

Palmyra R-1 Board of Education
Press Release
April 11, 2018

The regular meeting of the Palmyra R-1 Board of Education was held on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, at 7:30 in the office of the Board of Education at 1703 South Main, Palmyra, Missouri.

The board was reorganized with Stacy Hoerr and Darin Redd taking the Oath of Office as newly elected members. Chuck Keller was elected President; Darin Redd, Vice President; Oneta Crowe, Secretary; and Stephanie Bross, Treasurer.

REPORTS:

School nurses Gigi Lehenbauer and Jennifer Jones, reported to the board on district student health services.

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

Kirt Malone updated the board on the 2018-2019 budget process. There are still questions to be answered by Missouri's Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the state legislature concerning the FY 2019 budget. The state legislature is planning to fully fund the state foundation formula. Proposition C revenue is expected to increase as a result of improving sales tax revenues. The assessed valuation of the Palmyra R-1 School District is expected to increase slightly. Kirt Malone will meet with salary committee chairpersons to discuss salary increases. Granting horizontal and vertical steps on the salary schedule, raising the base salary for teachers as well as non-certified staff, and contributing to employee HSA accounts are all priorities that will affect the budget. An increase in revenue is expected compared to the current fiscal year, although the amount of increase depends on the state legislature and the local assessed valuation.

OLD BUSINESS:

CTS group presented their plan to replace/renovate the HVAC and control systems at the middle school. Construction will take place this summer. The cost of the project is just over \$788,000. The district will pay for the project with existing funds.

The board approved MSBA policy updates IGDB, IKF, JHD, and JHDF.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kirt Malone provided a legislative update.

The board accepted the bid from Digital Copy Systems to provide copy services to the district.

The board accepted the bid from Midwest Bus Sales for the purchase of a 2019 model, 65 passenger, conventional school bus.

The board reviewed the results of the Clarence Cannon Conference Winter Sportsmanship survey.

In other regular business the board accepted the resignations from Teresa Hettinger as A+ and Special Education Administrative Assistant due to retirement; Rita McNew as High School Administrative Assistant due to retirement; Randi Lee Clayton as 6th Grade teacher and Middle School basketball coach; Pam Lightle as a School-Based Social Worker; Jeff Smashey, as a Middle School Custodian.

The board hired Nicole Hirner, Whitney Edmondson, and Alicia Carper as Middle School teachers.

The board re-hired all non-tenured teaching staff as presented.