

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: July 15, 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...

Ben Taylor made the motion to accept as presented the June 17, 2021 Board Minutes and Addendum and the June 30, 2021 Board minutes as presented. Donald Morris second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis presented the Financial Preliminary Report for month ending June 30, 2021. OMSD reports an ending balance of \$2,145,423.93. Mr. Lewis noted that the Financial Reports for the months of July 2021 and August 2021 will be Preliminary due to the redistribution and clean-up of SY 2020-2021. Also noted to the Board was the transfer of \$250,000 into the Building Fund, which now has a balance of \$1,518,538.69. Travis Freeman made the motion to accept the Preliminary Financial Report for month ending June 30, 2021, Matt Urioste second and the motion unanimously passed.

Next on the Agenda was personnel. Donald Morris made the motion to enter into Executive Session, Ben Taylor second and the Board entered into Executive Session at 6:05 p.m..

At 7:35 p.m., Mr. Travis Freeman made the motion for the Board to reconvene into regular session, Donald Morris second and the motion unanimously passed. Mr. Lewis made the recommendation the Board accept the Slate of Resignation and New Hires as presented. Travis Freeman made the motion to accept the Slate of Resignation and Hew Hires, Ben Taylor second and the motion passed.

Resignation of Position:

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

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

New Hires:

Name

Certified Position

None

None

Name

Classified Position

Addieline Gibbins

BP – Title I Paraprofessional

Jessica Reed

BP – Interventionist (ESSER)

Nikki Provencio

SJ – Interventionist (ESSER)

Sarah Campbell

WG – Title I Paraprofessional

Jessica Wheeler

WG – Interventionist (ESSER)

Board President, Mr. Jesse Rose, paused the meeting to recognize a retiring employee, Ms. Deannie Stills. Ms. Deannie had dedicated 32 years of service to the Ozark Mountain School District and the School Board of Education wished her the happiest of retirement.

Next on the Agenda, Mr. Lewis provided the Board information from Mr. Lance Taylor with the Arkansas Activities Association. Mr. Taylor had called to inform that the District would need to move up to the 2A Conference if they wished to compete as the Ozark Mountain School District Bears. Mr. Lewis recommended that each campus make their school mascot Bears and each campus host the following sports for the District: (The Board will revisit track in August)

Western Grove – Basketball

St. Joe – Softball

Bruno-Pyatt – Baseball

Donald Morris made the motion to accept the athletic proposal as recommended, Ben Taylor second the motion and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis shared with the Board the 2021-2022 OMSD Student Handbook and advised that there were no major changes to the handbook from last year. Board members did question the Graduation date for the 2021-2022 School Year and Mr. Lewis guessed that it would be May 14, 2022 but would verify and report back during the August Board meeting. Travis Freeman made the motion to accept the 2021-2022 OMSD Student Handbook as presented, Gary Lovell second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis provided the Board with a list of the ASBA policy updates for the 2021-2022 School Year. After review, Mr. Lewis recommended that the Board accept the 2021-2022 ASBA policy updates as presented and to send to both Certified and Classified Personnel Policy Committee's for review. ASBA Policy Updates will come back to the Board for adoption on both committees approve. Ben Taylor made the motion to accept as presented and send to both PPC's for review, Donald Morris second and the motion unanimously passed.

Next on the Agenda were Propane Bids for the 2021-2022 School Year. Mr. Lewis shared Pinnacle Propane was the only bid received and it came in at \$1.47 pre-buy/gallon and \$1.50 lock-in/gallon for 50,000 gallons for SY '21-22. Ben Taylor made the motion to award the SY '21-22 propane bid to Pinnacle Propane for \$1.47 pre-pay/gallon for 50,000 gallons, Travis Dixon second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis recommended the purchase of the 2021 Dodge Ram 1500 with towing package from Steve Landers Cowboy Chrysler Jeep Ram off the AR State Bid list for \$35,139.20. This purchase proposal guarantees that Cowboy Chrysler will purchase the vehicle back in six (6) months or up to 15,000 miles at the purchase price of \$35,139.20. Donald Morris made the motion to purchase the 2021 Dodge Ram 1500 with its terms and conditions from Cowboy Chrysler for the purchase price of \$35,139.20, Travis Freeman second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis made the recommendation to accept the slate of Petition for Transfer of Student requests as presented to the Board. Travis Freeman made the motion to accept the Petition for Transfer of Students in and out of the District 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>
Margaret Wendell	7	Rogers	OM – Digital Program
Morrigan Reed	14	Searcy County	St. Joe

Transfers Out of Ozark Mountain School District:

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Resident District</u>	<u>Receiving District</u>
Kenli Burrow	5	Western Grove	Valley Springs
Heston Martin	5	Western Grove	Valley Springs
Cayde White	14	St. Joe	Searcy County
William Birdsong	5	Bruno-Pyatt	Valley Springs
Garrett Price	11	Western Grove	Jasper
Erin Price	8	Western Grove	Jasper
Johnathan Rine	13	Bruno-Pyatt	Yellville
Olivia Rine	10	Bruno-Pyatt	Yellville
Ryker Mallett	5	Western Grove	Harrison

In General Discussion, Mr. Lewis reminded the Board of training hour requirements for all Board Members and assured a list of training opportunities would be shared at the next Board meeting. He is also working with Aliza Jones and Steve Beardley to provide some Board training hours at future Board meetings. An update was provided to the Board on the status of the one-acre plot of land deeded to the District in 1908 and the request to purchase. Mr. Lewis has visited with ASBA Legal and asked the Board for permission to act as the Financial Officer for the transaction and stated that the District can sell the one-acre plot for its appraised value. Mr. Lewis was happy to report that the Digital Learning plan was approved by DESE but looked a lot different for last year. Mr. Lewis and Mr. McCleary are set to meet with the digital learning families in Northwest Arkansas on July 19, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. and another meeting is being setup for families in the Mt. Home area. Mr. Lewis shared that COVID-19 numbers were increasing and many districts were looking at legal options to mandate mask requirements. There was also a push at the State level for High School students to get vaccinated. Mr. Lewis

met with Ken Rich with APSRC to review and provide clarification on some reports and services that APSRC provides. Mr. Lewis will study and bring forward as needed. Also, the State Department released test scores on July 14th for the 2020-2021 school year and reported that 97% of OMSD student were tested. DESE will be using last years scores as a benchmark for SY '22 testing. Mr. Lewis shared with the Board the various meetings, trainings, conferences, and individuals that he had visited with since being hired.

Verification was also given by the Board on how Mr. Lewis was to use the school truck recently purchased. Travis Freeman made the motion for Mr. Lewis to be allowed to drive the truck without limitations, up to 14,999 miles, at which time Cowboy Chrysler will purchase back from the District. Donald Morris second and the motion unanimously passed.

With no other items on the Agenda, Travis Freeman made the motion to adjourn and Ben Taylor second. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m...

Respectfully submitted.

Board President, Mr. Jesse Rose

Board Vice President, Travis Freeman