



PALMYRA BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The Mission of the Palmyra Public School District is to work cooperatively with the available resources of home and community, including business and industry, to offer each child the educational opportunities that will enable him/her to function politically, economically, and socially in a democratic society and to fully facilitate their development within a safe and secure school environment.

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AGENDA • SPECIAL MEETING

February 17, 2021

Meeting Time: 6:30 pm

**This meeting will be conducted remotely using virtual and telephonic technology.
The meeting will also be broadcast on our FACEBOOK page: Palmyra School District**

To join the meeting via Internet link, click below and follow the directions for joining the meeting:

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Meeting ID: 116 214 8959

Public comments for Agenda items or other topics can be submitted,
both prior to the meeting or during the meeting, using the link below:

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All comments received by the Board will be read aloud.

1 Call to Order

The Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend meetings of the public bodies, at which time any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Palmyra Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, place and purpose thereof posted at Palmyra Borough Hall, the Palmyra Post Office, Charles Street School, Palmyra Middle & High School and the Board Offices, and mailed to the Palmyra Borough Clerk, Burlington County Times, and the Courier Post, on February 12, 2021.

2 Moment of Silent Meditation

3 Salute to the Flag

4 Roll Call

Sean Toner
Erica Campbell
Kate Allen-Yoakum
Amy Austin
Laurie Beck
Judy Belton

James Dickinson
John Liebe
Mark Russell
Joseph Russell, Student Representative
Leah Falicki, Riverton Representative
Beverly Representative

5 Presentations

- Board of Education Workshop to be conducted by Jesse Adams of the NJ School Boards Association.

6 Public Forum for Agenda Items

The Board, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, will not publicly discuss personnel matters and may choose not to respond to comments made by members of the public during this portion of the meeting; however, the Board will give all comments appropriate consideration and will refer all initial requests and comments pertaining to the operation of the School District to the Superintendent.

7 Policy and Curriculum

7.01 BE IT RESOLVED that the following Policy and Curriculum actions are hereby approved as recommended by the Superintendent:

7.01a Approve the 2021 Palmyra Board of Education Goals as follows:

- **Goal 1:** The Board will commit to improving its professional knowledge in the areas of student achievement and equity through professional development.
 - Attend a minimum of two continuing education seminars on equity and achievement
 - Follow up on progress towards Sustainable Jersey
 - Continue to engage with the administration in monitoring student achievement
- **Goal 2:** Continue development of the Board of Education
 - Complete 4 hours of board training by March 2021 to achieve NJSBA Master Board Certification
 - Appoint a liaison to the Governing Body of the Borough of Palmyra
 - Conduct a Board Retreat
 - Examine methods to increase communication with the community
- **Goal 3:** Continue to develop and approve the next 5-year Strategic Plan (2021-2026) by December 2021.

7.01b Approve the PHS Student Council to hold the annual Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, February 26, 2021, in the PHS gym. Due to COVID safety protocols, the drive will be by appointment only.

Roll Call Vote Full Board

Motion: _____

Second: _____

8 Public Forum for Additional Topics

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8.01 Recognition of members of the Public

8.02 Recognition of members of the Board

9 Closed Session

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et. Seq. (Open Public Meetings Act) provides that the Palmyra Board of Education may exclude the public from that portion of the meeting at which the Board of Education discusses certain matters as set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the public; and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of the Board of Education will reconvene following the end of the closed session, approximately 30 this evening

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- _____ Any matter which, by express provision of Federal Law, State Statute or Rule of Court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from discussion in public
- _____ Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government
- _____ Any matter the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy
- _____ Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public
- _____ Any matter involving the purpose, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed
- _____ Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection
- _____ Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law
- X _____ Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer
- _____ Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed in public
- _____ Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act of omission for which the responding party bears responsibility

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the afore stated meeting shall be closed to the public for the reasons set forth above, in accordance with the OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT and that the discussion in closed session will be disclosed to the public at such time as it is no longer necessary to maintain the confidential nature of the items discussed. Upon its return from closed session the Board will not take action.

Voice Vote by Full Board

Motion: _____
Second: _____
Vote: _____

Return from Closed Session

Voice Vote by Full Board

Motion: _____
Second: _____
Vote: _____

10 Adjournment

Voice Vote by Full Board

Motion: _____
Second: _____
Vote: _____
Time: _____