

**Minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting  
Palmer Independent School District  
Wednesday, January 20, 2010**

**Call to order:** The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by Mike Kahler, President of the Board of Trustees at 6:30 p.m.

The Palmer ISD Board of Trustees met at the Palmer ISD Auxiliary Services Building at 315 W. Jefferson Street, Palmer, TX 75152.

The following Board members were present: President Mike Kahler, Vice-President Gregg Wolfe, Secretary Christen Vick, Robin Walters, Gary Barnes, Rodney Winn and Tim Birdwell.

The following staff members were present: Kevin Noack, Vikki Connor, Dian Cooper, Brian Warner, Mike Comeaux, Renee Warner, Carla Cochrane, Stacy Stone and Jay Underwood.

Visitors present: Joey Dauben of the Ellis County Press, Mike Sackett of the Waxahachie Daily Light, Dan Tonn of Hankins, Eastup, Deaton, Tonn & Seay, PC and Lillian Saucedo.

Mike Kahler asked Brian Warner to open the meeting with a prayer and Mike Kahler led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Open Forum:** No community participation

**Consideration and approval of Annual Financial Audit Report for the 2008-2009 School Year by Hankins, Eastup, Deaton, Tonn & Seay, PC:** Dan Tonn was in attendance to present the audit report. Mr. Tonn stated that the district had a good year financially and the district received a clean report. Kevin Noack recommended the board approve the financial audit as presented. Motion by Gary Barnes, seconded by Gregg Wolfe. Motion carried 7-0.

**Special Recognition and Expression to Trustees "Hats off to Texas Trustees":** Kevin Noack thanked the board members and mentioned a proclamation in their folders from Governor Perry recognizing their service and presented each of them with a certificate of appreciation.

**Campus Reports:** Each principal gave a report of their activities and previous month. Each administrator expressed their thanks to the Board of Trustees for their work and dedication to the district.

**Curriculum Report:** Renee Warner talked about the great scores on the High School campus ELA and Writing Benchmark tests, the campus staff completed training on the Aesop program for recording absences and hiring substitutes, the CATCH training today at the Middle School, the textbook preview on January 21 at the Intermediate cafeteria and a Substitute Training on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. at the High School Library.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented by Rodney Winn and seconded by Robin Walters. Motion carried 7-0.

**Superintendent Report:** The March meeting will be moved to March 24<sup>th</sup> due to Spring Break. The call for the May school board election will be at the next meeting on February 17, 2010. The new roof is under construction at the Middle School and the enclosures are almost finished. Improvements funded by the Maintenance Tax Note already approved by the Board: the roof at the Middle School, enclosures on Elementary and Middle/Intermediate campuses, security cameras, additional technology, fire alarms, Middle School foundation repair and the front enclosures on the campuses. Mr. Noack recommends that the district go to a dual contract, that means the coaching position is tied to the teaching position. A coach would not be able to resign their coaching position and just teach.

Meeting moved to closed session at 7:12 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to Code 551.074.

Meeting reconvened to open session at 9:15 p.m.

**Consider resignations, assignments, reassignments or other personnel matters:** Robin Walters made a motion to extend the Superintendent's contract by one year and that he shall receive a 4 1/2 % pay raise. Seconded by Rodney Winn. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Minutes taken by digital recorder and transcribed by Stacy Stone, Administrative Assistant.

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Mike Kahler, President

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Christen Vick, Secretary