

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

Type: Regular Session

Place: St. Joe Campus -Library

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Date: January 20, 2021

Members Present: Jesse Rose, Donald Morris, Ben Taylor, Gary Lovell, Waylon Lewis, Travis Freemans (via ZOOM) and Mona Elliott (via ZOOM)

Members Absent: None

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

Ben Taylor made the motion to accept the December 16, 2020 Regular Session Board Minutes as presented, Waylon Lewis second the motion and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Saylor presented to the Board the Preliminary Financial Report for month ending December 31, 2020, in which Ozark Mountain reports a total ending balance of \$1,491,924.77. Mona Elliott made the motion to accept the monthly financials as presented, Donald Morris second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Saylor introduced to OMSD Board Mr. Jeff Cantrell, O.U.R. Cooperative Director. Mr. Saylor shared with the Board that Mr. Cantrell's first job was as an Agriculture teacher in the St. Joe Campus. Mr. Cantrell spoke to the Board sharing the scope and role of O.U.R. Educational Cooperative and how it supports the many districts within their service area.

Next on the agenda was the construction approval from Arkansas Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation for Project #2021-6505-703, Bruno-Pyatt Campus Ball Field Restroom and Storage. Mr. Saylor also stated that bids for the project had been opened and that they were higher than anticipated. Architect, Craig Boone, was going to reach out to the lowest bidder to see if they could value engineering to lower the cost. Mr. Saylor will provide updates to the Board as information becomes available.

Mr. Saylor shared with the Board policy updates that had been sent by ASBA (Arkansas School Board Association) pertaining to COVID Leave. Mr. Saylor reminded the Board that the CARES Act expired at the end of December 2020 and recommended that the Board update this policy to allow the school district to award ten (10) additional days of sick leave to employees that tested positive for COVID-19, or were quarantined, before they had to start using their own sick leave, personal leave, or leave without pay. Donald Morris made the motion to accept the recommendation and send policies 3.32.1 – *UPDATED Licensed Personnel COVID Emergency Leave* and policy 8.23.1 *UPDATED Classified Personnel COVID Emergency Leave* to each PPC. Gary Lovell second the motion and the motion unanimously passed. The policies will come back to the Board if approved through PPC for final vote.

Next was Authorization of Electronic Transfer of Funds. Mr. Saylor recommended the Board approve the Authorization of Electronic Transfer of Funds for SY '21. This Authorization allows the District Treasurer to electronically transfer funds for disbursements of the district. Waylon

Lewis made the motion to accept as presented, Ben Taylor second, and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Saylor recommended the Board accept the Renewal of Coverage of BXS Insurance. These policies are to cover School Board Legal Liability, Employment Practices Liability and General Liability Coverage Outside of Arkansas. The total cost of renewal of these policies is \$7,424. Ben Taylor made the motion to accept as presented, Mona Elliott second and the motion unanimously passed.

Next was the 2021 E-rate Contract for OMSD. The contract will cover \$10,190.02 toward the upgrade for Bruno-Pyatt Wireless Internet Access and will cost the district \$2,547.50. Donald Morris made the motion to accept as presented, Gary Lovell second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Saylor presented to the Board a *Petition for Transfer of Students* request for Grace Reed. Mona Elliott made the motion to accept the petition and allow the student enrollment into Ozark Mountain Learning Academy, Ben Taylor second and the motion unanimously passed.

Transfers into Ozark Mountain School District:

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Resident District</u>	<u>Receiving District</u>
Grace Reed	14	Mountain Home	OMLA

Next on the Agenda was Personnel. Board President, Jesse Rose presented Mr. Saylor with copies of the Superintendent Evaluation that was conducted with OMSD Board members. Mr. Saylor and Mr. Rose had gone over the evaluation results and Mr. Saylor was very appreciative of the evaluations given. During Personnel report, Mr. Saylor recommended and Waylon Lewis made the motion to hire APSRC to perform the duties of District Treasurer for a one (1) year contract. Gary Lovell second the motion and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Saylor shared with the Board the reported student participation numbers from each campus for 2021 Peewee Basketball. After review of numbers and open discussion, the Ozark Mountain School Board directed Mr. Saylor to combine all campuses into one (1) team for fairness and betterment of the kids on all three (3) campuses. Mr. Saylor agreed to do so.

In General Discussion, Mr. Saylor shared OMSD's Enrollment Comparison Report which shows the District's enrollment at 724, up 92 students from same time last year.

With no other items on the agenda, Travis Freeman made the motion to adjourn, Donald Morris second and the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m....

Respectfully submitted.

Board President, Mr. Jesse Rose

Board Vice President, Mr. Ben Taylor