

Palmyra R-1 Board of Education
Press Release
January 12, 2022

The regular meeting of the Palmyra R-1 Board of Education was held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Palmyra High School Cafeteria at 1703 South Main, Palmyra, Missouri.

Michelle Harris and Trina Schindler provided a report on the Early Childhood Special Education and Pre-K programs.

Kinsey Cissna reported to the board on the district's special education program. She stated the district met DESE's criteria in implementing the requirements and purposes of the Individual with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA). Overall the district scored 4/4 in all 10 determination areas DESE uses to assess special education programs. Currently 191, or 16%, of the district's student population receives special education services. Over the past 5 years our special education population has increased from 169 students to 191 students.

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

Larry Seago provided a report on the A+ program. In 2021, 66 students graduated with A+ Distinction, a slight increase over the previous year. Palmyra High School has 181 students enrolled in the A+ program this year.

Discussion was held on next year's school calendar.

Discussion was held on School Board Recognition Month which is in March this year.

The board heard a first reading of MSBA policy ACA update.

The board approved an update to the District Curriculum Director job description.

The board hired Nicole Harper as a 7th grade science teacher, and middle school Science Olympiad sponsor for the 2022-2023 school year.

Micah Johnson was hired as an elementary special education teacher for the 2022-2023 school year.

Jenifer Kline and Kortney McDonough were hired as PAT parent educators.

Mark Loman, High School teacher, and Larry Seago, High School Assistant Principal, will retire effective at the end of the school year.

The sub list was updated as presented.