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PISD employee stipends arrive before holidays

BY AMY LIPSCOMB
Palacios Beacon

Just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday, Palacios ISD Superintendent Jason Valentine announced he will be making the rounds to the school campuses handing out bonus checks on Tues. (Nov. 17) at last week's regular monthly meeting of the Palacios ISD Board of Trustees .

The PISD Retention Bonus Payout was previously approved by the PISD Board of Trustees at its August '26 meeting as part of a compensation package for all district employees. These bonuses are good news and a nice start to the holiday season.

Presentations

A presentation by Robby Harbuck, Director of Property Value Study Appeals at Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP, included the 2025 School District Property Value Study. The PISDTrustees received the report last month with details and timelines for review.

Palacios ISD is considered a recapture district by the state and is also a split district which includes both Matagorda and Jackson counties. The studies are conducted every other year including a Property Value Study and a Methods and Assistance Program.

Harbuck explained "The studies are released January 31st every year with a 40-day timeline to file an appeal. August values are certified and that starts a three-year timeline to file up to three audits." Working on behalf of Palacios ISD, Harbuck reviews all areas of the complex system to "try to reduce the district's recapture and increase any state aid we can get for the district."

Emergent Bilingual Update

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jamey Johnson presented the results from the Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS) comparing Spring 2025 to 2026. The results indicate English language proficiency for Emergent Bilingual (EB) students in grades K-12.

Testing and Accountability Coordinator Amy Marroquin continued the presentation reviewing the different categories where the district's emergent bilingual students scored on the state's English proficiency test. Marroquin showed there were fewer students at the top two levels.

The rating levels are measured from beginning to advanced high levels. The number of EB students fell from 228 to 214. In order to exit the program, students must score at an advanced high level and the results show the number of EB students at the advanced high level fell from 20 in 2025 to 11 in 2026. Overall, grades 3-5 showed the highest area of growth from 23%-28% with grade 5 showing growth up from 9% to 31%. The speaking area of the TELPAS test increased by six points from 29% in 2025 to 35% in 2026.

Action Item

The only action item was the consideration and approval for fencing for PES Campus using Safe Grant Cycle 1 funds. The motion to approve United Contractors fencing quote in

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THE lovely Juana Zamora-Pena was crowned the 2027 Miss Palacios during last week's 54th Miss Palacios Pageant, sponsored by the Palacios Rotary Club. (Beacon Photo by Ryan West)

Seawall pumps brakes on moving trio of S. Bay picnic shelters

BY RYAN WEST
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The Matagorda Co. - Palacios Seawall Commission made good on its word in regards to relocating the playground equipment at South Bay Park near 4th St. but acknowledged there will be a pumping the brakes ahead of removing and relocating a trio of picnic structures at last week's regular monthly meeting.

The commissioners were happy to report the South Bay playground equipment's move to East Bay was underway as contractor Screaming Seagull Services uprooted the equipment last week with plans to reinstall in the near future.

Commission chair Craig Wallis reported a recent inquiry from representatives of the Hotel Tres Palacios about a trio of the Seawall's public picnic shelters in the path of the projects development.

The commissioners discussed the cost required to relocate the trio of picnic structures along with the time it would take to complete.

At the request of Wallis, Palacios City Councilman and Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Glenn chimed in and said, "Don't move till they guarantee that they're going to build, in contract, something down there."

Collegeport issues

Commissioner Wallis reported having discussion with new owners of the Conger property in Collegeport over the status of the property bulkhead.

"It's the responsibility of the property owner to maintain," Wallis said of the long ago improvements done by the Seawall Commission.

"We don't have the money to do anymore," he added of private property bulk heading.

Derelict Piers

Commissioner Erwin Janszen had minimal to report on efforts to remove derelict

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THE playground located along South Bay Park was uprooted by crews from Screaming Seagull Services and hauled off to its new home along East Bay. The playground relocation and reinstallation effort is a project of the Matagorda Co. - Palacios Seawall Commission. Along with the pair of playground structures, the two swing sets are to be relocated. The move is due to the planned expansion of the *Hotel Tres Palacios*.

Palacios hosts Warriors Weekend

Palacios was host to a conginent of veterans for Warriors Weekend. Veterans and wounded servicemen were treated to a day of fishing last Saturday. (Beacon Photos by Ryan West)



