

Palmyra R-1 Board of Education  
Press Release  
February 9, 2022

The regular meeting of the Palmyra R-1 Board of Education was held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the office of the Board of Education at 1703 South Main, Palmyra, Missouri.

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

The board heard a report about education legislation from the Missouri General Assembly in Jefferson City. There is a continued push in the Missouri legislature to expand charter schools, send tax dollars to private school students, and create an open enrollment system in Missouri.

Kirt Malone reported to the board on the 79<sup>th</sup> annual Tony Lenzini Basketball Tournament. Attendance was improved this year. Palmyra Girls played for first place and the Palmyra Boys played for third place.

The board adopted the 2022-2023 calendar. (See attached)

The board adopted MSBA ACA policy update.

Kathy Nicholson presented information about the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. The program provides one book per month every year for children from birth to age five. The Imagination Library mails each book directly to the home of children who are enrolled in the program. The board expressed their support for the program and believe it to be beneficial to children in the Palmyra R-1 District.

The board extended by one year the contracts of:

Jared Pontius, High School Principal; Brian Wosman, Activities Director/Transportation Director/MS Dean of Students; Kinsey Cissna, Special Programs Director; Bridgette Augspurg, Elementary Principal; Steven Kerr Middle School Principal

The board hired Marty Smyser as the High School Assistant Principal/A+ Coordinator/Homeless Coordinator/Foster Care Liaison and Addy Gottman as District Curriculum Coordinator for the 2022-23 school year as presented.

The board hired Aron Knoche and Evan Hultz as High School Student Council Sponsors for the 2022-23 school year as presented.

The board approved the updated sub list as presented.