

Palmyra R-1 Board of Education
Press Release
May 9, 2018

The regular meeting of the Palmyra R-1 Board of Education was held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. in the office of the Board of Education at 1703 South Main, Palmyra, Missouri.

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

Kirt Malone reported to the board on summer maintenance. Routine maintenance will occur in all three buildings. Some interior doors will be replaced at the high school to improve security in those areas. The district will replace rooftop units, some ductwork, and install a new control system at the middle school. The school district will use existing funds to pay for the project and will save over \$275,000 in interest expense and fees had the board chosen a lease-purchase option to pay for the project.

The board approved the trade-in of a 2002 John Deere tractor and snow blade toward the purchase of a John Deere Gator and snow blade.

Brian Wosman reported on the Clarence Cannon Conference spring meeting. The Conference is planning an annual "Field Event" day for students with intellectual disabilities.

John Watkins reported on district technology. The one to one initiative has been very successful. Infrastructure upgrades in the past two years allowed our system to handle the additional load of 1,100 iPads throughout the district. Mr. Watkins also reported the Technology Department has upgraded the camera system at the high school campus to increase security. This will allow Marion County 911 to have remote access to the camera system.

Kirt Malone reported on the MSBA Spring Regional Meeting.

In old business, the board agreed to trade a 1994 AmTram bus to go toward the purchase of a 2019 65 passenger school bus.

Kirt Malone reported the Legislative Conference committee agreed to fully fund the education foundation formula at \$98 million with \$10 million for transportation. The budget requires a final vote in each house by the end of this week.

The board discussed the 2018-2019 preliminary budget. The preliminary budget reflects a 1.5% increase in local revenues. State revenue figures will become available after the budget is approved later this week. The board hopes to adopt the salary schedules and the final budget at the regular June board meeting.

The board heard proposals to provide athletic trainer services for athletes at home varsity sports events beginning with the 2018-2019 school year.

The board discussed moving forward with a no-tax increase bond issue in April 2019 for the purpose of improving district facilities. During the strategic planning process last fall, the board collected input from staff, parents, and the community, to identify facility needs throughout the district. A facilities committee will be formed this summer to review and prioritize district needs.

The board hired the following staff and positions:

Greta Stark as Middle School Special Education teacher
Alison Paulsen as Middle School Girls Softball Coach
Shannon Haerr as Varsity Boys Assistant Basketball Coach
Nicole Hirner as Middle School Quiz Bowl Coach
Alicia Carper as Middle School Cheerleading Sponsor, Football and Basketball
Whitney Edmonson as Middle School Girls Basketball Coach

The board hired classified staff, extra-duty staff, and summer maintenance as presented.