

Palmyra R-1 Board of Education
Press Release
February 14, 2019

The regular meeting of the Palmyra R-1 Board of Education was held on Wednesday, February 13, 2019, at 7:30 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.

Kinsey Cissna reported to the board on the district's special education program. She stated the district met DESE's criteria in implementing the requirements and purposes of the Individual with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA). Overall the district scored a perfect 4 in all 10 determination areas DESE uses to assess special education programs. Currently 203 students, or 18%, of the district's student population receives special education services. Of those 203 students, 25 of them moved in to the district this school year.

The board also heard a report from Larry Seago regarding curriculum work throughout the district, as well as the A+ program. Last year, 60 students graduated with A+ distinction. Twenty of those students used their money at Moberly Area Community College, while two attended State Technical College of Missouri. We had many other students attend four-year universities who received a scholarship for completing the A+ program. This year, we have 262 high school students enrolled in the A+ program. In order for students to receive A+ distinction they must fulfill academic, behavioral, and attendance requirements.

Kirt Malone reported to the board on the 76th annual Tony Lenzi Basketball Tournament. Winter weather disrupted much of the tournament week causing some games to be moved to the Middle School, and eventually resulting in the cancellation of the third place games. First place games were held on Monday which found both Palmyra teams playing for titles this year. After all tournament bills were paid, the net profit was just under \$75.00.

The Palmyra School Board was recognized by MSBA in celebration of Missouri School Board Recognition Month.

Kirt Malone provided the board with an update on planning for the No-Tax increase bond issue for the April 2, 2019 election.

The board commended the work of our district custodial and maintenance staff for keeping our parking lots and sidewalks safe for everyone who visits and works at our schools. The board also recognized the efforts of Juetta Brothers who have been timely and efficient in clearing our parking lots of snow and ice during these past few weeks. The City of Palmyra Street Department removed snow from sidewalks that blocked student routes to school. The school appreciates the efforts of the Marion County Road Department and Missouri Department of Transportation crews who maintained the county roads and blacktops during inclement weather so school buses could travel safely.

The 2018 District APR was presented and discussed. Palmyra R-1 earned a score of 96.3%. APR scores include assessment results, college and career ready components, vocational participation, graduation rates, and attendance rates.

The board amended the 2018-2019 calendar making April 22 as the last make-up day. School will be in session on Monday, April 22. The last day of school will be Friday, May 31, 2019, no matter how many days of school are missed for weather the rest of the school year. Graduation stays as scheduled, Thursday, May 23, 2019. Summer School will begin Monday, June 3, 2019.

The board adopted the 2019-2020 school calendar. (see attached)

The board adopted MSBA policy update 2018D as presented.

The board selected firms to participate in the next phases of the RFQ for track design and construction services for the April 2, 2019, No-Tax increase bond issue.

The board heard a legislative report of issues expected to affect public education during this session in the Missouri General Assembly.

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The MSBA Spring Regional Meeting was discussed.

In new business, the board approved certified staff contract updates as presented.

In other new business, the board approved the EBA insurance operating agreement for 2019-2020 as presented.

The board accepted the resignations of the following staff due to retirement, as presented:

Sheila Stevenson, Middle School Special Education Teacher
Kendra Tiemann, High School Counselor and Junior Class Sponsor
Donna Frankenbach, Bus Driver and High School Paraprofessional

The board accepted the resignation of following staff member, due to relocation, as presented:

Alicia Carper, Middle School ELA Teacher and Middle School Cheerleader Sponsor

The board hired the following:

Steven Jones, High School Business teacher, FBLA Sponsor, Yearbook Advisor
Tristan Hermsmeier, Middle School Special Education Teacher

The board extended by one year the contracts of:

Brian Wosman, Activities Director/Transportation Director/Middle School Dean of Students
Lora Hillman, Elementary School Principal
Larry Seago, High School Assistant Principal/A+ Coordinator/Curriculum Director
Kinsey Cissna, Special Programs Director

The board offered contracts for the 2019-2020 school year to:

Jared Pontius, High School Principal
Bridgette Augspurg, Elementary School Assistant Principal
Steven Kerr, Middle School Principal