

November 18, 2021- Regular Session, Ozark Mountain School Board Minutes

Type: Regular Session Board Meeting

Place: St. Joe Campus, Admin Building

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Date: November 18, 2021

Members Present: Jesse Rose, Ben Taylor, Travis Freeman, Gary Lovell, Travis Dixon, and Donald Morris

Members Absent: Matt Urioste

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

Travis Freeman made the motion to accept the minutes of the October 20, 2021 Board meeting. Ben Taylor second the motion and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis presented the Financial Report for the month ending October 31, 2021. OMSD reports an ending balance of \$2,854,281.82. Mr. Lewis shared that Food Service still has a negative balance, but has improved since last month. The athletics activity account was discussed and has shown a significant increase since the last board meeting. Travis Freeman made the motion to accept the Financial Report for month ending October 31, 2021 as presented, Donald Morris second and the motion unanimously passed.

Tina Cole, with Marion County, was scheduled to present the Resolution to Adopt the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for Marion County, but was unable to attend the Board Meeting. Mr. Lewis shared the information to the board with Donald Morris making a motion to accept the Resolution as presented. Travis Freeman second, with the motion unanimously passed.

Next item on the agenda was Personnel. Travis Freeman made the motion to accept the following resignations:

<u>Certified Employee Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Sherri Ragland	SJ – 2 nd grade teacher	Dec 31, 2021

<u>Classified Employee Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Angel Wilson	BP – Paraprofessional	Dec 31, 2021
Ronna Richardson	SJ – Level I Cook	

Travis Dixon second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis presented to the board OMSD’s Staff Retention Pay Plan. The two year plan will pay certified/classified employee’s meeting the criteria outlined \$500 during the pay periods of December 2021, May 2022, December 2022, and May 2023 utilizing ESSER Funds. Travis Freeman asked for a rough estimate of the cost across the district and Mr. Lewis said roughly \$60,000 per year with a budget of \$120,000 budgeted for the two years. Ben Taylor made the motion to accept the Staff Retention Pay Plan, Donald Morris second and the motion unanimously passed.

Next on the agenda was the 2020 Census/Zoning information as it pertains to the Voter Fair Rights Act. The Searcy County Clerk contacted Mr. Lewis suggesting OMSD revisit its zone boundaries and consider rezoning. Upon further conversation, Mr. Lewis contacted OMSD’s Legal Counsel and determined OMSD does not have to rezone, unless they chose to do so and the deadline for rezoning is December 2, 2021. Mr. Lewis made the recommendation to not make any changes to the zoning at this time. After conversations, Donald Morris made the motion to accept the recommendation as presented and not make any changes at this time. Ben Taylor second and the motion unanimously passed.

OMSD had one Petition for Transfer of Students Request. Travis Freeman made the motion to accept, Gary Lovell 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>
Alexys Owen	7	Valley Springs	Western Grove

Mr. Lewis shared that during the 2021 ASBA Fall Regional Meetings, awards were presented to board members who have earned at least 25 hours of in-service credit from ASBA or National School Boards Association accepted training. There were three outstanding board member awards were granted in the state and OMSD is proud to recognize board member, Donald Morris, as one of those recipients. Congratulations Mr. Morris and thank you for your service to this district and its constituents.

In General Discussion, Mr. Lewis updated the board on his vehicle lease agreement with Cowboy Chrysler. The lease was for six months or 15,000 miles, for which only 6,600 miles has been driven. Mr. Lewis spoke with Cowboy Chrysler and they do not have any 4x4 trucks currently in stock and advised him to keep the truck until one becomes available. Mr. Lewis shared upcoming Board Training opportunities and reminded members of the training hours required. Mr. Lewis again shared board election timeline with Travis Freeman to file for the school board election and stated he would reach out to Matt Urioste. Mr. Lewis updated the board on the USDA Grant to buy new school buses. Anstaff Bank required additional documentation for the removal of dual signatures so that APSRC could transfer OMSD's obligation of funds from operating to the two new grant accounts. This process in no way changes OMSD's internal policy. When the enrollment comparison report was presented, Ben Taylor asked what the test scores look like for onsite students versus digital students. Mr. Lewis explained the test scores to Ben Taylor. Mr. Lewis reminded the Board members to be thinking about rotating campuses for board meetings and they can discuss the options at the next board meeting. Principal reports were provided for the Board members and Mr. Lewis updated on COVID-19 cases. Currently, 8 students have tested positive for COVID-19 with 22 quarantined.

With no other items on the Agenda, Ben Taylor made the recommendation to adjourn the Regular Session November Board meeting, Donald Morris second and the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

The next scheduled Board meeting for Ozark Mountain School District is scheduled for December 16, 2021.

Jesse Rose, President

Date

Travis Freeman, Vice President

Date