

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: August 19, 2021

Members Present: Jesse Rose, Donald Morris, Ben Taylor, Travis Freemans, Gary Lovell, Travis Dixon and Matt Urioste

Members Absent: None

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

Mr. Lewis recommended that the Board approve the July 15, 2021 Regular Session and the August 12, 2021 – Special Session Board Minutes as presented. Ben Taylor made the motion to accept the Board Minutes as presented, Donald Morris second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis presented the Preliminary Financial Report for month ending July 31 , 2021. OMSD reports an ending balance of \$2,756,643.20. Mr. Lewis explained to the Board the negative balance in Food Service and contributed that to the adoption of the 4-day school week. OMSD went from 178 serving days to 148 serving days, so days for reimbursement was reduced by 30 days. Mr. Lewis has visited with Food Service Director, Denise Turney and asked for ideas to create more revenue and will follow-up at a later date. Travis Freeman made the motion to accept the Preliminary Financial Report for month ending July 31, 2021, Matt Urioste second and the motion unanimously passed.

Donald Morris recommended that the Board enter into Executive Session at 6:05 p.m., Travis Dixon second the motion and the Board entered into Executive Session. At 6:20 p.m. Travis Freeman made the motion the Board reconvene into General Session, Ben Taylor second and the Board reconvened.

Mr. Lewis made the recommendation to accept the voluntary resignation base on job abandonment of Sandra Morrison as Level I Cook on the Western Grove Campus and to transfer Donnis Elliott from Western Grove to Bruno-Pyatt as a Personal Aid. Travis Freeman made the motion to accept the slate of personnel changes, Travis Dixon second and the motion unanimously passed.

Resignation of Position:

Certified Employee Name

Position

None

None

Classified Employee Name

Position

Sandra Morrison

Level I Cook - WG

New Hires:

Name

Certified Position

None

None

Name

Classified Position

None

None

Reassignment or Additional Duties of Position:

Certified Employee Name

Position

None

None

Classified Employee Name

Position

Donnis Elliott

WG – Personal Aid to BP – Personal Aid

Next on the agenda, Mr. Lewis proposed that the Board review OMSD Policy 4.4 - Student Transfers. Current policy restricts the review of *Petition for Transfer of Students* to the month on July and Mr. Lewis would like for the Board to consider reviewing each month. Travis Dixon made the recommendation to revise Policy 4.4 - Student Transfer to reflect a monthly review of the *Petition for Transfer of Students* requests, Matt Urioste second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis shared with the Board that he had conversations with OMSD coaches and permission had been granted to allow Bears basketball practices to be held on the Western Grove Campus, if they so chose to do so. This decision in no way restricts coaches from practicing on the Bruno-Pyatt or St. Joe Campuses but gives the coaches options to practice both girls and boys at the same time utilizing Western Grove's two gymnasiums and it also cuts down travel time and mileage between campuses. It also allows additional RTI time to student schedules. In SY '20-21, OMSD athletics averaged 64 inner-campus shuttle trips and 780 miles per week getting athletes to practices. By practicing at Western Grove, mileage for SY '21-22 is potentially cut in half to 390 miles per week.

Mr. Lewis called on Ms. Nichole Cunningham to share the SY '20-21 District ASPIRE test scores. Ms. Cunningham explained that OMSD test scores were not great, but were close to what the rest of the State scored academically. The positive note is that in the middle of a pandemic, digital learners included, OMSD was able to test 97% of our students. These scores will be used as a baseline going forward and will allow us to show improvement during the 2021-2022 school year.

Next on the agenda were OMSD Bus Bids. Sealed bids were reviewed and reported as follows:

Bus # 22

J. Timothy - \$3,000

Bus # 34

M. Dye - \$1,180

Bus # 63

M. Dye - \$1,180

Travis Freeman made the motion to award bids as presented, Donald Morris second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis shared with the Board an OMSD Notification Letter included in Board packets and reported that the State required all employees and board members of the District to complete. Each board member signed and returned.

