkes Giles (1<sup>st</sup> Team Pitcher), Jayden Townsend (1<sup>st</sup> Team 2B), Will McBride (2<sup>nd</sup> Team Catcher), Caleb Harris (2<sup>nd</sup> Team 1B), Caden LaFontaine (2<sup>nd</sup> Team OF), Rusty Stephenson (2<sup>nd</sup> Team OF), Nemesio Vigil (2<sup>nd</sup> Team Utility), Luke Harris (Honorable Mention 3B), and Tyler Gray (Honorable Mention OF).**

**PHS Junior Rotarians:**

**Dr. William Stewart, PHS Principal, introduced PHS students, Macey Everhart and Gerardo Garcia who were recognized for being selected to serve as Junior Rotarians for the month of May. A certificate of accomplishment was presented to each student.**

**PHS Students of the Month:**

**Dr. William Stewart, PHS Principal, introduced PHS students, Paul Jenkins and Aspen Williams who were recognized for being named PHS Students of the Month for the month of May. Each student was presented with a plaque.**

**Public Comment**

**There were no requests for public comment.**

**Consent Items**

**Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Jason Marshall, a motion was made by Trustee Tutt, seconded by Trustee Bennett, to approve the following consent items as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**• Financial Report**

**Note: A written financial report replaced the monthly oral report from David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer, due to amount of time for student recognitions at May meeting. The financial report included the following information:**

**District has received 73.22% of budgeted general fund revenue, and the District has received 81.42% of budgeted prior year tax collections. District has spent or encumbered 53.94% of general fund expenditure budget.**

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 16, 2018**
- Minutes of Called Meeting of April 30, 2018**
- Bills paid for April, 2018**
- Monthly Investment Report**
- Tax Collection Report**
- Donations (No donations received in April, 2018)**
- June, 2018 Administration of Credit by Exam**
- Out of State Trip for SkillsUSA**
- Engagement of Smith, Lambright, and Associates for Financial Audit of the Fiscal Year Ending August 31, 2018**
- District Cafeteria Renovations (\*Item pulled from consent agenda for Board discussion of possible return of fryers to cafeterias. Item was approved within consent agenda.)**
- Resolution: Alternative Graduation Requirements**

- **Designation of District Coordinator for Video Surveillance of Special Education Settings**

**Personnel**

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 Herrington, to approve the following personnel as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

<b>Estrada, Jonathan</b>	<b>Music</b>	<b>Southside Elementary</b>
<b>Foster, Sidney</b>	<b>Special Education</b>	<b>Palestine Junior High School</b>
<b>Jenkins, Jozette</b>	<b>Athletics</b>	<b>Palestine High School</b>
<b>McGinty, Brennen</b>	<b>English/Language Arts</b>	<b>Palestine Junior High School</b>
<b>Stewart, Heather</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>A.M. Story Intermediate</b>

Superintendent Jason Marshall accepted the resignations/retirements of Colton Bradford, Jeffrey Cotton, Daniel Curry, Megan Kendrick, Sherry Kendrick, Jacob Magee, Terry Sloan, James Storment, Crystal Symmank, Travis Walter, and Kaysie Woody.

**Superintendent’s Report**

Superintendent Jason Marshall reported on the following:

**End of Year Events:**

<b>Employee Service Awards</b>	<b>May 25, 2018</b>	<b>PHS Auditorium</b>
<b>Graduation</b>	<b>May 25, 2018</b>	<b>Wildcat Stadium</b>

**\*Note: Superintendent Marshall informed Board members that security would be increased for graduation and that a backup plan was in place should inclement weather occur.**

<b>Memorial Day Holiday</b>	<b>May 28, 2018</b>
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**Board Training:**

- 1) Orientation for new board member to be held in June.
- 2) Senate Bill 1566 required accountability training to be held on Monday, June 11, 2018.
- 3) TASB Summer Leadership Institutes scheduled during the month of June in San Antonio and Fort Worth.

**PISD Summer School and Summer TACE Programs will begin on Tuesday, May 29, 2018.**

**PISD Administration Office hours: Monday-Thursday (10 hour days/closed on Friday)**

**President Sheeley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM.**

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**Brandon Sheeley, President**

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**Michael Bennett, Secretary**