## Palmyra R-1 Board of Education Press Release October 11, 2017

The regular meeting of the Palmyra R-1 Board of Education was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. in the office of the board of education at 1703 South Main, Palmyra, Missouri.

Kathy Nicholson presented to the board a report on Parents as Teachers. PAT serves 239 families, with 323 children. Sixty-five percent of these families have at least one high needs characteristic. Last year, the Palmyra PAT made 1,374 personal home visits and completed 335 screenings. PAT provides a variety of group connections for families, including Paw Patrol Fun, a booth at Taste of Palmyra, Western Roundup, Just Me and My Dad Tool Time, Kindergarten Here We Come, Big Truck Rally, Library Summer Fun, as well as Elementary programs and events.

Brian Wosman presented to the board a report on District Transportation. The district runs 10 daily bus routes. Buses have logged 21,252.10 route miles from the first day of school through the beginning of October. The district runs four Early Childhood/Special Education Routes Monday through Friday. ECSE routes have logged 1,556 miles so far this year. District buses have had 67 trips, logging 7,143.44 miles so far this school year. This summer the district purchased a new software program to aid in the operation of the transportation department. The program can be used to create more efficient bus routes and provide accurate pick up and drop off information for route drivers.

The building principals presented the board with their monthly building reports.

The board discussed the annual Missouri School Boards Association meeting that was attended by Stephanie Bross, Oneta Crowe, Doug Meyers, and Kirt Malone.

The board discussed the annual School Board Retreat and Work Session set for Saturday, December 2, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Agenda topics and strategic planning were discussed.

In new business, the board heard a first reading of policy updates.

The board heard an update on the Annual Performance Report. DESE has scheduled to release district Annual Performance Reports in November.

In other regular business, the board voted to hire Triston Jones as High School Secretary.

The board voted to approve additions to the substitute teacher list as presented.