

Board of Education Special Meeting / Board Retreat

Wednesday, July 12, 2023 6:30 PM

Transformation Marketing

208 Locust Street

Panama, NE 68419

District Mission:

“Together we prepare our students to successfully meet the challenges of the future.”

Strategic Goal 1: District OR-1 Public Schools will provide the facilities needed to be competitive with other area schools in athletics and fine arts programs.

Strategic Goal 2: District OR-1 Public Schools will foster a unified community.

Strategic Goal 3: District OR-1 Public Schools will continuously implement (academic) programs and the curriculum needed to remain competitive with other area schools.

Attendance Taken at 6:40 PM.

Dean Busch: Present

Jaimi Calfee: Present

Tim Cheney: Absent

Brandon Desh: Present

Dee Moore: Present

Josh Penterman: Present

This information was posted in the following public formats:

- The Voice News (weekly area newspaper)
- Farmers' Merchants Bank - Palmyra
- Palmyra Post Office
- Palmyra High School
- Bennet Post Office
- Bennet Elementary School
- District OR-1 Website - <https://www.districtor1.org/>

1. Call to Order

- Board President Desh called the meeting to order at **6:30 p.m.**

2. Announcement of the Open Meetings Act Posting

- Board President Desh identified the location of the Open Meetings Act Poster on the wall in the meeting room.

- *Please note that no changes to the Open Meeting Act occurred during the latest Legislative session and the current Open Meetings Act information will stay current until further notice.*

3. Action Items

3.1. Presentation, discussion, and or official action to approve the 2023-2024 Palmyra High School Student Handbook. Motion to Approve the 2023-2024 Palmyra High School Student Handbook. This motion, made by Jaimi Calfee and seconded by Josh Penterman, Passed. Dean Busch: Yea, Jaimi Calfee: Yea, Brandon Desh: Yea, Dee Moore: Yea, Josh Penterman: Yea

- Discussion included the correction of a few staff names and staff assignments (these will be corrected and updated as soon as possible) and questions related to junior high school grading.
- No further discussion.

4. Board Retreat: Discussion Items

- The following topics were discussed during the meeting.
 - **Board Goals and Professional Development:** Discussion centered around board standards, upcoming professional learning events, and various ways to improve the efficiency of board meetings.
 - **Budget Overview:** Superintendent Hart presented materials related to the monthly financial reports, a summary of the types and uses of the various school funds, the history of school district levies, property valuations, recent legislative changes, and the impact of these policies on public schools, cost per student averages across various public school districts, special education costs, net option funding, and the purpose of the upcoming joint public hearings.
 - The Joint Public Hearing for Otose County is scheduled for **Thursday, September 21st, beginning at 6:30 p.m.** at the Fair Center Building in Syracuse. This building is located at 135 Plum Street.
 - **Committee Meeting Schedule:** The board committee assignments were reviewed and will be updated again in January 2024. No further discussion.
 - **Construction Update and Project Discussion:** The discussion centered around bus transportation, routes, loading and unloading of students before and after school, expected traffic patterns for the beginning of school at both buildings, playground renovation and parking lots, and pre-cast and concrete work beginning soon at both buildings.
 - **Personnel Update:** Superintendent Hart gave an update on personnel changes in the district and the implementation of more digital processes throughout the district.
 - **Strategic Planning and School Improvement:** Superintendent Hart reviewed the *Guiding Principles* of our strategic planning process and the prioritization summary for strategic planning processes.
 - Both of these documents are now attached to this agenda item.

5. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Chairperson

Superintendent