

Palmyra R-1 Board of Education
Press Release
April 15, 2020

The regular meeting of the Palmyra R-1 Board of Education was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at 6:30 in the Palmyra High School cafeteria at 1703 South Main, Palmyra, Missouri.

The Board was reorganized with Oneta Crowe, Stephanie Bross, and Doug Meyers taking the Oath of Office for new three-year terms. Oneta Crowe was elected President; Darin Redd, Vice-President; Stacy Hoerr, Secretary; and Stephanie Bross, Treasurer.

Reports:

School Nurses Jennifer Jones and Gigi Lehenbauer provided their annual report on district student health services.

Melinda Griesbaum and Trina Schindler provided the annual Pre-K program report.

The principals also provided their monthly reports on happenings in their buildings.

Kirt Malone updated the board on the 2020-2021 budget process. There are questions to be answered by Missouri's Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the state legislature in regard to the FY 2021 budget. The state of Missouri has received federal funds to be used to offset budgetary losses realized as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Schools should see relief funds sometime this spring. Proposition C sales tax revenue is expected to decrease as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is believed that the state legislature will protect the foundation formula and continue to fully fund through the end of the fiscal year. Changes in assessed valuation of the Palmyra R-1 School District is unknown at this time. Kirt Malone will keep teachers updated regarding the impact of revenue on the salary schedule. Granting horizontal and vertical steps on the salary schedule, raising the base salary for teachers as well as non-certified staff and contributing to employee HSA accounts are all priorities that will affect the budget. State revenue impacts are unknown at this time. The amount of local revenue changes are unknown at this time. The extent of revenue changes depends on the state of the economy and decisions of the state legislature as well as local assessed valuation.

Old Business:

Kirt Malone provided a legislative update.

The board heard a first reading of MSBA policy update.

The board adopted the CARES Act Section 125 update as well as a resolution to suspend policy to align with COVID-19 emergency legislation and waivers.

In other regular business, the board accepted the resignations of Stephanie Plunkett and Josh Buatte as teachers.

The board also accepted resignations from Chris Parsons as Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, Steven Jones as Middle School Track Coach, and Tyler Krietemeyer as Varsity Wrestling Assistant Coach.

The board hired Liz Shanks as Middle School Cheerleading Coach, Kevin Miles as Middle School Track Coach, Chris Parsons as Varsity Boys Golf Coach, Steven Jones as Varsity Football Assistant Coach, and Mark Lickfeld as Middle School Boys Basketball Coach.

The board hired Michelle Harris as a Pre-K teacher; Erica Barnes as a Kindergarten teacher; Amy-Leigh Tatman as a Second grade teacher; Britne O'Brien as a 4th grade teacher; Annie Sanborn as a High School Special Education teacher; and Sarah Freels as a High School Science teacher as presented.

The board re-hired all non-tenured staff and coaches as presented.