

Palmyra Board of Education
Press Release
March 9, 2022

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

Nichole Gard reported to the board on PACE, the district's gifted education program. PACE open house is scheduled to begin at 6:00 on April 7th at the Middle School.

Principals gave their monthly report on happenings in their respective buildings.

Kirt Malone reported to the board on the 2021-2022 school year budget. The district has received the anticipated state formula revenues through February. Revenue from local sources has increased over last year, and federal revenue is down as we are waiting to receive our Title I allocations. Health insurance premiums will increase 9.3% next year. Capital improvements included renovation of two sections of driveways at the Elementary School and the Middle School.

Kirt Malone provided a legislative update. House Bill 1814, creating open enrollment in Missouri public schools will usher in a tide of school consolidation. House Bill 1903 and Senate Bill 648, expands virtual instruction and allow private school and homeschool students to access these courses which would potentially send Missouri education tax dollars out of state, and in some cases out of the country.

This week is School Board Appreciation Week. Missourians benefit every day from the dedicated energies and countless hours devoted by a group of more than 3,600 men and women from communities across the state. These public servants are elected by local constituents and do not receive compensation for their tireless efforts. They are the local school board members of Missouri.

During the week of March 6-12, communities across the state will honor the dedicated service of their local boards of education during School Board Recognition Week. The goal is to build awareness and understanding of the important function and elected board plays in communities and schools. All Missouri citizens are asked to recognize the important contributions of these men and women and focus attention on the vital role these public officials play in the education of Missouri's children.

The MSBA Spring Regional Meeting will be held in Kirksville on April 18th.

Josh Buatte, John Hume, Josh Edwards, Emily Cintron, Jaime Hoerr, Penny Coons, and Annie Sanborn resigned their positions with the school district, as presented.

All tenured teachers were rehired for the 2022-2023 school year, as presented.

Nicole Harper was hired as the PHS Cross Country Coach for the 2022-23 school year, as presented.

Jessica Gottman was hired as the Elementary Assistant Principal for the 2022-23 school year, as presented.