

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, September 12, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. in the office of the board of education at 1703 South Main, Palmyra, MO.

The board heard monthly building reports from the building principals. Student enrollments to start the year are: High School-331, Middle School-381, Elementary School-383, and PreK-20. The total K-12 student enrollment is 1,095.

Mr. Pontius reported to the board on last year's ACT scores. The graduating class of 2017 had an average composite ACT score of 21.0. The average state composite score for the graduating class of 2017 was 20.4.

Tara Claus reviewed Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) data with the board. Overall results were consistent with previous year's scores. The board learned that statewide Algebra 1 EOC and English II EOC scores were not suitable for establishing assessment performance trends and will not be included in Annual Performance Reporting for school districts.

In old business, Mr. Pontius presented information about student recognition systems. These systems use large touch screen televisions that may be attached to the wall. It will provide historical information about academics, athletics and activities so they may be accessed in one location.

The Missouri School Boards Association (MSBA) Fall Conference schedules were discussed.

In new business, the board heard from Mr. Malone regarding recent repairs to the high school gym bleachers, removal of trees from school property, and the status of the school tractor. The work on the middle school roof has been completed.

The school board approved the results of the FY16 audit as presented.

The board approved opening an Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) services account at HomeBank. ICS accounts offer FDIC insured access to school district funds on demand.

The board discussed the date of Saturday, December 2, 2017, for a board retreat.

The board set the tuition rate for the 2017-2018 school year at \$8,590.31.

In other regular business the board accepted the resignation of high school secretary, Jody Nelson. The board hired Marissa Luna as an elementary paraprofessional, Alicia Howell as an elementary paraprofessional, and Tiffany White as an elementary custodian.

The board approved horizontal moves to the teacher's salary schedule and additions to the substitute teacher's list.