

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Palestine ISD

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Palestine ISD was held Monday, May 20, 2019, 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 and staff to be recognized.

President Tutt called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and announced that a quorum was present. An executive/closed session was not held at the May 20, 2019 regular meeting.

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

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

Visitors present: Jeff Doran, Chuck Eldridge, Carol Pendland, Kathleen Brown, Leslie Hooe, Joseph Baker, Michael Dear, Scott Tyler, Melissa Firmin, Megan Tiner, John Absalom, Bethany Coyn, Austin Evans, Janae Evans, Carolina Dominguez, Lance Angel, Paula Moore, Richard Sylvester, Laura Glenn, Stephen Cooksey, Goldie Barnard, Nemesio Vigil, Citlali Ramirez, Chris Perez, Demario Clewis-Jones, Jonathan Ramirez, and Colton Croft.

Board President Dyna Tutt gave the invocation.

Leslie Hooe, PISD Choir Director, led PHS Choir members in singing The National Anthem. Mrs. Hooe introduced choir members and shared the following 2018-19 accomplishments for junior high and high school choir:

September 2018 3 of 13 PHS choir members (Allyson Byrd, Emyalyn Nicholson, and Abby Berwanger) competed at Region 21 All-Region and advanced to Pre Area Competition.

8 of 20 PJHS choir members (Mary Ellie Homann 20th chair, Rachael Oldham 11th

chair, Natale Middleton 19th chair, Emma Morris 21st chair, Alexia Collins 25th chair, Damian DelaCruz 4th chair, D'Marcus Polk 7th chair, and Uriel Castillo 9th chair) competed at Region 21 Middle School All-Region Choir Contest and advanced to sing in the Region 21 All-Region Choir.

February 2019 21 PHS choir members and 2 PJHS choir members competed at the UIL Vocal Solo & Ensemble contest. 11 students earned Superior ratings and 5 students earned Excellent ratings. 8 students (Allyson Byrd, Abby Berwanger, Joy Ruffin, Wesley Smith, Kemper Clamon, Emalyn Nicholson, Kinsley Ward, and Katie Wheat) will compete at Texas State Solo & Ensemble Competition in June, 2019. 12 PJHS choir members competed at Junior High Solo & Ensemble Contest. Damian De La Cruz, Andrew Miller, Aiden Nicholson, DeMarcus Polk, and Luke Webb scored Superior ratings on their solos. Brandey Hearn scores Excellent on her solo performance. Alexis Collins, Lamya Cottman, Maria Lopez, Rachael Oldham, and Kitrina Sutton earned Excellent ratings on their high school level ensemble.

Board of Trustees Oath of Office

The Honorable Judge Jeff Doran administered the oath of office to the following board members, who were re-elected at the May 4, 2019 Trustee Election:

Kurt Herrington, Place 3 (Unopposed/Re-elected for Three Year Term)

Jeffrey Kyle Schwab, Place 4 (Unopposed/Re-elected for Three Year Term)

Davi Killion Ingram, Place 5 (Opposed by Tanya Jordan/Re-elected for Three Year Term)

Board of Trustee Officer Election

A motion was made by Dyna Tutt, seconded by Jeffrey Schwab, to elect Michael Bennett to serve as President. Trustees Herrington, Ingram, Schwab, Sheeley, Sokolowski, and Tutt voted yes. Trustee Bennett abstained.

A motion was made by Jeffrey Schwab, seconded by Brandon Sheeley, to elect Kurt Herrington to serve as Vice President. Trustees Bennett, Ingram, Schwab, Sheeley, and Sokolowski, and Tutt voted yes. Trustee Herrington abstained.

A motion was made by Jeffrey Schwab, seconded by Michael Bennett, to elect Stanley Sokolowski to serve as Secretary. Trustees Bennett, Ingram, Herrington, Schwab, Sheeley, and Tutt voted yes. Trustee Sokolowski abstained.

(Board officers will serve in newly elected positions at the next school board meeting.)

Spotlight

Superintendent Jason Marshall introduced the spotlight portion of the meeting, and the following students, staff, and community members were recognized:

Palestine Toyota

Stephen Cooksey, PHS Principal, introduced Chuck Eldridge, General Manager of Palestine Toyota, and recognized Mr. Eldridge and the car dealership for providing a perfect attendance program for PHS seniors. Mr. Eldridge thanked the district for students being able to participate in the Palestine Toyota perfect attendance program. Alexis Kiser was the winner of the new Toyota car in May, 2019.

