

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Palestine ISD

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Palestine ISD was held Monday, February 26, 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 Schwab, seconded by Trustee Sokolowski, and approved by the Board 5-0, 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
Michael Bennett, Secretary
Kurt Herrington
Jeffrey Schwab
Stanley Sokolowski

Members absent: Dyna Tutt, Vice President
Janie Sepulveda

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, Secretary

Visitors present: Gabriela Guzman, Isaac Fulgham, Paula & Chris Fulgham, Dawanda Lacy, Dominique Lacy, Philippe LaFontaine, Caden LaFontaine, Dee Dietz, Larissa Loveless, Stephen Cooksey, William Stewart, Grace Mancilla, Barbara Dutton, and Bethany Cohn.

The Board of Trustees convened in open session at 7:03 PM and stated that no action was taken in closed session.

Board President, Brandon Sheeley gave the invocation.

Pledges to the American and Texas flags were recited.

Spotlight - Junior Rotarians of the Month

Gabriela Guzman and Isaac Fulgham were recognized for being named Junior Rotarians for the month of February.

Spotlight - Students of the Month

Dominique Lacy and Caden LaFontaine were recognized for being named PHS Students of the Month for February.

Spotlight – Celebrate Texas Public Schools

Trustee Sokolowski read a resolution in support of Celebrate Texas Public Schools 2018. A motion was made by Trustee Bennett, seconded by Trustee Sokolowski to adopt a resolution for the district to celebrate Texas Public Schools during the month of March. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment

There were no requests for public comment.

Financial Report

Superintendent Jason Marshall presented the financial report.

Consent Items

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

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 22, 2018
- Minutes of the Called Meeting of February 6, 2018
- Bills paid for January, 2018
- Financial Report
- Monthly Investment Report
- Tax Collection Report
- Donations

Southside Elementary

Playground equipment and installation from Southside Elementary PTO valued at \$26,400.00.

Palestine High School

\$50.00 from Joann F. Ray for the PHS Scholarship Fund.

PHS Career & Technical Department

\$100.00 from Charles Smith to be used for trip to state welding competition.

\$2,500.00 from Chartwells for horticulture program.

\$1,500.00 from The Gragg Foundation to be used for ambulance lab.

PISD Athletic Department

Weight rack for weight room storage valued at \$700.00 from Hibbett Sports.

\$1,000.00 from PHS Athletic Booster Club to be used for boys basketball (\$700) and girls soccer (\$300).

- Bus Purchase (Two buses to be purchased from fund balance)
- Cheerleading Constitution for 2018-2019
- Drill Team Constitution for 2018-2019
- Junior High Course Guide for 2018-2019
- High School Course Guide for 2018-2019
- Expedited Staff Development Minutes Waiver
- PISD District of Innovation Class Sizes Update (1 - 3rd Grade Class exceeds 22:1 ratio)

and 2 - 4th Grade Classes exceed 22:1 ratio)

School Calendar for 2018-2019

Tammy Jones, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services presented information regarding the development of the school calendar. Upon the recommendation of Tammy Jones; a motion was made by Trustee Herrington, seconded by Trustee Schwab to adopt the 2018-2019 school calendar as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

PISD Campus Presentation

Stephen Cooksey, PJHS Principal, presented highlights from each campus for the month of February.

PISD Board Policy Review

Suzanne Eiben, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, informed the Board that a review of all PISD local policies had been conducted by the Texas Association of School Boards and was now complete. Upon the recommendation of Suzanne Eiben, a motion was made by Trustee Bennett, seconded by Trustee Sokolowski that the Board adopt the (LOCAL) policies contained within the reconstructed TASB Localized Policy Manual, effective February 26, 2018, and repeal all previous policies. Motion carried 5-0.

Policy Update 109

Suzanne Eiben, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, shared information regarding Policy Update 109. A motion was made by Trustee Sokolowski, seconded by Trustee Bennett to approve Policy Update 109 revisions as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Policy Update 110

Suzanne Eiben, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, shared information regarding Policy Update 110. A motion was made by Trustee Sokolowski, seconded by Trustee Bennett to approve Policy Update 110 revisions as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Personnel

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

David Atkeisson	2018-2020 Term
Sheila Bradley	2018-2020 Term
Jaime Clark	2018-2020 Term
Robby Clark	2018-2020 Term
Sam Coker	2018-2019 Term
Stephen Cooksey	2018-2020 Term
Dee Dietz	2018-2020 Term
Barbara Dutton	2018-2020 Term
Suzanne Eiben	2018-2020 Term
Rhonda Herrington	2018-2019 Term (part time)
Stephanie Johnson	2018-2019 Term
Tammy Jones	2018-2020 Term
Chris Kiser	2018-2020 Term
Larissa Loveless	2018-2020 Term

Linda Luce	2018-2019 Term
Grace Mancilla	2018-2020 Term
Joseph Mason	2018-2019 Term
Breck Quarles	2018-2019 Term
Sharon Reed	2018-2020 Term
John David Richardson	2018-2019 Term
Lolita Shead	2018-2019 Term (part time)
William Stewart	2018-2020 Term

Non-Certified Administrators

Jack Dalaba	2018-2019 contract
Mark Schrader	2018-2019 contract
Jacob Wheeler	2018-2019 contract

Board of Trustees Election

A motion was made by Trustee Sokolowski, seconded by Trustee Schwab to certify the following candidates as unopposed for the May 5, 2018 Election:

Dyna K. Tutt	Place 1
Brandon Sheeley	Place 2
Davi Killion Ingram	Place 5

Trustees voting “Yes” were Kurt Herrington, Jeffrey Schwab, Michael Bennett, and Stanley Sokolowski. Brandon Sheeley abstained. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Schwab, seconded by Trustee Herrington to cancel the May 5, 2018 Board of Trustees election due to unopposed candidates. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Evaluation & Contract

A motion was made by Trustee Bennett, seconded by Trustee Schwab to approve the 2017 Superintendent’s evaluation that was previously completed and shared with the Superintendent in closed meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Trustee Schwab, seconded by Trustee Bennett to extend Superintendent Jason Marshall’s contract by one year to include the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Jason Marshall shared the following information:

PISD current student enrollment: 3,396

Flex Day scheduled for February 16, 2018.

Palestine ISD will celebrate Texas Public Schools during the month of March.

The District will be closed the week of March 12-16, 2018 for spring break and March 30,

2018 for the Good Friday holiday.

Texas Association of School Boards Summer Leadership Institute dates:

June 14-16, 2018 - San Antonio

June 28-30, 2018 - Fort Worth.

Board President Sheeley declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Brandon Sheeley, President

Michael Bennett, Secretary