

Palmyra R-1 Board of Education
Press Release
April 13, 2022

The regular meeting of the Palmyra Board of Education was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 6:30 in the Office of the Board of Education at 1703 South Main, Palmyra, Missouri.

The Board was reorganized with Joe Knochel and Roth McElvain taking the Oath of Office as newly elected members. Oneta Crowe was elected President; Darin Redd, Vice President; Stephanie Bross, Treasurer; Joe Knochel, Secretary.

REPORTS:

School Library/Media Staff Stacy Conrad, Mark Lickfeld, and Elizabeth Lehenbauer reported to the board on Library/Media services across the district.

Mallory Sublette provided a report on her upcoming trip to the FCCLA National Convention this summer.

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

Kirt Malone updated the board on the 2022-2023 budget. There are still questions to be answered by Missouri's Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the state legislature regarding the FY23 budget. The state legislature is planning to fully fund the state foundation formula at the same level for the third consecutive year. Proposition C revenue is expected to increase because of improving sales tax revenues. Classroom Trust Fund revenues from gambling has increased from a year ago. The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III) has started to be distributed this Spring. Kirt Malone will keep teachers updated regarding the impact of revenue on the salary schedule.

Kirt Malone provided a legislative report.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board accepted the bid from Central States Bus Sales for the purchase of a Bluebird 2023 model, 77 passenger bus as presented.

The board heard a first reading of MSBA policy update 2022A.

The board approved the 2022-2023 EBA Health Insurance renewal as presented.

The board approved the PD calendar for the 2022-2023 school year.

The board approved purchasing a lawn mower, a dishwasher for the high school kitchen, flooring for the middle school library and computer lab, and classroom furniture for the 2022-2023 school year, as presented.

The board approved the OPAA service agreement for the 2022-2023 school year.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

The MSBA Spring Regional Meeting will be held in Kirksville April 18. Palmyra High School Senior Tim Wellman will be awarded the Belcher Scholarship this year for Region 3. Tim will be the third Belcher Regional Scholarship winner from Palmyra in the past 5 years. MSBA FutureBuilders established the scholarship program in the memory of John T. Belcher, who was instrumental in developing innovative financing programs for Missouri school districts. A \$1,000 annual scholarship is awarded to a student in each of MSBA's 17 regions. Applicants are judged based on academic performance, extra-curricular activities, and the quality of an essay. A statewide winner is selected from this group of regional winners and awarded an additional \$1,500.

The board re-hired non-tenured teaching staff, coaches and sponsors as presented.

The board approved the updated substitute teacher list as presented.

Chris Parsons, Alex Brandenburg, Marcy Hamilton, and Angela Mulhatten submitted their resignations as teachers, and Katy Fuqua as Key Club Sponsor.

Jill Englehardt submitted her resignation as High School Kitchen Manager, due to retirement.

The following were hired as presented:

Makayla Vigil-PES paraprofessional
Andrea Lanford-PES paraprofessional
Brandon Crisp-PES PE teacher
Devon Breitling-PES Music teacher
Malena Eager-PES Classroom teacher
Timothy Southers-PHS Social Studies teacher
Jeremiah Reed-PRIDE (alternative classroom) teacher
Brianna Holder-MS/HS Music teacher
Grace Fessenden-District Maintenance and Grounds Services
Aron Knoche-PHS FCCLA sponsor
Devon Breitling-Junior Singers/MS Honors Choir sponsor
Brandon Crisp-Varsity Baseball coach
Jeremiah Reed-Varsity Wrestling coach
Alysha Barnett-Varsity Girls Tennis coach
Timothy Southers-Varsity Girls Basketball coach
Cody Ash-Girls Golf coach
Steven Jones-Boys Golf coach
Varsity Assistant Track Coach-Nicole Harper
MS Football Coach-Jeremiah Reed
Middle School Boys Basketball Coach-Brandon Crisp
MS Girls Track Coach-Lex Meyers
Brianna Holder – HS Band/Choir