Palmyra R-1 Board of Education Press Release December 13, 2018

The regular meeting of the Palmyra R-1 Board of Education was held on Wednesday, December 12, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. in the office of the Board of Education at 1703 South Main Street, Palmyra, Missouri.

The building principals gave their monthly building reports.

Kirt Malone reported on the recent school board retreat/work session that took place on Saturday, December 1, 2018. Mr. Roger Kurtz, retired Executive Director of Missouri Association of School Administrators (MASA), facilitated the work session. The Board reviewed progress on goals developed from last year's strategic planning process. It was the overall consensus of everyone involved that the time was very beneficial to the board and administration.

The board reviewed draft ballot language for a possible no-tax increase bond issue that could be run in the April election. Final ballot language will be discussed at the January board meeting.

Pride graduation is set for Sunday, January 13, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. in the Palmyra High School gym.

In new business, the Board heard a legislative update from Kirt Malone, including news the State Board of Education appointed Dr. Margie VanDeven as the Commissioner of Education, a position she had previously held from 2014 to 2017. She is set to renew her responsibilities beginning January 2019.

The Board set adult breakfast prices at \$2.40 beginning second semester.

In other new business, the Board approved the application from Audrey Fohey to submit for the Missouri School Board Association Belcher Memorial Scholarship.

In other regular business, the board accepted the resignations of Paula Kroeger, Elementary Kitchen Manager; Danny Christy, District Bus Mechanic; and Jennifer Leftwich, Middle School Teacher; all due to retirement. The board also accepted the resignations of Nicolette Klompien, Middle School Art Teacher; Lee Henry, Parents as Teachers; Melissa Billups, Varsity Football Cheerleading; and Sam O'Brien, Varsity Softball Assistant.

The board hired Liz Shanks as paraprofessional for the elementary school.

The board approved the updated sub list as presented.