

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: December 16, 2020

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

Members Absent: None

Ozark Mountain School Board President, Mr. Jesse Rose, called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m...

Ben Taylor made the motion to accept the November 18, 2020 Regular Session Board Minutes as presented, Donald Morris second the motion and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Saylor presented to the Board the Preliminary Financial Report for month ending November 30, 2020, in which Ozark Mountain reports a total ending balance of \$1,587,604. Mona Elliott made the motion to accept the monthly financials as presented, Waylon Lewis second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Saylor provided an update to the progress of the Solar project with no motion required.

Next on the agenda Mr. Saylor presented a slate of Classified personnel that require a contract extension into the Spring semester to complete SY '21. At their original date of hire, these employees were issued a fall semester only contract due to the COVID pandemic. Ben Taylor made the motion to issue Spring semester contracts to the slate of personnel as presented, Donald Morris second and the motion unanimously passed.

### **New Hires:**

| <u>Name</u>       | <u>Classified Position</u>         |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| Stephanie Overman | OMLA – Registrar (103 days)        |
| Trish Tyler       | OMLA – Paraprofessional (100 days) |
| Watina Caviness   | BP – Paraprofessional (100 days)   |
| Ronna Richardson  | BP – Level I Cook (100 days)       |
| Chasity Saxon     | SJ – Level I Cook (100 days)       |

Next on the agenda was the contract proposal with First Security Beardsley (FSB). Mr. Saylor recommended to the Board that OMSD enter into a two-year agreement with FSB. Ben Taylor made the motion to employ First Security Beardsley as Financial Advisor for a period of two (2) years effective as of the date Board adoption, Waylon Lewis second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Saylor shared with the Board the current Facilities status with condition assessment, cost estimates and the press box and restroom construction at the Baseball Field on the Bruno Pyatt Campus. Aliza Jones and Craig Boone will attend the January meeting to further update the Board.

Next, Mr. Saylor shared with the Board a date change for OMSD's 2021 graduation. The new graduation date is May 15, 2021 on the North Arkansas College Campus. More details will follow in upcoming months.

Mr. Saylor presented to the Board the Madison/Newton County Hazardous Mitigation Plan and OMSD's Resolution. Waylon Lewis made the motion to adopt the portions of the plan relating to and protecting OMSD's jurisdictional areas against all hazards as developed by the plan for the purpose of building a safer community. Donald Morris second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Saylor provided an update on COVID-19. OMSD has acquired a Binox Testing machine used for testing OMSD employees who are not showing symptoms of the virus. He also shared that, to date, OMSD has received over \$46,000 in reimbursement from the Governor's School Employee COVID-19 Emergency Leave program. However, these funds expire at the end of calendar year 2020.

Mr. Saylor presented to the Board a *Petition for Transfer of Students* request for Colby Wilkinson. Ben Taylor made the motion to accept the petition for transfer of student to remain in the Harrison School District, Mona Elliott second and the motion unanimously passed.

**Transfers Out of Ozark Mountain School District:**

| <u>Student Name</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Resident District</u> | <u>Receiving District</u> |
|---------------------|------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Colby Wilkinson     | 15         | Western Grove            | Harrison                  |

In General Discussion, Mr. Saylor informed the Board of the upcoming May 2021 School Board Elections. The first date to file is noon on February 22, 2021. Candidates need 20 signatures of registered voters from their Zone and encouraged those interested to begin circulating petitions. Mr. Saylor also introduced a Superintendent Survey for Board members to complete and submit to Board President, Mr. Jesse Rose, in the enclosed addressed and stamped envelope. Mr. Saylor reminded the Board that State law requires the board to evaluate the Superintendent every year and that the district could be in a bad situation if they ever terminated a Superintendent's contract without doing an evaluation. Mr. Saylor also shared with Board members that he personally did not think it was in the districts best interest to rehire a Superintendent in the month of January, which has been OMSD's traditional practice. He suggested that the board wait until later in the school year. Mr. Saylor reported that the Go RED! Grant had been closed and that OMSD had received \$21,396.65 from the grant. Those funds were used to assist in the purchase of OMSD's new school bus. Also in General Discussion was OMSD's Enrollment Comparison Report which shows the District's enrollment at 720, up almost 100 students from same time last year.

With no other items on the agenda, Donald Morris made the motion to adjourn, Waylon Lewis second and the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.... Due to a basketball schedule conflict, the January Board meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, January 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m...

Respectfully submitted.

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Board President, Mr. Jesse Rose

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Board Vice President, Mr. Ben Taylor