

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

Type: Regular Session

Place: St. Joe Campus – Administration Building

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Date: February 20, 2020

Members Present: Jesse Rose, Donald Morris, Mona Elliott, Travis Freeman, Brad Gibson, and Gary Lovell

Members Absent: Ben Taylor

Ozark Mountain School Board President, Mr. Jesse Rose, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m...

Travis Freeman made the motion to accept the January 20, 2020 Board Minutes as presented, Donald Morris second the motion and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Saylor presented to the Board the Financial Report for the month of January 2020, with an ending balance of \$1,295,472.96. He also referenced the Enrollment Comparison report noting that enrollment had jumped from same time last year by 36 students and up 12 students from January's report. Mr. Saylor contributed this to the Digital Learning program and the efforts of those promoting the Learning Academy. Mona Elliott made the motion to accept the January Financial Report as presented, Gary Lovell second, and motion unanimously passed.

Next on the agenda, Mr. Saylor informed the Board of grants OMSD had received and one that was pending. The Go Red! Grant awarded \$25,000 to OMSD towards the purchase of a new school bus to reduce diesel emissions. Monique Wilson, Mary Jones and Duane Ingram were key personnel that contributed to this grant. Mrs. Saylor successfully penned the CTE – Criminal Justice grant for which OMSD was awarded over \$90,000 to develop a Criminal Justice program. Pending is a USDA Rural Development grant matching 35%, if approved, OMSD will receive a total of \$51,506 to purchase needed equipment for each campus.

In personnel, Mr. Saylor made the recommendation to hire Mr. Kenny DeYoung as the CTE – Criminal Justice instructor and district resource officer for the 2020-2021 school year. Travis Freeman made the motion to accept the recommendation as presented, Donald Morris second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Saylor informed the Board that a contract with the solar group was near but lawyers representing OMSD and Mt. View were reviewing and negotiations were being finalized. Once completed, the plan will go to Entergy for approval and Mr. Saylor is hopeful that a contract will be presented at next month's meeting.

Next on the Agenda was Policy 6.13 – Spectator Conduct. Mr. Saylor made the recommendation to accept Policy 6.13 – Spectator Conduct, effective immediately, to address fan behavior at OMSD athletic events. Travis Freeman made the motion to accept as presented, Gary Lovell second and the motion unanimously passed. The Policy will be shared and posted to the district website and in the gymnasiums at all campuses.

Mr. Saylor presented the Board with a calendar for School Year 2020-2021. The 4-day school week calendar has classes beginning on August 18, 2020 and last day of May 21, 2021. Donald Morris made the motion to accept the SY '21 calendar as presented and send to PPC for review, Mona Elliott second and motion unanimously passed.

Next on the Agenda was Ozark Mountain School District Basketball for the 2020-2021 School Year. Mr. Saylor shared with the Board the projected numbers for next year's teams, games cancellations that occurred this year due to low numbers, and cost associated with the teams. After much discussion, the agenda item was tabled for a future meeting.

Mr. Saylor shared with the Board that he had traveled to Missouri and met with the Superintendents of Mark Twain and Lutie School Districts where our students are enrolled across Lake Bull Shoals. After their visit, Mr. Saylor again reached out to Arkansas' Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Pfeffer, and shared the struggles that all districts associated were accruing and reiterated that the Lead Hill School District was very interested in acquiring this student population. Dr. Pfeffer responded that if the school districts of Yellville, Flippin, and Mountain Home all agreed, the State Board of Education would grant the zoned parcel of land and student population to Lead Hill School District. Mona Elliott made the motion that OMSD give the zoned parcel of land and the student population associated, to the Lead Hill School District, if the neighboring districts were in compliance. Brad Gibson second the motion and the motion unanimously passed.

In General Discussion, Mr. Saylor provided an update of the Ozark Mountain Learning Academy and the positive response he and Rose were receiving during scheduled Parent Nights promoting the program. Mr. Saylor also shared a meal comparison chart showing that to date; we have served 7,690 more meals over this time last year. He contributed those numbers to Provision 2 and the Districts ability to provide free meals for students on each campus.

With no other items on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.... The next Ozark Mountain School Board meeting will be March 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. on the St. Joe Campus.

Respectfully submitted.

Board President, Mr. Jesse Rose

Board Secretary, Mr. Donald Morris