

**Palmyra R-1 Board of Education**  
**Press Release**  
**July 8, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Palmyra R-1 Board of Education was held on Thursday, July 7, 2016, at 7:30 p.m., in the office of the Board of Education at 1703 S. Main, Palmyra, MO.

The principals reported on the end of the school year and on summer school.

Eric Churchwell reported to the board on summer maintenance. All buildings are on schedule with their summer maintenance. The asphalt sealing of driveways at the elementary and middle schools is complete. The roofers are approximately one month behind the original schedule, but the project will be completed before school starts.

Eric Churchwell updated the board on the past legislative session. SB 638, the “Omnibus Education Bill,” which passed the legislature, was discussed. There were many amendments added to the original bill, some of which include: students will be required to pass an American Civics test in order to graduate from high school, Personal Plans of Study will be developed and reviewed by students and parents annually, districts will be required to develop a policy that identifies 9<sup>th</sup> graders who are at risk of not being ready for college level work or entry level career positions, mandatory Dyslexia screenings and supports, and the Pledge of Allegiance will be required to be said once per day in all public schools.

In old business the board adopted policy JHC-AP2, and discussed the MSBA Fall Conference that will be held in October.

In new business the board set the Annual Tax Rate Hearing for Monday, August 15, 2016, beginning at 7:15 p.m.

The board approved the 2015-2016 Free & Reduced Lunch application forms.

The board also approved an increase in meal prices of \$0.05 for the 2016-2017 school year. Elementary and Middle breakfasts will be \$1.30, High School and adult breakfasts will be \$1.45; Elementary lunch will be \$1.95, Middle and High School lunches will be \$2.10, and Adult lunches will \$2.70; extra milk remains at \$0.40.

The board reviewed and approved the athletic/activities handbook, coaches and sponsors handbook, and transportation handbook.

The board set the regular August board meeting for Monday, August 15, 2016, beginning at 7:30 p.m.