

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

Type: Report to Public

Place: St. Joe Campus – Administration Building

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Date: September 16, 2019

Members Present: Jesse Rose, Ben Taylor, Donald Morris, Brad Gibson, Mona Elliott, and Travis Freeman

Members Absent: Gary Lovell

Ozark Mountain School Board President, Mr. Jesse Rose, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m...

Donald Morris made the motion to accept the minutes of the August 12, 2019 Board meeting as presented. Brad Gibson second the motion and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Saylor presented the Financial Report with the Board for the month of August 2019, (reminding them of the past years deficit spending of over \$300,000) with an ending balance of \$967,678.82. Ben Taylor made the motion to accept the August Financial Report as presented, Mona Elliott second, and motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Saylor presented the Board with a Report to the Public packet that reflected the districts Accreditation Status, Federal Programs, Test Data, and district overview. Mr. Saylor then opened the floor to the public for comment. After a parent plea, special consideration, and for the protection of student, an exception to Board policy was recommended by Mr. Saylor for the approval of a Petition for Transfer of Student. Mona Elliott made the motion to accept the recommendation, Donald Morris second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Saylor introduced Mr. Dan Lovelady from First Security Beardsley, and turned the floor over to him for School Board Finance Training and reported that two (2) credit hours would be awarded for this training. Mr. Lovelady reviewed OMSD finances with the Board, including financing options, debt service mills, short-term debt, State Foundation Funding, bonded and non-bonded debt, and assets vs. debts. After some question and answer from the Board, Mr. Saylor thanked Mr. Lovelady for his time and presentation.

Next on the Agenda was the 2019-2020 Proposed Budget. With the proposed budget, OMSD has a beginning balance of \$1,171,531.60 and an ending balance of \$1,446,711.87. After discussion, Ben Taylor made the motion to accept the 2019-2020 Proposed Budget as presented, Donald Morris second, and motion unanimously passed.

Mona Elliott made the motion move into Executive Session to discuss Personnel at 7:05 p.m., Brad Gibson second, and the Board moved to Executive Session. At 7:20 p.m., Donald Morris made the motion that the OMSD School Board reconvene, Ben Taylor second and all approved.

Mr. Saylor made the recommendation to accept the resignation and new hire of positions as presented. Travis Freeman made the motion to accept, Mona Elliott second and the motion unanimously passed.

Resignation of Position:

Classified Employee Name

Cortney Mills

Position

St. Joe – Level I Cook

New Hires:

Classified Employee Name

Rhonda Newton

Watina Caviness

Position

St. Joe – Level I Cook

Paraprofessional – no more than four (4) hours/day
no more than twelve (12) hours/week

Mr. Saylor presented *Business & Financial Management Policy 7.14 A – Activity Trips*. This policy proposal is to raise the hourly rate of pay for extended school trip hourly rate of pay to \$10.00 to comply with the 2020 state minimum wage. Travis Freeman made the motion to accept as presented, Ben Taylor second and motion unanimously passed. Mr. Saylor also introduced *Classified Policy 8.45 – Concessions Stand Supervisor*. This policy would allow a supervisor of concessions on all three campuses to be paid \$45 per game night for ordering, set-up and clean up of concessions. Ben Taylor made the motion to allow proposed policy review through PPC, Travis Freeman second and motion passed. Policy will come back to Board next month for approval.

In pursuant of Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-202, Mr. Saylor presented the Board with ADE Statement of Assurance for Ozark Mountain School District. Ben Taylor made the motion to accept, Donald Morris second, motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Saylor shared with the Board about the Solar Power Agreement with Entegrity Solar. Entegrity Solar visited campuses to review two plots of land, the lower end of property at Bruno-Pyatt and a section on the St. Joe Campus that butts up next to the Fire Department. Entegrity likes the Bruno-Pyatt property best and would like to lease on a per month basis. Mr. Saylor will work on a fair lease price that will benefit both parties and bring back to the Board during the October meeting.

Mr. Saylor informed the Board of upcoming ASBA School Board Training opportunities. He encouraged members to visit with him or Lori Currie to register for training sessions. The Administration office will also check into the OUR Co-op for additional trainings.

Next on the agenda, Mr. Saylor presented and recommended the approval of the Title I Program. Mona Elliott made the motion to accept as presented, Travis Freeman second the motion and motion unanimously passed.

In General Discussion, Mr. Saylor informed the Board that this year's Sr. Trips would be limited to day trips only with guidelines of transportation. Buses will leave no earlier than 7:00 a.m. and returning no later than 10:00 p.m... Mr. Saylor also share some ideas eliminating senior trips that were implemented and received well at other districts. At a later date, Mr. Saylor will present other options for SY '21.

Also in General Discussion, Mr. Saylor asked the Board to be thinking about reinstating the Dean of Students position. Mr. Saylor expressed concern of the hours and expectations of Principals and believes that a Dean of Students position could be redefined and revamped to assist with athletic events.

With no other items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.... The next Ozark Mountain School Board meeting will be October 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Building on the St. Joe Campus

Respectfully submitted.

Board President, Mr. Jesse Rose

Board Vice President, Mr. Ben Taylor