

Palmyra R-1 Board of Education  
Press Release  
June 13, 2018

The regular meeting of the Palmyra R-1 Board of Education was held on Tuesday, June 12, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. in the office of the Board of Education at 1703 South Main, Palmyra, Missouri.

Morgan Ramey, Director of Nutrition Services, reported to the Board on the Food Service Program. She reported participation rates continue to rise throughout the district.

Lora Hillman reported to the board on the district's Title I program.

The principals presented their monthly building reports.

In old business, the board agreed to utilize First Choice Physical Therapy for Athletic Training services at all home Varsity athletic events, except for football. Dr. Gina Pontius and Kim Bunten, Priority Physical Therapy, will continue to provide services at Varsity football games.

The board adopted the annual budget for the 2018-2019 school year (FY2019). The budget has total operating expenditures of \$10,563,190 and an operating surplus of \$292. The operating levy used in the development of the budget is \$3.3480. This is the same tax rate as FY 2018 and reflects a voluntary rollback in the operating funds of \$0.4020 from the highest voter approved operating levy. Some highlights of this budget are a \$750 increase to the base salary for teachers in addition to the \$400 vertical step on the salary schedule for years of experience given to eligible teachers. Non-certified staff will receive a 2.269% raise in addition to their step as well. The budget reflects the addition of a part time Dean of Students at the Middle School, not replacing a retired elementary school teacher, and the addition of a special education teacher at the middle school. The cost of employee health insurance increased approximately 9%. Health insurance premiums are still lower than the district was paying in FY 2013. For the seventh time in fifteen years there will not be an increase of the Missouri Teacher Retirement System or the Missouri Non-teacher Retirement System. Capital improvements of approximately \$916,000 include new HVAC and control system at the middle school, replacement of the High School small gym doors, purchasing of cafeteria tables, a utility vehicle, a driver's education car, and a school bus.

In new business the board adopted the professional development plan for 2018-2019.

The board re-adopted the conflict of interest policy (policy BBFA).

The board approved a transfer of money from fund 1 (operating) to fund 4 (capital projects) of \$350,000 from M & M surtax, the greater of \$162,326 or 7% transfer, and the allowable transportation transfer of \$60,000 approved by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

The board reviewed the final Clarence Cannon Conference Sportsmanship results for the 2017-2018 school year. Palmyra athletes, coaches and fans scored very high for the year, with an overall rating of 4 out of 4.

The Palmyra R-1 School Board approved joining the North Central Missouri Conference (NCMC) as an affiliate member for those sports that are not conference sports in the Clarence Cannon Conference. Becoming an affiliate member will allow our student-athletes to compete for conference titles and all-

conference recognition. Affiliate members are non-voting members of the conference. NCMC Affiliate Membership will begin with the 2019-2020 school year.

The board set the date for the regular July board meeting to be held on Monday, July 16, with a board work session to precede the regular meeting.

The board approved the purchase of a new driver's education car from Lovegreen Motors for \$17,303.

In other regular business the board accepted resignations from:

- Larry Baker-Food Service, due to retirement
- Kelly Bruns-High School PE/Health teacher, Middle School Boys Track Coach, High School Girls Assistant Tennis Coach
- Adam Gunterman-High School Baseball Assistant Coach
- Lynn Hummel-High School Special Education teacher, High School Quiz Bowl
- Sherri Ragar-Elementary teacher, due to retirement

The board hired the following:

- Patrick Anderson- Food Service Distribution, part time
- Traci Fountain-High School Girls Assistant Tennis Coach
- Tom Lockett-Middle School evening custodian
- Debbie Mahsman-Elementary School Secretary
- Marena Niehoff-Middle School paraprofessional
- Misty Orgill-Elementary School paraprofessional
- Sheila Sartin-Elementary School paraprofessional
- Greta Stark-High School Quiz Bowl Coach
- Matthew Thomas-Middle School ELA teacher, High School Baseball Assistant Coach
- Julie Thrower-High School PE/Health teacher, Middle School Boys Track Coach
- Brian Wosman-Middle School Dean of Students