

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

Type: Regular Session

Place: Bruno-Pyatt Campus

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Date: July 21, 2022

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

Members Absent: Matt Urioste

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

Mr. Lewis recommended that the Board approve the June 16, 2022 Regular Session Board Minutes as presented. Ben Taylor made the motion to accept the June Board Minutes as presented, Travis Dixon second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis presented the Financial Report for month ending June 30, 2022. OMSD reports an ending balance of \$4,207,115.06. Mr. Lewis shared with the Board that he wanted to wait until after Period 13 to make a recommendation that the District transfer some money into the Building Fund. With no further discussion, Donald Morris made the motion to accept the Financial Report for month ending June 30, 2022, Ben Taylor second and the motion unanimously passed.

Next on the Agenda was Personnel. Mr. Lewis made the recommendation to accept the slate of resignation, new hires and reassignments as presented to the Board. Jesse Rose made the motion to accept the slate of resignation, Donald Morris second and the motion unanimously passed. Travis Dixon made the recommendation to accept new hires as presented. Ben Taylor identified a family member on the New Hire list and recused himself from the vote. Gary Lovell second and the motion unanimously passed. Donald Morris made the recommendation to accept reassignments as presented Travis Dixon second and the motion unanimously passed.

Resignation of Position:

Certified Employee Name

Position

Lora Ogden

Elementary Teacher - SJ

Classified Employee Name

Position

Lynetta Lawrence

Declined – Level I Maintenance - WG

New Hires:

Name

Certified Position

Emily Goulet

Elementary Teacher - WG

<u>Name</u>	<u>Classified Position</u>
John Paul Eslinger	Bus Driver – SJ
Monica Jackson	Level I Cook – WG
Susanmary Swanson Peoples	Level I Cook – WG
Hannah Smith	Interventionist – SJ (ESSER Funds)

Reassignment or Additional Duties of Position:

<u>Certified Employee Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Gwendolyn Rains Taylor	Science – ½ time at SJ and ½ time at WG

Next on the Agenda was OMSD’s Digital Learning Plan. Mr. Lewis noted the plan was for two (2) years instead of three (3), and that for cost savings, the district was switching to Virtual Arkansas for high school students. Jesse Rose made the recommendation to accept the Digital Learning Plan as presented, Donald Morris second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis presented to the Board the Student Handbook for SY ’22-23 and provided them with a summary of changes to this year’s handbook. Mr. Lewis also noted that he sent out a survey to parents pertaining to ‘*Possession of Electronic Devices*’ and received 201 responses. The changes that were made to this policy reflected parental feedback. With no other questions, Travis Dixon made the motion to accept the 2022-2023 Student Handbook as presented, Gary Lovell second, and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis shared with the Board current OMSD policy 7.5 – Purchases and Procurements and two (2) proposals for this policies revision. After discussion of both proposals, Mr. Lewis made the recommendation to approve proposal two (2) to read “Purchases of commodities outside the State threshold of purchasing requirements require prior Board approval; however, if an emergency exists, the Superintendent may waive this requirement”, “The district will not solicit bids or otherwise contract for a sum greater than the State threshold with vendors that are on the "excluded parties list" if the contract is to be paid from federal funds” and “All purchases for a Federal program with an estimated purchase price and all purchases of commodities with an estimated purchase price that equals or exceeds the State threshold of purchasing requirements shall be procured by soliciting bids”. Donald Morris made the motion to accept policy revision two (2) as presented, Travis Dixon second, and the policy passed with a 5-1 vote with Ben Taylor opposing.

Next Agenda item was ADE’s Statement of Assurances for Programs Under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 as Amended by Every *Student Succeeds Act*. With no questions, Ben Taylor made the motion to accept as presented, Donald Morris second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis recommended the Board accept the *Arkansas Department of Education Teacher and Administrator Recruitment and Retention Plan*. Jesse Rose made the recommendation to accept the plan as presented, Ben Taylor second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis next provided the Board with new grant opportunities and recommended that OMSD apply for two (2) new USDA grants to purchase a 54-passenger bus for the Bruno-Pyatt Campus and a 14-passenger bus with a wheel chair lift for the St. Joe Campus. Jesse Rose made the motion to approve two new USDA grant applications as presented, Gary Lovell second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis was happy to report that Legislative Audit had completed the audit for SY ending June 30, 2021 with no reportable or federal findings. All supplemental findings were identified and responded to in May 2022. No vote was required for this agenda item.

Next, a proposed rate increase of \$90/hour to \$101/hour from Martin Physical Therapy was presented to the Board. Mr. Lewis explained that Medicaid reimbursements had increased but Martin Physical Therapy had not increased their rates and had lost some employees to clinics and didn't factor in the rising gas prices. Mr. Lewis felt accepting the proposed rate fees was the right thing to do. He explained that the increase of Medicaid reimbursements would off-set the rate increase by Martin Physical Therapy and would not cost the district. Jesse Rose made the motion to accept the proposed rate increase from Martin Physical Therapy for SY '22-23, Donald Morris second, and the motion unanimously passed.

Propane bids for SY '22-23 were presented to the Board for review. Mr. Lewis recommended the propane bid from Pinnacle Propane at \$1.95/gallon on pre-paid basis be accepted for school year 2022-2023. Travis Dixon made the motion to accept as presented, Gary Lovell second, and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis recommended that the Board accept the slate of *Petition for Transfer of Students* as presented. Donald Morris made the motion to accept the slate of *Petition for Transfer of Students* as presented, 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>
Brentley Olivan	9	Deer/Mt. Judea	OMSD – WG
Annabelle Olivan	7	Deer/Mt. Judea	OMSD – WG
Isaac Olivan	5	Deer/Mt. Judea	OMSD – WG
Payton Sisco	16	Harrison	OMSD – WG
Logan Sisco	13	Harrison	OMSD – WG
Kelton Wilson	15	Yellville-Summit	OMSD – BP
Kaitlyn Wilson	12	Yellville-Summit	OMSD – BP
Kaylee Wilson	16	Yellville-Summit	OMSD – BP

Transfers Out of Ozark Mountain School District:

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Resident District</u>	<u>Receiving District</u>
Owen McClintock	13	OMSD – SJ	Harrison

Intra-District Transfers:

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Resident School</u>	<u>Receiving School</u>
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In General Discussion, Mr. Lewis shared with the Board School Safety Training that SRO, Alex Clover was trying to set-up with County Sherriff Departments. Mr. Lewis identified many challenges having three separate campuses and one SRO with several minutes of travel time between and shared that some neighboring districts have started arming faculty and staff to protect their students. After discussion, Mr. Lewis agreed to bring additional information to the August Board meeting pertaining to trainings, cost associated, and arming faculty and staff on each campus.

With no other items on the Agenda, Donald Morris made the motion to adjourn and Jesse Rose second. With a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m....

Respectfully submitted.

Board President, Mr. Travis Freeman

Board Vice President, Matt Urioste