

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

Type: Regular Session

Place: St. Joe Campus

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Date: May 11, 2023

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

Members Absent: None

Ozark Mountain School Board President, Mr. Travis Freeman, called the Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m...

Mr. Lewis recommended that the Board approve the April 13, 2023 Regular Session Board Minutes as presented. Travis Dixon made the motion to accept, Randy Brumley second and the motion passed on a 5-2 vote with Ben Taylor and Jesse Rose opposing.

Mr. Lewis presented the Financial Report for month ending April 30, 2023. OMSD reports an ending balance of \$5,572,996.41. After discussion, Donald Morris made the motion to accept the April 2023 Financial Report, Gary Lovell second, and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis then shared with the Board an opportunity to move some funds into a CD with up to 5% interest. He provided rates from six different financial institutions and recommended that OMSD stay with Anstaff Bank to yield the highest interest rate. After Board discussion, Donald Morris made the motion to move \$2 million dollars into a CD at Anstaff Bank for 13 months with 5% interest. Travis Dixon second and the motion passed on a 6-1 vote with Ben Taylor opposing.

Next on the agenda was an Ozark Mountain High School update from Mr. John McCleary. He informed the Board that there had been community meetings on all three campus with great input from OMSD's first ever student led Guiding Coalition. Mr. McCleary shared that on May 4th, all students grade 7-12 participated in an "arena" scheduling event and 186 students were serviced. After sharing his vision and addressing some concerns, Mr. McCleary stated he, and the students, were excited moving forward.

Mr. Lewis recommended that the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel. At 7:54 p.m. the Board entered Executive Session. At 8:38 p.m. 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 unanimously passed. Mr. Lewis made the recommendation to accept the slate of Certified new hires as presented. Ben Taylor made the motion to accept, Randy Brumley second and the motion unanimously passed. Mr. Lewis made the recommendation to accept the slate of Classified new hires as presented. Donald Morris made the motion to accept, Travis Dixon second and the motion unanimously

passed. Mr. Lewis made the recommendation to accept the slate of Certified reassignments as presented. Jesse Rose made the motion to accept, Ben Taylor second and the motion unanimously passed. Mr. Lewis made the recommendation to accept the slate of Classified reassignments as presented. Donald Morris made the motion to accept, Travis Dixon second and the motion unanimously passed. Mr. Lewis recommended that the Board allow the hiring of four (4) student workers for the summer to assist Ronnie Horton with the moving of classrooms across the district. Travis Dixon made the motion to accept, Gary Lovell second and the motion unanimously passed. There was no action taken on the Superintendent’s contract.

Resignation of Position:

Certified Employee Name

Anne Gallagher
 Gwen (Rains) Taylor
 Tara Breer
 Billy Carter
 April Coleman
 Emily Little
 Alisha Dixon
 Brianna Walker
 Monique Thomas

Position

K-12 Counselor (Bruno-Pyatt & St. Joe)
 HS Science (Western Grove & St. Joe)
 Elementary Special Edu (Western Grove)
 K-12 Principal (Western Grove)
 K-6th Grade Digital Learning Teacher
 Business Education Teacher (Western Grove)
 Elementary – (Western Grove)
 Art (Western Grove & Bruno-Pyatt)
 Librarian (Western Grove) and District Testing Coord.

Classified Employee Name

Izene Arnold
 Renee Gregory
 Hannah Smith

Position

Level II Maintenance (St. Joe)
 COVID Tracer/eSchool Secretary
 Interventionist (St. Joe)

New Hires:

Name

Bailey Reynolds
 Miranda Ricketts

Certified Position

Elementary (St. Joe)
 Elementary – First Grade (Western Grove)

Name

Delaney Horton

Classified Position

Paraprofessional – 4th Grade (St. Joe)

Reassignment or Additional Duties of Position for SY '23-24:

Certified Employee Name

Jennifer Buresh
 Ashley Wright
 Lynn Chandler
 Crystal Samsel
 Jonathan Smith

Position

From BP Elementary to K-12 Art at WG Elementary and OMHS
 From BP Kindergarten to BP 3rd Grade
 From BP Special Education to WG Elementary Special Education
 WG Elementary to OMHS Science
 WG Elementary 4th – 6th Mathematics to 4th Grade

