

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

Type: Regular Session

Place: St. Joe Campus

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Date: May 20, 2021

Members Present: Jesse Rose, Donald Morris, Ben Taylor, Waylon Lewis, Travis Freemans, 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 as presented the April 15, 2021 and April 29, 2021 Board minutes as presented. Donald Morris second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Saylor presented the Financial Report for month ending April 30, 2021. OMSD reports an ending balance of \$2,278,113.24. Mr. Saylor made note that the April 2021 financial report was up \$1.1 million over same time last year. Mr. Saylor contributed the increase in revenue to student growth and a decrease in employee hiring. Mr. Saylor shared with the Board that the Arkansas Department of Education had not yet approved OMSD's 2021-2022 Virtual Learning Application and the importance of the student enrollments for state funding. After much discussion, Travis Freeman made the motion to accept the April 2021 Financial Report as presented, Ben Taylor second and the motion unanimously passed.

Next on the agenda, Mr. Saylor introduced Scott Leal and Vixen James with United Country Roth Realty. Mr. Saylor recommended that the OMSD Board consider a land search utilizing the services of United Country Roth Realty (UCRR) to plan ahead for future consolidation of campuses. UCRR would be able to seek out property within the district and represent OMSD with negotiations with potential sellers. Mona Elliott made the motion for Mr. Saylor to negotiate with UCRR an agreement and bring back to the Board during the June Board meeting. Ben Taylor second and the motion passed with a 6-1 vote. Waylon Lewis opposed.

Mr. Saylor opened the floor to the OMSD Board to express their concerns with Principal's Billy Carter (Western Grove) and Jesse Knapp (St. Joe) about the Agriculture/FFA programs on each campus. Mr. Knapp shared that he had visited with the Agri instructor who shared that interest and demographics had changed over the years and there were not the numbers there once was in the program. Board members shared ideas that they would like for the Principal's to take back to the Agriculture instructors and to report back in the Fall. All agreed.

Donald Morris made the motion that the Board enter into Executive Session at 6:55 p.m., Waylon Lewis second, and the motion passed.

At 7:15 p.m., Donald Morris made the recommendation to reconvene, Waylon Lewis second, and the Board resumed in regular session.

Mr. Saylor read to the Board his letter of retirement, effective June 30, 2021. Travis Freeman made the motion to accept as presented and to begin advertising for the Superintendent position immediately. Waylon Lewis second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Saylor shared Personnel recommendations to accept the slate of Resignations and New Hires and the Certified Salary Schedule revisions as presented for the 2021-2022 school year. Travis Freeman made the motion to accept as presented, Waylon Lewis second and the motion unanimously passed.

**Resignation of Position:**

<u>Certified Employee Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Lindsey Graham	Digital Learning Coordinator - OMLA
Nathan Willems	Bruno-Pyatt - High School Science

<u>Classified Employee Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
None	None

**New Hires:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certified Position</u>
None	

<u>Name</u>	<u>Classified Position</u>
Rhea Freeman	Administrative Building - Level II Secretary
William Hyden	Western Grove - Level I Maintenance

Mr. Saylor made the recommendation to make Logan Hayes the OMSD Boys Basketball Coach of both the Jr and Sr. High teams, reassign Scarlett Smith from St. Joe High School Science to Math at Bruno-Pyatt and St. Joe, Brittany Mize to St. Joe Elementary, Miranda Dickey to High School Science at St. Joe, and utilize Cody Hudson for P.E. classes on the Bruno-Pyatt Campus, and to accept the Certified PPC stipend recommended revisions. Donald Morris made the motion to accept as presented, Waylon Lewis second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Saylor recommended that the Board accept the 2021-2022 Classified Salary Schedule as presented and allow Classified PPC to come back with changes in June, if they so choose. Travis Freeman made the motion to approve the 2021-2022 Classified Salary Schedule as presented, Gary Lovell second and the motion unanimously passed.

Next on the agenda was the Special Education VI-B application and Statement of Intent for IDEA Part B Funds. Mr. Saylor shared that the Board needed to approve the Statement of Intent in

order for OMSD to receive this funding. Travis Freeman made the motion to accept as presented, Gary Lovell second the motion and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Saylor recommended that the Board approve compensation for Cody Hudson as presented for the broadcasting on the 2020-2021 OMSD Basketball season on YouTube. Donald Morris made the motion to compensate as presented, Waylon Lewis second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Saylor made the motion for the revision of policies 3.46 - Licensed Personnel Vacations and 8.38 - Classified Personnel Vacations adding the statement "*Ozark Mountain School District does not pay for any unused vacation time*". Waylon Lewis made the motion to send the revision as presented to Certified and Classified PPC for approval. Travis Freeman second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Saylor made the recommendation to accept the slate of *Public School Choice* transfer applicants into the Ozark Mountain School District. Donald Morris made the recommendation to accept the School Choice applicants as presented, Gary Lovell second and the motion unanimously passed.

In General Discussion, Mr. Saylor shared the enrollment comparison report reflecting an enrollment increase by forty-four (44) students over same time last year and reminded the Board of the ground-breaking ceremony scheduled prior to the start of the June Board meeting for the Solar Project on the St. Joe Campus.

With no other items on the Agenda, Travis Freeman made the motion to adjourn and Donald Morris second. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m...

Respectfully submitted.

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Board President, Mr. Jesse Rose

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Board Vice President, Mr. Ben Taylor