

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

Type: Regular Session

Place: St. Joe Campus - Gymnasium

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Date: September 17, 2020

Members Present: Jesse Rose, Brad Gibson, Travis Freeman, Donald Morris, Ben Taylor, Gary Lovell, and Mona Elliott (via ZOOM).

Members Absent: None

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

Ben Taylor made the motion to accept the August 20, 2020 Regular Session and the September 1, 2020 Special Session Board Minutes as presented, Mona Elliott second the motion and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Saylor presented to the Board the Preliminary Financial Report for month ending August 31, 2020 in which Ozark Mountain reports a total ending balance of \$1,746,315.43. Travis Freeman questioned the consolidation in the Activity Accounts of the Bruno-Pyatt, St. Joe and Western Grove Pee Wee Basketball programs into the combined District-Wide Athletic Activity account. Mr. Freeman stated that there was over \$14,000 in the Western Grove Pee Wee program and shared his objection to the consolidation of their Pee Wee basketball revenue being combined with the other campuses. Mr. Saylor stated that his understanding of the motion made during the March 16, 2020 Board Meeting by Mr. Freeman was to give him the authority to make decisions in a manner that was fair to all three (3) campuses and their communities pertaining to OMSD Basketball with 100% Board approval. Board President, Mr. Jesse Rose stated that since athletics had been combined, it only made sense to have one (1) activity account. Mr. Saylor reassured Mr. Freeman, and other board members, that OMSD would take care of their students and all three campuses would still be allowed to play Pee Wee basketball. After much conversation, Mona Elliott made the motion to accept the Financial Report for month ending August 31, 2020 as presented, Ben Taylor second the motion and the Financial Report was approved with a 4-2 vote with Travis Freeman and Brad Gibson opposing.

Mr. Saylor made the recommendation to approve the slate of requested Petition for Transfer of Students into OMSD. Travis Freeman made the motion to accept, Donald Morris second, and the motion unanimously passed.

Transfers In To Ozark Mountain School District:

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Resident District</u>	<u>Receiving District</u>
Ava Middleton	5	Valley Springs	OMSD – WG
Olivia Middleton	8	Valley Springs	OMSD – WG
Angel Waldon	16	Valley Springs	OMSD – WG
Maddyson Waldon	11	Valley Springs	OMSD – WG
Katelynn Waldon	9	Valley Springs	OMSD – WG
Hudsyn Hargis	9	Eureka Springs	OMLA
Halle Hargis	5	Eureka Springs	OMLA

Mr. Saylor recommended the Board move into Executive Session to discuss Personnel. Donald Morris made the motion that the Board move into Executive Session at 6:05 p.m., Gary Lovell second, and the Board entered Executive Session.

At 6:30 p.m. Donald Morris made the motion that the Board reconvene from Executive Session, Travis Freeman second, and the meeting reconvened. Mr. Saylor recommended that the Board increase the contract days of the three school nurses for their work with the COVID-19 pandemic and reporting. Ariel Kelly will receive 20 additional days for her service as Point of Contact for the district, Amber Smith and Kelsey Treadwell will each receive 10 additional days for being assigned Assistant Points of Contact. Mr. Saylor also mentioned to the Board that if the virus continues, and as district cases increase, he may comeback and ask for additional service compensation. Travis Freeman made the motion to increase the number of contract days as proposed for the three (3) school nurses, Donald Morris second, and the motion unanimously passed. Next in Personnel was the resignation of Valerie Trammell as a Paraprofessional on the Bruno-Pyatt Campus. Donald Morris made the motion to accept the resignation as presented of Valerie Trammel, Ben Taylor second, and the motion unanimously passed.

Resignation of Position:

Classified Employee Name

Position

Valerie Trammell

BP - Paraprofessional

Mr. Saylor presented the Board with the *Arkansas Department of Education Annual Financial Report for 2019-2020 and Budget for 2020-2021*. Ben Taylor made the motion to accept as presented, Travis Freeman second, and motion unanimously passed.

