

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: February 18, 2019

Members Present: Jesse Rose, Ben Taylor, Brad Gibson, Donald Morris, Gary Lovell, and Mona Elliott.

Members Absent: Travis Freeman

Ozark Mountain School Board President, Mr. Jesse Rose called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m...

Ben Taylor made the motion to accept the minutes of the January 22, 2019 Board meeting as presented. Donald Morris second the motion and the motion unanimously passed.

Ms. Deannie Stills reported the month end financials of the District with an ending bank balance of \$1,165,104.66. Ben Taylor made the motion to accept the January 2019 Financial Report as presented, Mona Elliott second the motion, and motion passed.

Next on the agenda was Senior Class Day Trips propose by OMSD Principals. Before hearing proposals, the Board wanted to set a cap on per diem/student for the field trips. Donald Morris made the motion to allow a maximum per diem per student of \$75.00 for all three campuses (Each campus is not required to meet \$75 per diem but cannot exceed). Brad Gibson second the motion and motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Knapp presented the requested trip for the St. Joe campus to visit Incredible Pizza in Springfield, MO on April 5, 2019. There will be approximately 10 that will get to participate, and the cost associated will be around \$540.00 plus a \$20 per diem/student. Mona Elliott made the motion to approve the St. Joe senior day trip to Incredible Pizza in Springfield, MO, Donald Morris second and the motion passed.

Nichole Cunningham reported that the Bruno-Pyatt seniors would like to have two separate day trips. The first, planned for March 8, 2019, would be to Springfield, MO for breakfast, arcade, Wonders of Wildlife at Bass Pro Shops, and dinner before heading home. The second trip would be later in the spring semester and a Float Day on the Buffalo River. After much discussion on the liability of a float trip, Ben Taylor made the motion to allow the first day trip to Springfield, MO but instead of a Buffalo River float trip, bring all three campus seniors together for a cookout or some other group event. Mona Elliott second and the motion unanimously passed.

Billy Carter present the Western Gove seniors' day trip proposal planned for April 18, 2019. The Western Grove seniors would like to travel to Springfield, MO and visit Battlefield Mall, Bass Pro, Incredible Pizza, and Golden Corral. Donald Morris made the motion to accept the Western Grove senior day trip proposal, Gary Lovell second, and motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Carter was asked to give an update on the vandalism that occurred on the Western Grove campus sometime in the overnight hours of March 16-17, 2019. Mr. Carter gave an overview of the destruction, reported that there was over \$10,000 in damages, and that the student who had broken in and

vandalized turned himself into the Newton County Sheriff. Mr. Carter stated that clean up and repairs were underway and that he would keep the Board updated.

Mr. Jones reported on HB 1145 and showed the Board a video of Gov. Hutcheson's press conference signing the bill into law. The law increases teachers' salaries \$4,000 over the next four years. The new law will have impact on 168 of the total 235 school districts in the State of Arkansas. The Governor has set aside \$60 million to help the 168 Districts meet the new minimum, but with the fund matrix design, there is still a projected shortfall for OMSD of approximately \$500,000 over the four years. Mr. Norman Hill will be visiting OMSD soon to discuss financials and budgeting for teacher salary increases, increase in ATRS, increase in outsource surcharge, and other financial issues.

Next on the Agenda was the renewal of Principal contracts for the 2019-2020 school year. Ben Taylor made the motion to renew the contracts of Jesse Knapp, Nichole Cunningham, and Billy Carter for SY 19-20, Mona Elliott second the motion and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Jones made the motion the Board accept the resignation of District Secretary, Ms. Carrie Green effective February 22, 2019. Donald Morris accepted the motion as presented, Ben Taylor second, motion passed.

Mr. Jones recommended the Board accept the Petition for Transfer of Students Request for:

Victoria Grinder from St. Joe to Valley Springs School
James Thomas from Bruno-Pyatt to Valley Springs

Ben Taylor made the motion to accept the transfers as presented, Brad Gibson second the motion, motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Jones requested that due to Spring Break, the Board reschedule the March 2019 Board meeting from March 18 to March 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m... All Board members agreed to the rescheduled date.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. with the next scheduled Board meeting for Ozark Mountain School District March 11, 2019.

Respectfully submitted.

Board President, Mr. Jesse Rose

Board Vice President, Mr. Ben Taylor