

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

Type: Regular Session

Place: Bruno-Pyatt Campus

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Date: April 13, 2023

Members Present: Travis Freeman, Donald Morris, Travis Dixon, Ben Taylor, Jesse Rose, Randy Brumley

Members Absent: Gary Lovell

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

Mr. Lewis recommended that the Board approve the March 16, 2023 Regular Session Board Minutes as presented. Ben Taylor made the motion to accept, Donald Morris second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis presented the Financial Report for month ending March 31, 2023. OMSD reports an ending balance of \$5,453,777.39, up 1.3 million from same time last year. After discussion, Travis Dixon made the motion to accept the March 2023 Financial Report, Donald Morris second, and the motion unanimously passed.

Next on the agenda was the SY '23-24 Certified Salary Schedule. Mr. Lewis shared that the LEARNS Act required the base starting salary for all Certified Staff at \$50,000, and that all Certified Employees receive at least a \$2,000 raise beginning SY '23-24. With that being said, Mr. Lewis presented the proposed salary schedule for Certified Staff with BA Steps 0 – 16 and MA Steps 0 – 14 at \$50,000 with MA Steps 15 and 16 at \$50,150. Extended day contracts will now be employee's daily rate of pay verses multiplier and the K-6 District Counselor will be 210 days with a multiplier of 1.27. Administrators Salary Schedule has beginning Administrator at Step 0 with \$64,600 through Step 16+ topping out at \$80,600. Ben Taylor made the motion to accept the Certified and Administrators Salary Schedule for SY '23-24 as presented, Jesse Rose second and the motion unanimously passed. The SY '23-24 Stipend schedule was presented by Mr. Lewis adding District Testing Coordinator/\$1250 and School Safety Director/\$2500 and removing the Inner-Campus Distance Course stipend. Donald Morris made the motion to accept the SY '23-24 Stipend List as presented, Randy Brumley second and the motion unanimously passed. Mr. Lewis shared that the Classified Salary Schedule would be presented during the May Board meeting.

Mr. Lewis recommended that the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel. At 6:28 the Board entered Executive Session. At 7:12 the Board reconvened into regular session.

Mr. Lewis made the recommendation to accept the slate of resignations as presented. Ben Taylor made the motion, Donald Morris second and the motion passed. Mr. Lewis made the recommendation to accept the reassignment of position for Heather Knapp. Travis Dixon made the motion, Jesse Rose second and the motion unanimously passed. Mr. Lewis recommended

that the Board accept the list of CSSO candidates as presented. Randy Brumley made the motion to accept, Donald Morris second and the motion unanimously passed. Mr. Lewis recommended that the Board approve the following contract modifications for the 2023-2024 school year:

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| Kelsey Hudson | 220-day to 210-day contract | Motion: Travis Dixon Second: Jesse Rose |
| Mark McGee | 195-day to 190-day contract | Motion: Ben Taylor Second: Randy Brumley |
| Monique Thomas | 195-day to 190-day with Dist. Testing Coordinator Stipend | Motion: Donald Morris Second: Travis Dixon |
| Gary Waters | 210-day to 190-day contract with School Safety Director Stipend | Motion: Jesse Rose Second: Ben Taylor |

All unanimously passed.

Next on the agenda was School Calendar for 2023-2024. Mr. Lewis presented two options that had both gone to PPC committees. Mr. Lewis recommended that the Board approve Calendar Option 1 for next school year. Ben Taylor made the motion to accept the recommendation, Randy Brumley second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis shared with the Board the current School Transfer Policy that is in the Student Handbook and recommended that they consider modifying verbiage pertaining to Intra-District Transfers. Ben Taylor made the motion to table the revisions until the next Board meeting, Travis Dixon second and the unanimously passed to revisit in May.

Mr. Lewis shared information with the Board pertaining to the School Safety Grant that OMSD was awarded in the amount of \$114,925. No vote was needed and further information will be shared at a later date.

Next on the agenda was Resolutions. Mr. Lewis shared the Board Election Resolution that was submitted by the Searcy County Election Commissioner that allowed the school the option of declaring an election by candidate for uncontested Board races. Ben Taylor made the motion to accept the Resolution, Donald Morris second and the motion unanimously passed. Second was the Resolution for the Board to allow Randy Brumley to be paid to officiate Peewee Basketball games from November 2022 to May 2023. Mr. Brumley was asked to leave the room during discussion and vote. Donald Morris made the motion for OMSD to approve the Resolution for Mr. Brumley to be paid to officiate peewee basketball during the specified dates, Travis Dixon second and the motion unanimously passed. Mr. Brumley then reentered the Board meeting.

Mr. Lewis presented purchase service contracts for SY 2023-2024 for speech therapy and physical/occupation therapy. Mr. Lewis recommended that OMSD enter into a contract with Spot on Pediatric Therapy, LLC for speech therapy. Travis Dixon made the motion to accept the recommendation, Jesse Rose second and the motion unanimously passed. Next, Mr. Lewis

recommended that OMSD enter into a contract with Martin School Based Therapy, PLLC for physical and occupational therapy services for SY 2023-2024. Donald Morris made the motion to accept the recommendation, Randy Brumley second the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis recommended that the Board approve the slate of Petition for Transfer of Students as presented. Randy Brumley made the motion to accept the transfers, Travis Dixon 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> |
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| William Cross | 15 | Jasper SD | OMS – Western Grove |
| Jackson Cross | 12 | Jasper SD | OMS – Western Grove |
| Shayla Bradford | 15 | Flippin SD | OMS – Western Grove |

In General Discussion, Mr. Lewis shared enrollment numbers as of April 4, 2023. OMSD reports an enrollment of 518 face-to-face students and a digital enrollment of 21, for a total student enrollment count of 539. Mr. Lewis also shared a campus map of Western Grove and a draft of classroom assignments for next school year. He also discussed the Perkins Grant, the renewal of Provision II for students to eat free for next school year, and the student funding associated with HB 1688.

With no other items on the Agenda, Donald Morris made the motion to adjourn and Travis Dixon second. With a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m....

Respectfully submitted.

Board President, Mr. Travis Freeman

Secretary, Donald Morris