John McCleary	Teacher OMHS Principal to WG Elementary and OMHS Principal
Farrah Upton	Make Lead Teacher on BP Campus (Lynn Chandler moving to WG Campus) Change Contract from 190- days to 200-days

<u>Classified Employee Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Watina Caviness	BP Custodian to ½ BP and ½ WG Custodian
Emily Gibbins	Paraprofessional from WG to BP
Diane Grinder	Interventionist at SJ to Arkansas Teacher Residency Year 1 at SJ
Karri Baker	SJ Distance Learning to SPED Classroom Aide at SJ
Leanne Turney	SPED Classroom Aide at SJ to 1:1 Aide at SJ
Stephanie Evans	BP Distance Learning to OMHS Interventionist
Donnis Elliott	BP 1-to-1 Aide to WG 1-to-1 Aide
Samantha Sabo	Level I Secretary at BP to SPED Due Process & Interventionist at BP

Next on the agenda was Classified Salary Schedule for the 2023-2024 School Year and Stipends. Mr. Lewis shared the classified salary schedule giving classified employees a 75-cent raise, recommended that Ronnie Horton go from a 240-day to a 250-day contract, Rhea Freeman be moved to a new column, *Administrative Assistant I*, that there be a year 2 added to the *AR Teacher Residency* program and that a new column be added for *SPED Due Process*, along with the revision of the Digital Coordinator Stipend and adding Stipends for Golf, e-Sports, Band (must play at eight home games in order to receive stipend), and CSSO for the 23-24 SY. After much conversation and questions, Travis Dixon made the motion to accept the above changes as presented, Randy Brumley second and the motion unanimously passed.

Next Mr. Lewis presented a revised Certified and Administration Salary Schedule for SY 23-24. The revision would adjust the Certified Salary schedule by moving the K-6 District Counselor from a multiplier to placement on the salary schedule and would add a column to the Administrator Salary Schedule for a Western Grove Elementary and Ozark Mountain High School Principal. Randy Brumley made the motion to accept as presented, Travis Dixon second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis recommended to the Board that the Digital Program at OMSD for SY 23-24 be reduced to grades 7-12 only. Donald Morris made the motion to accept the recommendation, Travis Dixon second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis shared the Educational Service Cooperative Representative Resolution and recommended that the Superintendent be appointed to serve on the Board of Directors on the OUR Coop Board until June 30, 2025. Donald Morris made the motion to accept as presented, Gary Lovell second and the motion unanimously passed.

Next on the agenda was the list of Fixed Assets to retire for FY 2022-2023. Ben Taylor made the recommendation to accept as presented, Donald Morris second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis presented two new OMSD policies for SY 2023-2024. First, policy 2.4 – Superintendent’s Responsibilities for District Security. Donald Morris made the recommendation to accept policy 2.4, Travis Dixon second and the motion unanimously passed. Second was the verbiage change to a policy in the Student Handbook regarding Intra-District Transfers. Jesse Rose made the motion to accept as presented. Ben Taylor second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis the made the request that the Board allow for the purchase of a truck for the OMHS FFA. Donald Morris made the motion to allow for the purchase of a truck for the OMHS FFA with a spending limit of \$35,000. Travis Dixon second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis shared with the Board that OMSD had received a GoRED! Grant and was making the recommendation to accept. The award for the grant would be 25% or approximately \$34,000 and would be used for a new school bus. Travis Dixon made the motion to accept as presented, Randy Brumley second and the motion unanimously passed.

An update was provided for Food Service Management with bids opening on May 16, 2023.

Mr. Lewis shared the list of School Choice applicants for the 2023-2024 school year and made the recommendation to allow transfers. Donald Morris made the motion to accept as presented, Travis Dixon second and 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, Donald Morris 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>
Katie Judd	13	Searcy County	OMS-D-SJ

In General Discussion, Mr. Lewis shared enrollment numbers as of May 3, 2023. OMSD reports an enrollment of 512 face-to-face students and a digital enrollment of 19, for a total student enrollment count of 531. Mr. Lewis also shared some Entergy billing concerns with the Board and the resolutions that his office had taken to resolve.

With no other items on the Agenda, Travis Dixon made the motion to adjourn and Donald Morris second. With a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:44 p.m....

Respectfully submitted.

Board President, Mr. Travis Freeman

Secretary, Donald Morris