

**Palmyra R-1 Board of Education**  
**Press Release**  
**October 27, 2017**

A special meeting of the Palmyra R-1 Board of Education was held on Thursday, October 26, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the office of the Board of Education at 1723 S. Main, Palmyra, Missouri.

The board approved the 2017-2018 District Christmas card designed by Reagan McAneny, Junior at Palmyra High School. Madison Lake, Senior, designed the runner-up Christmas card.

The Palmyra R-1 School District Board of Education is currently undertaking a long-range planning effort to continue the excellence that has been a tradition for the district. This effort involves a variety of information gathering methods that will provide input to the Board as they set the priorities for the district in the future.

As part of this planning effort, the Board has hired an independent facilitator to help with this effort. Roger Kurtz retired in January as the Executive Director of the Missouri Association of School Administrators in Jefferson City where he served for 17 years. He previously served 15 years as the Director of School Community Relations for the Jefferson City School District and after departing the district he served two terms on the Jefferson City Board of Education.

This week, Mr. Kurtz has conducted small focus group meetings of district elementary teachers, middle school teachers, high school teachers, administrators, parents, business leaders and the Board of Education. These small discussion groups provided an opportunity for individuals to discuss how to maintain and improve the excellence that has been a trademark of the Palmyra School District. He has also conducted an online survey of all staff members and has designed the survey he hopes all community members will complete as well.

In new business, the board accepted the resignation of Ann "Margie" Humphreys, from Parents as Teachers.

The board accepted the resignation of Marla Sparks as middle school basketball cheerleading coach for the 2017 season.

The board hired Haley Snodgrass as the middle school basketball cheerleading coach for the 2017 season.