Next, Mr. Saylor shared with the Board the *Preliminary Title I Budget* for school year 2020-2021. Mona Elliott made the motion to accept as presented, Donald Morris second and motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Saylor recommended to the Board that they accept the COVID- 19 Emergency Leave policies (3.32.1 – *Licensed Personnel COVID Emergency Leave* and 8.23.1 – *Classified Personnel COVID Emergency Leave*) developed by ASBA, and sent to Licensed and Classified PPC committees after the August 20, 2020 Board meeting for approval. Travis Freeman made the motion to accept the policies as presented, Brad Gibson second and the motion unanimously passed. Mr. Saylor also presented a proposed revision to current policy 7.14 A – *Activity Trips*. The proposal makes the policy 7.14 A – *Activity and Extracurricular Trips*, increases pay for the Activity, Class, and Extended Trips to the new minimum wage of \$11 per hour. It also increases ALE Shuttle pay to \$12.50 for a one-way trip and increases the Athletic Shuttle rate of pay to \$12.50 for a one-way Short Route and to \$25 for a Long Route round-trip. Mona Elliott made the motion to accept revised policy 7.14 A as presented, Gary Lovell second, and the motion unanimously passed.

Next on the agenda was the *Ozark Mountain School District Plan of Support* for school year 2020-2021. Donald Morris made the motion to accept as presented, Travis Freeman second the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Saylor presented the Board with a list of items, prepared by David Pilgrim - Information Technology Director, that were needing to be recycled. These items had run their course and were no longer of any

value or use to the district. Travis Freeman made the motion to accept the list of items to be recycled by the district, Donald Morris second, and the motion unanimously passed.

Next, Mr. Saylor provided a COVID-19 update to the Board. He stated that OMSD had been following State guideline for which it was “highly recommended” a quarantine for anyone that was within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes of a positive case and additional quarantine of siblings in the same household. Mr. Saylor stated that on September 16, 2020 at 2:00 p.m., the district received an email from Lana Boggs, AR Dept of Health – Community Health Specialist, that stated adjusted guidelines allowing loosened criteria for quarantine. Mr. Saylor wanted to the Board’s recommendation on how they wanted him to proceed. After discussion, Board President, Mr. Rose advised Mr. Saylor to follow the most current set of Arkansas Department of Health guidelines.

Mr. Saylor reported on the status of the Western Grove Gymnasium inspection and the upcoming AR State Report. Architect, Craig Boone, had inspected the cracked wall of the gymnasium at Western Grove and had determined that the building was not “unsafe” but it did have issues of any building that was 60 plus years old. Within the next two (2) weeks, Mr. Saylor, Mr. Boone, and Ms. Aliza Jones (OMSD’s Facilities Coordinator) will conduct an inspection of the entire district and submit a report to the State Department. After receiving the report from OMSD, the State Department will then conduct their own inspection of the entire district. Ben Taylor asked about the possibility of building a new high school to house all 7th – 12th grade students. Mr. Saylor shared that he thought the State Department was trying to help the district and encouraged Board member to be thinking about building a new facility within the next four or five years, especially if the State was would pay over 50% of the cost.

In General Discussion, Mr. Saylor shared the directive issued by the Governor for fall athletics. For basketball season, OMSD can only admit up to 66% of capacity into any gymnasium. Many of the neighboring school districts have gone to an online ticket purchasing agency that tracks numbers and cuts off ticket sales when the maximum occupancy is reached. These agencies can also assist with contact tracing should anyone come down with COVID based on seat numbers and who was sitting around any potential positive or probable case. Mr. Saylor also addressed the issue that none of our gymnasiums could hold a large number of fans, even before the 66% capacity, and was considering reaching out to North Arkansas Community College to host some of the larger rival games on the OMSD basketball schedule, such as Jasper, Bergman and Lead Hill. Mr. Saylor stated that he was also working with Cody Hudson and David Pilgrim for the best platform to broadcast all OMSD Basketball games. Mr. Saylor will report his findings at the next Board meeting.

With no other items on the agenda, Ben Taylor made the motion to adjourn, Mona Elliott second and the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m....

Respectfully submitted.

Board President, Mr. Jesse Rose

Board Vice President, Mr. Ben Taylor