

Palmyra R-1 Board of Education
Press Release
January 8, 2019

The regular meeting of the Palmyra R-1 Board of Education was held on Monday, January 7, 2019, at 7:30 p.m., in the office of the Board of Education at 1703 South Main, Palmyra, Missouri.

The Principals reported on activities in their respective buildings.

Tara Claus, District Testing Coordinator, gave a report on 2018 MAP/EOC results.

The board learned a new hot water containment system was installed in the Middle School over Christmas break. The Board reviewed preliminary drawings for potential Vo-Ag Building renovations.

In old business, the board adopted a resolution for a special school bond election to be held on April 2, 2019. The official ballot shall read:

PROPOSITION 2

Shall the Board of Education of the Palmyra R-I School District, Missouri, without an estimated increase in the current debt service property tax levy, borrow money in the amount of Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000) for the purpose of providing funds to complete safety and security access control upgrades at the high school; renovate the high school Vo-Ag Building classrooms and restrooms and the middle school kitchen to include, without limitation, air conditioning, window, door and ceiling tile replacement, lighting and electrical upgrades, and floor repairs; construct an athletic complex with a new all-weather track and activity field; expand the high school weight room with an addition to house the wrestling program; renovate and upgrade the elementary playground; to the extent funds are available, complete other remodeling and repair improvements to the existing facilities of the District; and issue bonds for the payment thereof? If this proposition is approved, the adjusted debt service levy of the School District is estimated to remain unchanged at \$0.68 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of real and personal property.

In new business, the board heard a legislative update. Dr. Margie VanDeven was re-hired as the Missouri Commissioner of Education and began her duties this month.

Discussion was held on the school calendar for the 2019-2020 school year. Missouri public schools were required to be in session for a minimum of 174 days and 1,044 hours each year. A new law eliminates the required number of minimum days focusing solely on the number of hours instead.

The Board heard an update on preparations for PRIDE graduation.

Discussion was held regarding plans for "School Board Recognition Week" which runs from January 21-27.

The board heard a first reading of MSBA policy updates.

In other regular business the Board accepted resignations from Ellen Stuhlman, District Gifted Program Teacher; and Leisa Hinkle, High School Business Teacher, both effective at the end of the year due to retirement.

The Board extended, by one year, the two year contract of Kirt Malone, Superintendent.

The Board also approved the updated substitute teacher list.

The regular February school board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 13, 2019, instead of Tuesday, February 12, 2019, beginning at 7:30 p.m.