

# A Meeting of the Board of Education of The Ozark Mountain School District

Type: Regular Session Meeting

Place: St. Joe Campus

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Date: December 16, 2021

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

Members Absent: Matt Urioste

Ozark Mountain School Board President, Mr. Jesse Rose called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Travis Freeman made the motion to accept the minutes of the November 18, 2021 Board meeting. Ben Taylor second the motion and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis presented the Financial Report for the month ending November 30, 2021. OMSD reports an ending balance of \$2,975,000.54. Mr. Lewis noted that operating funds have improved compared to this time last year by \$1 million and Food Service debt is lowered by approximately \$66,000 over same time last year. Travis Freeman made the motion to accept the Financial Report for the month ending November 30, 2021 as presented, Donald Morris second and the motion unanimously passed.

Next on the agenda was Personnel. Travis Freeman made the motion to enter Executive Session at 6:06p.m. Ben Taylor second the motion, and the motion unanimously passed.

At 6:25 p.m., Travis Freeman made the motion to reconvene from executive session, Donald Morris second with a unanimous vote, the meeting resumed. Mr. Lewis made the recommendation to accept the slate of new hires and reassignments as presented. Travis Freeman then made the motion to accept the slate as presented. Donald Morris second the motion and the motion unanimously passed.

## Resignation of Position:

<u>Certified Employee Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
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<u>Classified Employee Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
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## New Hires:

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Classified Position</u>
Madison Caviness	BP – Interventionist (ESSER Funds)
Kara Flud	SJ – Paraprofessional
Doug Knapp	WG – Level I Maintenance

**Reassignment or additional Duties of Position:**

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

<u>Classified Employee Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Cindy Shat Williams	SJ- Level I Maintenance to Level I Cook
William Hyden	WG- Level I Maintenance to SJ Level I Maintenance

Next item on the agenda was the purchasing of vehicles for OMSD. Mr. Lewis shared his concerns over the safety and appearance of some school vehicles and asked the board for pre-approval to make some purchases. The District recently sold several surplus and scrap vehicles making approximately \$12,000. Mr. Lewis requested permission to use the \$12,000 from the sales and cover the remaining balance from growth funds, not to exceed \$30,000. Travis Freeman asked if he would clean up the fleet if other vehicles are purchased and Mr. Lewis assured him that was the goal. Ben Taylor made the motion to give pre-approval to Mr. Lewis for the purchase of two or three vehicles, Travis Dixon second, and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis presented three quotes to the board for purchasing vape detectors. Mr. Lewis discussed with the board that there has been an increase with students vaping on campus. The vape detectors will be purchased using ARMAC funds, which covers improving student's health. The board discussed possible locations for the vape stealth alerts, such as: bathrooms, locker rooms, etc. Mr. Lewis recommended accepting the quote from Zeptive since the vape detectors are wireless and can be moved, if needed. Travis Freeman made the motion to accept the quote, Gary Lovell second, and the motion unanimously passed.

Next topic for discussion was E-Rate. In prior years, the board had granted permission for David Pilgrim to upgrade the wireless networks on the Bruno Pyatt and Western Grove campuses. This request is to do the same for the St. Joe campus. Upgrading the network battery backup will allow more chrome books to be used. Donald Morris made the motion to purchase the E-Rate Replacement Network Battery backup for St. Joe, Travis Freeman second, and the motion unanimously passed.

Next, Mr. Lewis presented the slate of *Petition for Transfer of Students Request* for the December Board meeting and recommended that the board accept the transfer requests. Travis Dixon made the motion to accept the slate as presented, Gary Lovell 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>
Layton Ramsey	7	Searcy County	OMSD- St. Joe
Taylor Eddings	17	Valley Springs	OMSD- Western Grove
Nevaeah Eddings	13	Valley Springs	OMSD- Western Grove
Tristan Kendrick	10	Valley Springs	OMSD- Western Grove
Trenton Williams	12	Harrison	OMSD- Western Grove
Macey Williams	10	Harrison	OMSD-Western Grove

Transfers out of Ozark Mountain School District:

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Resident School</u>	<u>Receiving School</u>
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**Intra-District Transfers:**

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Resident School</u>	<u>Receiving School</u>
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In General Discussion, Mr. Lewis informed the board of OMSD’s upcoming legislative audit that is scheduled to take place in January, 2022. Mr. Lewis shared he had advertised in the Harrison Daily Times that OMSD was looking to contract a construction manager to update HVAC units. This update will use ESSER funds and has a budget of \$400,000. Once applications are received, the board will review and a special session may be called to hire for the project. The enrollment comparison report was presented and Ben Taylor asked Mr. Lewis why he thought numbers were down. Mr. Lewis shared that OMSD lost approximately 128 virtual students from last year, but slowly, our enrollment seemed to be growing. Mr. Lewis updated the board on the closing date of the 1-acre plot in Yardelle, set to close on December 29, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Lewis updated the board on the funding for gym pads on each campus. Each campus has a donor to pay for the pads and the estimated timeline for install is February 1, 2022. Principal reports were also provided to the Board.

The Board then discussed a rotating campus schedule for future board meetings. During the discussion, Travis Freeman mentioned that they had a big decision to make soon and a bigger space would allow more room for growth from the community meetings, while Donald Morris expressed community involvement will help if the board should ask for a millage increase and show that OMSD wants to move forward with becoming “one campus.” Travis Freeman made the motion to rotate campuses for future Board meetings, Travis Dixon second. The motion passed with four yea’s, Mr. Rose opposed and Mr. Taylor abstained. Next session meeting will be held on the Bruno Pyatt campus in the auditorium at 6p.m.

With no other items on the Agenda, Travis Freeman made the recommendation to adjourn the Regular Session December Board meeting, Donald Morris second and the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

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Jesse Rose, President	Date	Travis Freeman, Vice President	Date