

Palmyra R-1 Board of Education  
Press Release  
2.12.2020

The regular meeting of the Palmyra R-1 Board of Education was held on Wednesday, February 11, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. in the office of the Board of Education at 1703 South Main, Palmyra, Missouri.

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 Individual with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA). Currently 173 students, or 15.5%, of the district's student population receives special education services.

The board also heard a report from Larry Seago regarding curriculum work throughout the district as well as the A+ program. Last year, we had 60 students graduate with A+ distinction. Of those students, 18 used their A+ funds at Moberly Area Community College, and State Technical College of Missouri (Linn Tech). One student used their A+ funds through the Mizzou-MACC program where students enroll at Mizzou and MACC at the same time, while taking classes on both campuses. Many other students attend four-year universities where they receive scholarships for completing their A+ program at Palmyra R-1. In order for students to receive A+ distinction they must fulfill academic, behavioral, and attendance requirements.

Larry Hart, of L.J. Hart and Company, reported to the board funding options to complete the athletic complex at Palmyra High School.

Kirt Malone gave a legislative update. There are several bills in the Missouri House of Representatives and Senate that will take funds away from public schools, and funnel that money to private schools and newly formed charter schools. The result would be fewer dollars going to Missouri public schools. Missouri schools rank among the bottom 10 states in the USA for public education funding from the state.

Kirt Malone reported to the board on the 77th annual Tony Lenzini Basketball Tournament. The weather was somewhat better than last year and attendance during the week also improved. Once again, both Palmyra teams played for first place. After all tournament bills were paid, the net profit was \$782.00.

The Palmyra School Board was recognized by MSBA in celebration of Missouri School Board Recognition month.

The board reviewed designs for the athletic complex. Bids to finish the complex will go out later this month.

The board adopted MSBA policy update 2019(C).

The board adopted the 2020-2021 calendar. (see attached)

The MSBA Spring Regional meeting was discussed.

The board approved an Apple device lease beginning with the 2020-2021 school year.

The board approved the quote of Second Life Mac to buy the current Apple devices at the end of the school year.

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The board hired Emily Cintron as the Palmyra Elementary Music teacher for the 2020-2021 school year.

The board hired Lex Van Nostrand as Head Varsity Girls Softball Coach for the 2020-2021 school year.

The board extended by one year the contracts of:  
Brian Vosman, Activities Director/Transportation Director/MS Dean of Students  
Larry Seago, High School Assistant Principal/A+ Coordinator/Curriculum Director  
Kinsey Cissna, Special Programs Director

The board offered contracts for the 2020-2021 school year to:  
Jared Pontius, High School Principal  
Bridgette Augspurg, Elementary Assistant Principal  
Steven Kerr, Middle School Principal

The board approved the updated sub list as presented.