

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: February 18, 2021

Members Present: Donald Morris, Ben Taylor, Waylon Lewis, Travis Freemans

Members Absent: Jesse Rose, Gary Lovell and Mona Elliott

Ozark Mountain School Board Vice President, Mr. Ben Taylor, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m...

Travis Freeman made the motion to accept the January 20, 2021 Regular Session Board Minutes as presented, Waylon Lewis second the motion and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Saylor presented to the Board with a letter from Ms. Deannie Stills apologizing for no Financial Reports for month ending January 31, 2021.

Next on the agenda was Facilities. Mr. Saylor shared with the Board that estimates for the Bruno-Pyatt Press Box Project had come in higher than anticipated. Mr. Craig Boone and Aliza Jones fielded questions pertaining to the project and future building. Waylon Lewis made the motion to proceed with the Bruno-Pyatt project, however, the motion did not receive a second and with no further discussion, the motion failed.

Mr. Saylor provided the Board with policies sent by ASBA (Arkansas School Board Association) pertaining to COVID-19 Leave. OMSD Board approved last month to send to Certified and Classified PPC's and both Certified and Classified PPC's have met and approved these policy updates. These policies will be retroactive to January 1, 2021. Travis Freeman made the motion to accept the policies *3.32.1 – UPDATED Licensed Personnel COVID Emergency Leave* and policy *8.23.1 UPDATED Classified Personnel COVID Emergency Leave*, Donald Morris second, and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Saylor shared with the Board a request from a citizen of Newton County to purchase a plot of land owned by the district. The Board issued permission for Mr. Saylor to further investigate the land and the inquiry.

At 6:35 p.m., OMSD Board entered into Executive Session to discuss personnel. At 6:43 p.m., OMSD Board reconvened into general session. Travis Freeman made the motion to accept the resignations of Alex Hale as Agriculture Teacher on the Western Grove Campus and Kathie Campbell as Level I Maintenance on the Western Grove Campus, and to hire Cindy Shat-Williams as Level I Maintenance on the Western Grove Campus, and hire the services of APSRC to fulfill the District Treasurer/Bookkeeper duties with Ms. Deannie's upcoming retirement. Donald Morris second the motion and the motion unanimously passed.

## Resignation of Position:

**Certified Employee Name**

Alex Hale

**Position**

WG – Agriculture

**Classified Employee Name**

Kathy Campbell

**Position**

WG – Level I Maintenance

## New Hires:

**Name**

None

**Licensed Position**

**Name**

Cindy Shat-Williams

**Classified Position**

WG – Level I Maintenance

Mr. Saylor presented to the Board a *Petition for Transfer of Students* request for Dade Esters. This student has been attending Valley Springs for several years and requested to stay in the school after moving to Marble Falls. Travis Freeman made the motion to accept the petition and allow the student remain in the Valley Springs School, Donald Morris second and the motion unanimously passed.

### Transfers out of Ozark Mountain School District:

**Student Name**

Dade Esters

**Age**

15

**Resident District**

OMSD

**Receiving District**

Valley Springs

In General Discussion, Mr. Saylor shared OMSD's Enrollment Comparison Report which shows the District's enrollment at 723, up 77 students from same time last year.

With no other items on the agenda, Donald Morris made the motion to adjourn, Travis Freeman second and the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m....

Respectfully submitted.

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Board President, Mr. Jesse Rose

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Board Vice President, Mr. Ben Taylor