

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

Type: Regular Session

Place: Western Grove Campus - Cafeteria

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Date: September 20, 2022

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

Members Absent: Matt Urioste

Prior to the scheduled Board meeting, Ms. Nichole Cunningham presented the *2022-2023 OMSD Report to the Public* at 5:30 p.m...

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

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

Mr. Lewis presented the Financial Report for month ending August 31, 2022. OMSD reports an ending balance of \$4,083,045.55. Mr. Lewis shared with the Board that OMSD was able to transfer \$1,969,109.54 into the Building Fund, for a Building Fund balance of \$3,023,916.92. Mr. Rose questioned the beginning/ending balances of Activity Funds 7050 – SJ Gen Act Fund, 7058 – SJ Student Council, and 7510 – DW Yearbook. Mr. Lewis promised to check into the accounts in question and provide documentation to Mr. Rose in hopes to clear any confusion. With no further discussion, Donald Morris made the motion to accept the August 2022 Financial Report with revisions, Travis Dixon second, and the motion passed 5-1 with Mr. Ben Taylor abstaining.

Next on the Agenda, Mr. Dan Lovelady with First Security Beardsley presented the Board with a District Financial Report and Board Training. Mr. Lovelady reiterated that the previous years enrollment drives current year State Foundation Funding and the importance of not letting OMSD's millage debt expire. Mr. Lovelady recommended that in the next year or two, the Board needs to ask its patrons to continue the 11.5 mill debt or to increase millage for a future new school building. Ben Taylor asked what would happen if the District did not get an extension to the current mills and Mr. Lovelady said if the mill go off the books in 2027, OMSD would lose \$507,500. He explained the importance of community meetings to educating patrons of the need and cost before proposing the millage extension or increase. He informed the Board that there were 246 school districts in the State and only one (1) had zero debt mills.

Mr. Lewis then called on Kurt Banta with Emergency Response Training, LLC to provide a presentation to the Board regarding security for students and arming teachers on each campus. Mr. Banta shared that their program is an initial sixty (60) hour course, and a twenty-four (24) hour refresher course each year. The cost of the initial training will run around \$22,000 for up

to twelve participants, and \$2,200/person over twelve. Mr. Banta said those who request to participate go through a psychological evaluation and interview process to be selected. Most school districts post signage that there is armed staff on campus but the identity of those chosen is kept discreet. When asked how quickly trainings fill, Mr. Banta replied that since the Uvalde School shooting, trainings were in high demand and filling quickly, but his program would come to OMSD to train and do scenario training inside our buildings. Mr. Lewis thanked him for the presentation and said the Board would continue to consider arming school staff and would get back with him.

Mr. Lewis presented the Board with the Annual Financial Report for 21-22 and Budget for 22-23 Cycle 1 Signature page (AFRB). He explained that the report was part of the Cycle 1 submission and required the Boards approval. After discussion, Travis Dixon made the motion the accept as presented, Donald Morris second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis made the recommendation to accept the slate of resignation and new hires as presented to the Board. Donald Morris made the motion to accept the slate of resignations and new hires as presented, Travis Dixon second and the motion unanimously passed.

Resignation of Position:

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

<u>Classified Employee Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Don Coffman	Bus Driver - WG

New Hires:

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Classified Position</u>
Clay Evans	Bus Driver - WG
Miranda Dye	Level I Cook - WG

Next on the Agenda were *Petition for Transfer of Students*. Mr. Lewis recommended the Board approve as presented. Donald Morris made the motion to accept the slate of *Petition for Transfer of Students* as presented, Travis Dixon 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>
Angaline Baker	15	Searcy County	OMSD - SJ

Transfers Out of Ozark Mountain School District:

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Resident District</u>	<u>Receiving District</u>
Jasmine Watts	12	OMSD – SJ	Leslie Intermediate

Mr. Lewis presented the Board with the *Resolution to Approve Salary Increases in Accordance with Act 1120 or 2013*. Mr. Lewis shared that with salary schedule/step increases and the ESSER Bonuses there were probably more to exceed the 5% pay increase than in past years. With no other questions, Travis Dixon made the motion to accept the Resolution of Act 1120, Gary Lovell second and the motion unanimously passed.

In General Discussion, Mr. Lewis shared enrollment numbers as of September 13, 2022. The K-12 student enrollment numbers are as follows: Bruno-Pyatt reported 158, St. Joe reports 136, and Western Grove has 244 students, the Digital enrollment is at 38 for a total OMSD student enrollment of 576. Mr. Lewis provided upcoming Board training opportunities and asked they let Lori Currie know if they would like to register for any training sessions. He also shared with the Board the completion and his Educator License adding the District Administrator credential. Mr. Lewis advised the Board that he would be bringing more information for a Food Service Provider to the October Board meeting.

With no other items on the Agenda, Donald Morris made the motion to adjourn and Ben Taylor second. With a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m....

Respectfully submitted.

Board President, Mr. Travis Freeman

Secretary, Donald Morris