

Palmyra R-1 School District  
Press Release  
October 13, 2021

The regular meeting of the Palmyra R-1 Board of Education was held on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria at 1703 South Main, Palmyra, Missouri.

Kathy Nicholson presented information to the board on Parents as Teachers (PAT). Palmyra R-1 serves 200 families, including 263 children. PAT has identified 74 children who are eligible to be in kindergarten next year. PAT Playgroup has started back up this year after some time off due to COVID restrictions.

Brian Wosman reported to the board with a report on District transportation. The district runs 10 daily bus routes. Buses have logged 15,753 miles from the first day of school through the beginning of October. The district runs four Early Childhood/Pre-K routes Monday through Friday. ECSE routes have logged 1,715 miles so far this school year. District buses have had 57 trips logging 5,395 miles so far this school year. This summer the district purchased a new software/camera system and installed six cameras on each route bus. The program can be used to create more efficient bus routes and provide accurate pick up and drop off information for the school.

The building principals presented the board with their monthly building reports.

In new business, the Board approved an agreement between the school and L.J. Hart & Company for municipal bond underwriting services for the refinancing of Series 2016 and Series 2017 debt service bonds. The district will save approximately \$600,000 in interest expense.

In other new business, the board approved the Athletic Event Emergency Action Plan for the 2021-2022 school year. The plan provides school and emergency personnel with guidelines in case of a medical or weather emergency at an athletic event at the high school and middle school.

The board approved the FY21 audit as presented.

In old business, the board discussed the annual School Board Retreat and Work Session set for Saturday, December 4, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

The board hired Cody Ash as a High School paraprofessional and Middle School Boys Basketball coach.

The board accepted the resignation of Jessica Grainger from Parents as Teachers.

Debbie Stratton submitted her resignation due to retirement effective the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

Kirt Malone submitted his resignation due to retirement effective June 30, 2022.

The board voted to approve additions to the substitute teacher list as presented.