

**Palmyra R-1 Board of Education**  
**Press Release**  
**May 10, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Palmyra R-1 Board of Education was held on Tuesday, May 9, 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 reports on happenings in their respective buildings.

Eric Churchwell reported to the board on summer maintenance. The district will have a roofing project this summer at Palmyra Middle School. At the completion of this project, every roof in the district will have been replaced in the past nine years. A concrete floor will be installed in the Ag department's greenhouse and the high school gym bleachers will receive extensive maintenance to the substructure. Routine maintenance and painting will occur in all three buildings.

In old business the board voted to adopt the board policy updates as presented.

The board voted to accept the bid from Jones Brothers Construction in the amount of \$12,877.16 for the installation of a new concrete floor in the Ag department's greenhouse.

The board also discussed the high school track. Steve Lewis and Mark Bross talked to the board about the fundraising efforts that began four years ago and stated they believe a new track is a necessity. They also discussed the fact that only the track is needed and the original sports complex idea should be replaced with moving forward with only a track.

In new business the board heard from a committee of wrestling parents about their concern with the lack of space for the wrestling team to practice. Different options were discussed and will be investigated for next year.

The board discussed the 2017-2018 preliminary budget. At this point the budget shows an \$8,613 surplus. The budget does include \$500 increase to the base salary for teachers in addition to vertical movement on the salary schedule for years of service and a 1.5% raise for all other employees along with their vertical step for years of service. Other items included in the budget are the addition of a middle school cross country coach, an assistant wrestling coach, three technology instructional coaches (one at each building), new high school cafeteria tables, the purchase of a 65 passenger school bus, and the 1:1 iPad initiative in grades K-12. The board hopes to adopt the final budget at the regular June board meeting.

The board approved the 2017-2018 salary schedules that include a raise to the base salary for certified teachers of \$500 and a 1.5% raise to the base salary for all other employees.

The board voted to move the regular June board meeting to Monday, June 12, 2017, beginning at 7:30 p.m. and the regular July board meeting to Wednesday, July 12, 2017, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The board accepted the bid from Midwest Bus Sales in the amount of \$77,875 for the purchase of a new Thomas Built 65 passenger school bus.

The board accepted resignations from Britne Wheeler-ES teacher; Nicki Klompier-MS set design; Jayme Geisendorfer-MS drama.

The board hired: Kelsey O'Brien-ES teacher; Jonathan Fuqua-assistant wrestling coach; and Tara Claus-district testing coordinator.

The board hired summer maintenance help as presented.

The board hired all classified staff as presented.

The board approved additions to the substitute teachers list.