

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, February 14, 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.

Eric Churchwell reported to the board on the Tony Lenzini Tournament. The tournament attendance was great and the competition was great as well. After all tournament bills were paid, the net profit was \$3,472.85. This year's tournament profit was up \$1,141.32 from last year.

The board heard a report on legislative issues from Eric Churchwell. The major bills of concern for public education in Missouri are HB 634 that would expand charter schools throughout the state. Also, SB 327 changes the MOVIP program to "Missouri Course Access Program" MCAP. This would allow every K-12 student in Missouri to enroll in 2 MCAP virtual classes per year at the school districts expense. SB 32 would create Empowerment Scholarship Accounts (Vouchers). SB 32 would allow a "qualified student" to utilize public tax dollars, albeit, indirectly through the tax code, to attend a "qualified school." Under the bill, a qualified student is defined as any elementary or secondary school student who is a resident of this state.

The board also heard a report from the district Technology Committee. The Committee was formed two years ago and has been working on the districts 1:1 technology initiative. The district is hoping to implement this initiative beginning with the 2017-2018 school year. Under this initiative every student in grades K-12 would have access to an iPad.

In old business the board accepted the bid from Kmeier Roof Systems in the amount of \$136,830.00 to replace three sections of roof at Palmyra Middle School.

The board adopted MSBA board policy updates as presented.

The board adopted the 2017-2018 school calendar. (See Attached Calendar)

In new business the board approved an agreement between the school district and L.J. Hart & Co. for municipal bond underwriting services. The board also approved a resolution authorizing the refinancing of \$6,000,000 series 2014 general obligation bonds. This refinancing could save the district up to \$1.3 million in interest.

The board accepted resignations from:

Gayle Bourret-Deaf Educator

Alysha Barnett-MS Girls Basketball Coach

The board extended by one year the contracts of:

Brian Wosman, Activities Director/Transportation Director

Lora Hillman, Elementary School Principal

Larry Seago, High School Assistant Principal/A+ Coordinator

The board offered contracts for the 2017-2018 school year to:

Jared Pontius, High School Principal

Kinsey Cissna, Special Programs Director

Bridgette Augspurg, Elementary School Assistant Principal