

Palmyra R-1 Board of Education
Press Release
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The regular meeting of the Palmyra R-1 Board of Education was held on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the office of the Board of Education at 1703 S. Main, Palmyra, MO.

The board heard monthly building reports from the building principals. Student enrollments by building to begin the school year are: High School-353, Middle School-352, and Elementary School-399. The total K-12 student enrollment of 1,104 students is an increase of 11 students from the end of last school year.

Mr. Pontius reported to the board on last year's ACT scores. The graduating class of 2016 had an average composite ACT score of 19.6.

Judy Caldwell reviewed Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) data with the board. Scores were overall good, with the district scoring above the state average in 16 of 19 areas tested. The district will continue to analyze MAP data in order to make decisions that will help to improve instruction.

The board heard from Eric Churchwell and the building principals about the new technology that the teachers received this summer. Teachers are learning how to use the technology in their classrooms and will continue to receive professional development throughout this school year.

In old business the board adopted MSBA Board Policy updates as presented and received schedules and information on the annual Missouri School Boards Association (MSBA) Fall Conference.

In new business the board set the tuition rate for the 2016-2017 school year at \$8,726.22.

The board discussed the date of December 3, 2016, for a Board Retreat and work session facilitated by an educational consultant.

The board also approved authorized signers Eric Churchwell, Linda Raney, and Karrie Kroeger with Mercantile Bank for the Drebes Scholarship.

In other regular business the board approved horizontal moves to the teacher's salary schedule and additions to the substitute teachers list.