TVCC Graduates

Carol Pendland, Math Instructor for Trinity Valley Community College, presented the following students with their Associate's Degree diploma they earned from TVCC during high school: Malick Absy, Mary Arigbabu, Cristina Barrientez, Seth Blackwell, Stephanie Cruz, Nicolas Dominguez, Raheal Egbe, Jesus Omar Garcia, Jr., Chanylla Gibson, Dilexi Herrera, Alexis Kiser, Josiah Klingsporn, Bryston Lewis, Antonio Mancilla, Roberto Martinez, Lillian Nolan, Israel Pouncy, Salma Ruiz, Allison Sanchez, Alexander Shiller, Hayden Sokolowski, Citlali Soto, Alan Stedman, Adrian Villalobos, Brantley Warren, and Desirae Yarbrough.

UIL Academics

Kathleen Brown, PHS Science Teacher and UIL Academic Sponsor, introduced students who qualified at UIL 19-4A District Academic competition to advance to Regional competition and students who competed at the State competition in spring 2019:

District Competition

- **Current Issues and Events: District 1st place coached by Richard Sylvester
Team Members: Alex Shiller 1st place, Ethan Savarese 2nd place, Taylor Kelly 4th place, and Alexis Kiser 5th place.**
- **Number Sense: District 2nd place coached by Rachel Nolan
Team Members: Noah Alexander 1st place, and Tyler Nguyen 6th place.**
- **Calculator Application: District 1st place coached by Janice Magee
Team Members: Justin McGuire 2nd place, Mikayla Belyew 4th place, and Monica Ferretiz 5th place.**
- **Science: 1st Place Team Members: Grant Shiller 1st place/Top Biology Scorer/Chemistry Alternate, Alex Shiller 2nd place/Biology Alternate, Noah Alexander 4th place/Top Chemistry Scorer, and Alexis Kiser 6th place**
- **Journalism: Coached by Carrie McComas
Mary Agibabu 3rd place in editorial writing**
- **Math: District 1st place coached by Rachel Nolan
Team Members: Noah Alexander 1st place, Monica Ferretiz 4th place, Justin McGuire 5th place, and Heather Moore 10th place**
- **Lincoln Douglas Debate: Champion Team Coached by Kathleen Brown
Team Members: Nicolas Dominguez 1st place, Ashley Kiser 3rd place, and Taylor Kelly 5th place**
- **Informative Speaking: Coached by Kathleen Brown
Team Members: Nicolas Dominguez 1st place, and Taylor Kelly 2nd place**
- **Persuasive Speaking: Coached by Kathleen Brown
Team Members: Ashley Kiser 2nd place**
- **Computer Science: District 2nd Place Team Coached by Tommy Thigpen
Colton Croft 2nd place, Ben Meas 3rd place**

Regional Competition

- **Informative Speaking: Nicolas Dominguez 2nd place/advanced to State**

Robotics

Joseph Baker, PHS Robotics Instructor, introduced PHS Robotics team members; Jonathan Ramirez, DeMario Clewis-Jones, Colton Croft, who qualified for the US National Championships.

Golf, Tennis, Track, Soccer, Baseball

Robby Clark, PISD Athletic Director, introduced Golf, Tennis, Track, Soccer, and Baseball coaches who introduced team members and shared highlights from the 2018-2019 sports season.

Golf - Coach Michael Dear

The Varsity Boys' Golf Team placed 1st in the Wildcat Invitational, 2nd in District competition, and advanced to Regional competition.

Tennis - Coach Scott Tyler

The Tennis Team won both Boys and Girls District titles. Individual and Team accomplishments: Monique Ybarra (Girls Singles 1st place); D'Michael Bellfield and Noel Pouncy (Boys Doubles 1st place team); Bryston Lewis and Salvador Castillo (Boys Doubles 2nd place team); Seth Sheeley and Cassidy Lupo (Mixed Doubles 2nd place team and Regional Quarterfinalists); Alex Shiller and Camryn Lupo (Mixed Doubles Gold). 10 players advanced to Regional competition. 3 players (Monique Ybarra, Alex Shiller, and Camryn Lupo) advanced to State competition.

Boys' Track - Coach Darold Turner

District Boys' Track Varsity Team won the District Championship for the 3rd consecutive year, finished 12th at Regionals and qualified for Area.

