

Palmyra R-1 Board of Education
Press Release
April 10, 2019

The regular meeting of the Palmyra Board of Education was held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at 7:30 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; Stacy Hoerr, Secretary; and Stephanie Bross, Treasurer.

REPORTS:

School nurses Jennifer Jones and Gigi Lehenbauer reported to the board on district student health services.

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

Kirt Malone updated the board on the 2019-2020 budget process. There are still questions to be answered by Missouri's Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the state legislature in regards to the FY 2020 budget. The state legislature is planning to fully fund the state foundation formula. Proposition C revenue is expected to increase as a result of improving sales tax revenues. The change in assessed valuation of the Palmyra R-1 School District is unknown at this time. Kirt Malone will keep teachers updated regarding the impact of revenue on the salary schedule. Granting horizontal and vertical steps on the salary schedule, raising the base salary for teachers as well as non-certified staff, and contributing to employee HSA accounts are all priorities that will affect the budget. An increase in state revenue is expected compared to the current fiscal year, but local revenue changes are unknown at this time. The amount of revenue increases depends on the state legislature and the local assessed valuation.

OLD BUSINESS:

The MSBA Spring Regional meeting will be held April 15th at Palmyra High School. PHS senior Audrey Fohey will be awarded the Belcher Scholarship during the meeting. MSBA Future Builders 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 on the basis of academic performance, extracurricular activities and the quality of an essay. A statewide winner is selected from this group of regional winners and awarded an additional \$1500.

The board approved a contract with Byrne and Jones to build a new track and field for the school district.

The board approved a resolution to reimburse itself for certain capital expenditures in connection with the construction, equipping, furnishing, renovating, and improvement of school buildings related to the recently approved no tax increase bond issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kirt Malone provided a legislative update.

The board accepted the bid from Midwest Bus Sales for the purchase of a Thomas 2020 model, 65-passenger school bus.

The board accepted the bid from Midwest Transit Equipment for the purchase of a used 2011 Chevy Collins 24+1 Passenger Lift Bus including the trade-in of a 2003 Ford Thomas 18+2 passenger lift bus.

In other regular business, the board accepted the resignations of Gayle Thompson and Kelsey Meyers as teachers.

The board hired Stephanie Venvertloh as an elementary teacher and Middle School Quiz Bowl Coach.

The board hired Angela Keppner as the high school guidance counselor and high school National Honor Society Sponsor.

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