

PALESTINE-WHEATLEY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015

- I. Welcome-The meeting was called to order and guests welcomed by Kevin Lawson, Vice-President.
- II. Establish a Quorum-Roll call: Gary Caldwell-present, Kevin Lawson-present, Jamie McCoy-absent, Jared Parker-present, James Smith-present, Vernon Thweatt-present, and Derrick Boileau-absent. A quorum was established.
- III. Approve Minutes of Board Meeting, April 13, 2015-A motion was made by Gary Caldwell and seconded by Vernon Thweatt to approve the April 13, 2015 Board Meeting minutes. Roll call: Gary Caldwell-yes, Kevin Lawson-yes, Jared Parker-yes, James Smith-yes, and Vernon Thweatt-yes. Motion carried 5 to 0.
- IV. Approve the Financial Report for April, 2015-A motion was made by Vernon Thweatt and seconded by Gary Caldwell to approve the April, 2015 financial report as presented. Roll call: Gary Caldwell-yes, Kevin Lawson-yes, Jared Parker-yes, James Smith-yes, and Vernon Thweatt-yes. Motion carried 5 to 0.
- V. Superintendent's Report
 - A. School Grades-Palestine-Wheatley Elementary and High School both scored a "B" on the new state grading system. This is good news for our district.
 - B. Standards Monitoring-P-W Elementary and High School are both deemed accredited by the Department of Education for the 2014-2015 school year.
 - C. Vocational Visit- Mr. Cannon gave this report. The district's vocational department passed the state inspection with minor suggested details to be implemented.
 - D. Facilities Inspection- District passed the State Facilities Inspection
 - E. Bus Inspection- All buses were brought up to standard and all buses were passed during this inspection. Thanks to Carl and Travis for their hard work to maintain facilities and buses so that we can pass inspections.
 - F. School Choice Policy- A motion was made by Gary Caldwell and seconded by Jared Parker to table the 8 page policy presented for first reading last month and to adopt the one page policy as first reading tonight. Roll call: Gary Caldwell-yes, Kevin Lawson-yes, Jared Parker-yes, James Smith-yes, and Vernon Thweatt-yes. Motion carried 5 to 0.
 - G. Tractor-Will be looking into prices on a 30 hp Tractor with bucket and attachments to present to board.
 - H. Devasier Land- Owner wants to sell approximately 1 to 1 ½ acres of ground west of bus shop. (Information only)

- I. Press Box/Light Pole- A motion was made by James Smith and seconded by Vernon Thweatt to advertise for bids to move light pole south of pressbox/football field, along with new lights, box, etc. to have in working order after move. Roll call: Gary Caldwell-yes, Kevin Lawson-yes, Jared Parker-yes, James Smith-yes, and Vernon Thweatt-yes. Motion carried 5 to 0.
- J. Band Awards- Mr. Estes presented board members with a list of Regional Solo and Ensemble competition winners from our district.
- K. Proposed Budget and Sample Ballot- A motion was made by Gary Caldwell and seconded by Vernon Thweatt to adopt the attached Proposed Budget of Expenditures with Tax Levy for Fiscal Year Beginning July 2, 1016 to and including June 30, 2017 and to approve all related election documents. Roll call: Gary Caldwell-yes, Kevin Lawson-yes, Jared Parker-yes, James Smith-yes, and Vernon Thweatt-yes. Motion carried 5 to 0.
- L. Classified-A motion was made by Gary Caldwell and seconded by Jared Parker to accept Heidi Ferguson's resignation as bus driver and Betty McKinney resignation as cook/custodian. Roll call: Gary Caldwell-yes, Kevin Lawson-yes, Jared Parker-yes, James Smith-yes, and Vernon Thweatt-yes. Motion carried 5 to 0.
- M. Certified
 - 1. A motion was made by Gary Caldwell and seconded by James Smith to accept the resignations of Amanda Holman and Graham Agee, Certified Classroom Teachers. Roll call: Gary Caldwell-yes, Kevin Lawson-yes, Jared Parker-yes, James Smith-yes, and Vernon Thweatt-yes. Motion carried 5 to 0.
 - 2. A motion was made by Jared Parker and seconded by James Smith to hire Kerstin Galloway, Megan Jumper, Matthew Boeving, Jacob Shafer, Ben Gander and Mark Underwood as Classroom Teachers and Matthew Boeving, Assistant Football Coach also. Roll call: Gary Caldwell-yes, Kevin Lawson-yes, Jared Parker-yes, James Smith-yes, and Vernon Thweatt-yes.

VI. Adjournment-A motion was made by Gary Caldwell and seconded by Jared Parker to adjourn this meeting. All members rose in favor.



Vernon Thweatt, Secretary