

A Meeting of the Board of Education of the Ozark Mountain School District.

Type: Regular

Place: St. Joe Campus – Administration Building

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Date: March 19, 2018

Members Present: Jesse Rose, Travis Freeman, Ben Taylor, Donald Morris, and Jared Morgan.

Members Absent: Randy Brumley, Brad Gibson

The Ozark Mountain School District's March Board meeting was called to order by Board President, Mr. Jesses Rose at 6:07 p.m.

Mr. Ben Taylor made the motion to accept the February 19, 2018 Board Minutes as presented. Mr. Travis Freeman second the motion and motion passed unanimously.

The Financial Report for February 2018 was presented by Superintendent, Mr. Jayme Jones. Mr. Jones provided comparison from February's 2017 to 2018 Financial Report when Board member Ben Taylor questioned why such a difference in Operating Fund from one year to the next. Mr. Jones speculated that it was possibly Isolated Funding and explained that we were down 5-10 students from last year. Conversation was renewed regarding the increasing number of students that were being Home Schooled this year and the loss of revenue from these students. A motion was made by Travis Freeman, and second by Donald Morris, for Ms. Andrea Pendarvis to develop a curriculum and an initiative to recruit Home Schooled students. Motion unanimously passed. After further discussion, Jared Morgan made the motion to accept the February 2018 Financial Report, Ben Taylor second, and motion passed.

Ms. Mitzi Cantrell presented the proposed 2018-2019 School Calendar approved through Certified and Classified PPC. Ms. Cantrell reported that the calendar gave teachers the required 190 contract days, the required 178 days for students, 5 snow days, 36 Professional Development hours, and 40-50 days per quarter. It was decided that Graduation 2019 would be on Saturday, May 11, 2019 with Bruno-Pyatt being held at NOON, Saint Joe at 2:00 p.m., and Western Grove at 4:00 p.m. The motion was made by Ben Taylor to accept the 2018-2019 School Calendar as presented. Travis Freeman second the motion and the motion passed.

Next on the agenda was the FBLA State Conference in Little Rock on April 8, 2018. Ms. Tamara Ross, FBLA Sponsor on the Bruno-Pyatt campus, was introduced and the floor was given to her to make a plea to the OMSD Board to travel separately from St. Joe and Western Grove to the conference. Ms. Ross felt that her student members had worked very hard through fund raising efforts and should be awarded accordingly. She also stated that time management and the logistics of the conference did not make it feasible for the students to ride, eat, and lodge together. Ms. Ross said that she surveyed her students and they voted to travel separately and were willing to pay for a sub bus driver and fuel. Mr. Taylor questioned if all three campus sponsors had met to converse about travel. Ms. Ross said that Western Grove FBLA had a new sponsor this year, Ms. Emily Little, and she wanted to ride with another group and Mr. Cody Hudson, St. Joe's FBLA sponsor was making travel arrangements on her behalf. Board Member, Donald Morris, asked how hard it would be to all three sponsors to get together and develop an agenda so that OMSD students to be together and represent as a District? It was also asked as to how many students we were expecting to participate in the Conference. Ms. Ross stated that she thought

Bruno-Pyatt had thirteen, Western Grove had four, and St. Joe had twelve for a total of 29 for this year's Conference. Ms. Ross also felt she would be safer staying in Conway, AR versus Little Rock with her students. Mr. Taylor reported that he had investigated that and found that crime per population was actually greater in Conway. The Board was in agreement, and thought a statement had previously been issued, that all OMSD campuses needed to travel together, not just for FBLA, but for other extra-curricular events and conferences, such as FFA. Donald Morris made the motion that as previously discussed, all three FBLA Chapters needed to ride down together, stay at the same Hotel and eat together, representing Ozark Mountain School District. Jared Morgan second the motion and the motion passed with a four to one vote.

Mr. Jones shared that the Legislative Joint Audit had no significant audit finding and that the full report would soon be available for sharing. He stated that the OMSD Administrative Office had already adopted additional internal control procedures and that he was signing off on all Accounts Payable. Mr. Ben Taylor made the motion to accept the Committees findings, Donald Morris second, and the motion passed.

A Written Code of Conduct for Employees involved in Procurement in the Child Nutrition Program was then presented by Mr. Jones. He stated that Code 8.41 was a requirement to add to our Policies. Jared Morgan made the motion to accept, Ben Taylor second, and motion unanimously passed.

One Petition for Transfer of Student request had been made for Dylan Fiveash. Donald Morris made the motion to accept the request for the student to transfer from Western Grove to the Harrison School District, Travis Freeman second, and the motion passed. Mr. Jones shared with the Board that some districts only process transfer requests twice a year and asked that is something that the OMSD Board would be interested in. The Board elected to monthly see the students that were requesting to transfer, but would vote once per semester.

Mr. Jones presented the personnel matters of the District. Mr. Jones recommended the hire of Ms. Stephanie Whitsell for the Title I Paraprofessional position opening at the Bruno-Pyatt campus. Donald Morris made the motion to accept, Travis Freeman second, motion passed.

Mr. Jones made the recommendation to accept the resignations of Ms. Amy Robins as the Special Education Teacher at Bruno-Pyatt campus. Ben Taylor made the motion to accept resignation, Jared Morgan second, motion passed.

Mr. Jones made the recommendation to accept the resignation of Ms. Latasha Holt, as a paraprofessional at the Bruno-Pyatt campus. Travis Freeman made the motion to accept resignation, Donald Morris second, and motion passed.

Mr. Jones made the recommendation to accept the resignation of Ms. Kristian Goodrich as a Cook on the St. Joe campus. Mr. Jones explained that Ms. Goodrich was just hired last month but had decided to accept employment elsewhere. Jared Morgan made the motion to accept resignation, Ben Taylor second, motion passed.

Conversation was then directed towards the open Basketball Coach position on the Bruno-Pyatt campus. Mr. Jones stated that there were approximately 20 applicants thus far and he planned to interview the top 3 and bring a recommendation to the Board.

The Ozark Mountain School District Board went into Executive Session at 7:10 p.m.

The Ozark Mountain School District Board reconvened at 8:15 p.m. with no action taken.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m. with the next OMSD Board Meeting currently scheduled for April 16, 2018.

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Board President, Mr. Jesse Rose

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Board Secretary, Jared Morgan