Next, Mr. Lewis informed the Board of camera quotes that TechnologyTech, David Pilgrim had received to update the cameral systems on campuses. This purchase will be funded with ESSER monies and approval from the state had been granted to award the bid to Tracer Communications in Harrison, AR. Donald Morris made the motion to award the camera bid to Tracer Communications for \$129,124.15, Travis Freeman second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis recommended that the Board accept the slate of *Petition for Transfer of Students* as presented. Travis Freeman made the motion to accept the slate of transfer requests as presented, Matt Urioste 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>
Adason Switzer	10	Searcy County	St. Joe
Alison Ragland	17	Searcy County	Western Grove
Alex Ragland	13	Searcy County	Western Grove
Jonathan Wilkinson	18	Harrison	Western Grove
Rylan Vines	10	Yellville-Summit	Bruno-Pyatt
Briar Hoyt	7	Yellville-Summit	Bruno-Pyatt
Anna Hale	12	Bergman	Bruno-Pyatt
Aaron Hale	11	Bergman	Bruno-Pyatt
Abigail Hale	9	Bergman	Bruno-Pyatt
William Bruce	9	Bergman	Bruno-Pyatt
Natalie Collins	11	Valley Springs	OMSD Digital Program
Mackenzie Ray	14	Harrison	OMSD Digital Program
Dalton Ray	9	Harrison	OMSD Digital Program
Allen Williams	17	Rogers	OMSD Digital Program

Transfers Out of Ozark Mountain School District:

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Resident District</u>	<u>Receiving District</u>
Preston Pickron	10	Western Grove	Valley Springs
Jacob Campbell	13	Western Grove	Valley Springs
Brook Shepherd	13	Western Grove	Jasper
Spring Shepherd	6	Western Grove	Jasper
Melony Hendrix	14	Western Grove	Mt. Judea
David Luke Robertson	8	Western Grove	Mt. Judea
Keeleigh Morwood	8	Western Grove	Deer/Mt. Judea
Keagan Sanford	12	St. Joe	Searcy County

Intra-District Transfers:

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Resident School</u>	<u>Receiving School</u>
Zachariah McCoy	11	Western Grove	St. Joe
Emily Cross	17	Western Grove	St. Joe
William Cross	13	Western Grove	St. Joe
Jackson Cross	10	Western Grove	St. Joe
Kierra Kleinert	13	St. Joe	Western Grove
Gage Kleinert	11	St. Joe	Western Grove
Amy Roberts	13	St. Joe	Western Grove

In General Discussion, Mr. Lewis informed the Board that he was looking at ESSER Funds to possibly purchase additional buses (two for each campus) but was also checking into some grant opportunities to assist in funding, and a Recruitment/Retention bonus for faculty and staff. Mr. Lewis inquired if the Board would be interested in a campus rotation for Board meetings. More consideration and conversation will be held at a later time over this topic. Dan Lovelady, with First Security Beardsley, will provide Board Training during the September Board meeting with additional training opportunities coming up at the OUR Cooperative and virtually. (New Board Members are required to receive 9 credit hours during their first year by the end of December while returning members must maintain 6 credit hours by the end of December each year.) Mr. Lewis confirmed the 2022 OMSD Graduation date of May 14, 2022 with location to be determined. Mr. Lewis shared with the Board updates from a COVID-19 ZOOM meeting he participated in earlier in the day which showed all the counties in OMSD at Very High to Severe range for case numbers. OMSD currently reports 20 students in the District quarantined. He also share a website COVIDactnow.org that the Board could review and stay informed. As of August 19, 2021, OMSD enrollment is at 525 (BP - 151, SJ - 144 and WG - 230). And, an appraiser is currently looking at the one (1) acre Hasty property and will report his findings to the Superintendent.

With no other items on the Agenda, Travis Freeman made the motion to adjourn and Ben Taylor second. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m...

Respectfully submitted.

Board President, Mr. Jesse Rose

Board Vice President, Travis Freeman