Regional Track & Field Meet Ahmad Deckard (Long Jump - 5th place);

Team of Jeremiah Davis, Kobey Taylor, Tyler Hunt, and Quintin Cook (4 x 100 Meter Relay - 6th place); Grant Attaway (800 Meter and Pole Vault - 12th place); Kobey Taylor (100 Meter - 6th place); Marquis Thompson (Triple Jump and 300 Meter Hurdles - 9th Place); Armando Gante (1600 Meter - 12th place)

Girls' Track – Coach Janae Evans

District Savanna Harris (Pole Vault, 800 Meter Run, 4x400 Meter Relay); Rylie Moore (Pole Vault); Elisha Turner (Triple Jump, 4x100 Meter Relay, 400 Meter Dash, and 4x400 Meter Relay); Shayla Arthur (Long Jump, 4x100 Meter Relay, 100 Meter Dash);

Destiny Matthews (High Jump, Long Jump); Ja'Bria Simmons (Shot Put);

Ke'Ondra White (4x100 Meter Relay, 100 Meter Hurdles); Izabel Simien (800 Meter Run, 4x200 Meter Relay); Monica Rangel (4x200 Meter Relay); Kristen Harris (4x200 Meter Relay, 4x400 Meter Relay); and Ester Jeffus (4x400 Meter Relay)

Regional and State Ja'Bria Simmons (Shot Put-2nd place/advanced to State); Shayla Arthur (100 Meter Dash-Regional Champion/advanced to State)

Girls' Soccer – Luis Hernandez

The Ladycat Soccer Team finished the season as District Champions for the 2nd consecutive year and made it to Regional Quarterfinals for the 4th consecutive year. The season record was 16 wins, 8 losses, and 6 ties.

Boys' Soccer – Coach John Absalom

The Wildcat Soccer Team finished the season as District Champions for the 5th consecutive year and lost no District games during the past 5 years. The team won their 3rd Regional title over the past four years, and the team was State Semifinalists. Their season record was 32 wins, 1 loss, and 2 ties.

Baseball – Coach Austin Evans

The Varsity Baseball Team made it into the playoffs, earned 150 college hours during 2018-19, and the team remained 100% eligible throughout the season.

Fishing Team

Stephen Cooksey, PHS Principal, introduced PHS Fishing Team members Mason Mitchell (9th grade) and Jarrett Henry (9th grade) and recognized the students for placing 11th of 225 teams at Regional competition, and for placing 26th of 283 teams at State competition.

PHS Junior Rotarians

Stephen Cooksey, PHS Principal, introduced PHS students, Goldie Barnard and Nemesio Vigil 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

The following students were recognized for being named PHS Students of the Month for the month of May. Carolina Dominguez, PHS Spanish teacher, introduced PHS student, Citlali Ramirez and shared her accomplishments. Stephen Cooksey, PHS principal introduced Chris Perez and shared his accomplishments. Each student was presented with a plaque.

PISD Teachers of the Year

Suzanne Eiben, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources recognized the following PISD Teachers of the Year:

Elementary Teacher of the Year
Laura Glenn, Northside Primary

Secondary Teacher of the Year
Richard Sylvester, Palestine High School

PISD Retirees

Suzanne Eiben, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources recognized the following PISD employees who were retiring at the end of the 2018-2019 school year, for their years of service to the district:

Karen Bledsoe, Janet Bowden, Robbie Jackson, Betty Rogers, and Richard Sylvester.

New Athletic Director

Superintendent Marshall introduced Lance Angel as the district's new Athletic Director and Head Football Coach. Coach Angel previously served in the position of PISD Athletic Director/Head Football Coach from 2010 through 2014. Coach Angel thanked the superintendent and Board of Trustees for the opportunity to serve Palestine ISD again.

Public Comment

Paula Moore, PHS parent, spoke regarding the positive aspects of the district's Fine Arts program, and the need for additional Fine Arts personnel.

Consent Items

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Jason Marshall, a motion was made by Trustee Sheeley, seconded by Trustee Bennett, to approve the following consent items as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Financial Report**

Note: A written financial report replaced the monthly oral report from David Atkeisson, Chief Financial Officer. The financial report included the following information:

As of April, 2019 the district has received 74.43% of budgeted general fund revenue, and the District has received 65.01% of budgeted prior year tax collections. District has spent or encumbered 65.89% of general fund expenditure budget. Interest amount earned on investments for April 2019: \$34,298.38.

- **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2019**
- **Minutes of Called Meeting of May 14, 2019**
- **Bills paid for April, 2019**
- **Monthly Investment Report**
- **Tax Collection Report**
- **Donations (No donations received in May, 2019)**
- **Out of State Trip for Cosmetology Students**
- **Bus Purchase Utilizing EPA Grant**
- **Board Resolution Extending Depository Services Contract with Prosperity Bank for September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2021**

Personnel

There were no recommendations for hiring of personnel.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Jason Marshall reported on the following:

End of Year Events:

Graduation	May 24, 2019	Wildcat Stadium
Memorial Day Student/Staff Holiday	May 27, 2019	

PISD Summer School and Summer TACE Programs begin Tuesday, May 28, 2019.

Board members will attend TASB Summer Leadership Institute in San Antonio during the month of June.

**PISD Administration Office Summer Hours through end of July:
Monday-Thursday (10 hour days/closed on Friday)**

President Tutt declared the meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Dyna Tutt, President

Kurt Herrington, Secretary