

Palmyra R-1 School Board  
Press Release  
March 14, 2018

The regular meeting of the Palmyra R-1 Board of Education was held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. in the office of the Board of Education at 1703 South Main, Palmyra, Missouri.

Ellen Stuhlman reported to the board on the Palmyra R-1 gifted program (PACE). She discussed the purpose of the program and explained some activities her students have engaged in this year. While Palmyra's program is fully funded with local dollars, many gifted programs in rural Missouri are disappearing due to decreased funding.

The principals gave their monthly reports on happenings in their respective buildings.

Kirt Malone reported to the board on legislative issues, including HB 2247 that would expand charter schools across Missouri. Students from any district would be able to attend the charter school and the district in which the student resides would be required to pay tuition to the charter school. HB 2247 would take state funding away from public schools.

Kirt Malone also reported to the board on the 2017-2018 school year budget. Through February, local and federal revenues are down compared to last year at this time. State revenues have increased a little from last year. We are still on track to meet budget expectations this year. There were no increases in health insurance premiums and retirement costs. Capital improvements of approximately \$180,000 includes, a school bus purchase, roofing a section of the middle school, upgrade of the high school security cameras, and high school bleacher repairs.

In old business the board chose CTS as the district's qualified provider for guaranteed energy and operational savings project manager for the middle school HVAC project this summer.

The MSBA Spring Regional meeting will be held on Monday, April 23, 2018 at Hannibal High School.

The board heard a first reading of new policy updates.

The board authorized users of the districts purchasing cards.

The board accepted the resignation of Cindy Griesbaum, Elementary School paraprofessional, due to retirement.

The board accepted the resignation of Teri Traynor, Elementary School teacher, due to retirement.

The board accepted the resignation of Jayme Geisendorfer, Middle School teacher, due to relocation.

The board also re-hired all tenured staff as presented.