Palmyra R-1 Board of Education Press Release 1-11-2017

The regular meeting of the Palmyra R-1 Board of Education was held on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. in the office of the Board of Education at 1703 S. Main, Palmyra, MO.

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 Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA). Palmyra R-1 had a perfect score of 4 out of 4 in all ten determination areas recognized by DESE. Currently 12.1% of the district's student population is served by special education.

Larry Seago reported to the board on the A+ Schools program. This year 85% of all high school students are currently eligible for the A+ program. Mr. Seago also reported to the board on the district's curriculum revision process. Teachers are revising curriculum and entering into the district's "Build Your Own Curriculum" software program in all subject areas and should have the basic components completed by the end of the current school year.

In new business the board had a first read on MSBA board policy updates.

Discussion was held on the school calendar for school year 2017-2018 and what priorities should be considered in the development of the calendar. Mr. Churchwell will develop draft calendars and meet with CTA representatives to gain staff input before taking a final calendar to the board for approval.

The board approved the application from Jessalyn Hultz for the MSBA Belcher Scholarship.

The board adopted the A+ Schools Program Partnership Agreement as presented and approved official account signers at Exchange Bank.

Discussion was held on "School Board Recognition Week" which is the week of January 22, 2017.

In other regular business the board accepted the resignation from Judy Caldwell as the district's testing coordinator effective at the end of the current school year.

The board hired Barbara Glenn as a bus driver.