

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: July 20, 2023

Members Present: Travis Freeman, Donald Morris, Travis Dixon, Jesse Rose, Andy McCutcheon, Allen Glidewell, Bart Beaver

Members Absent: None

At the request of Mr. Jesse Rose, Ozark Mountain School Board Vice President, Mr. Andy McCutcheon, called the Board meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Lewis recommended that the Board approve the June 15, 2023 Regular Session Board Minutes and the Addendum to the June 15, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Travis Freeman made the motion to accept, Travis Dixon second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis presented the Financial Report for month ending June 30, 2023. OMSD reports an ending balance of \$5,466,782.99. Mr. Lewis alerted the Board that Dental Insurance was projected to increase \$1.35 after Open Enrollment in the fall and that property insurance with ASBA had more than double, or tripled, for districts across the state and that Governor Sanders was announcing that she would provide some funding to offset the cost increase (30% of the difference). Mr. Lewis also shared that either Ken Rich or Kathy Hanlon from APSRC would be attending next month's meeting. After discussion, Donald Morris made the motion to accept the June 2023 Financial Report, Allen Glidewell second, and the motion unanimously passed.

Next on the agenda was Student Achievement. Mr. Lewis shared that test scores for the District had come out today, July 20th, and administration really had not had the time to dive into scores but realize that there is work to be done. A more in-depth report will be forthcoming at the August 2023 Board meeting. Mr. Lewis provided an update on Lead Teachers and where they all were placed going into school year 2023-2024.

Mr. Lewis presented to the Board the *Arkansas Department of Education Statement of Assurance for Programs Under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as Amended By The Every Student Succeeds Act*. This Statement assures the LEA's eligibility for funds and attest to compliance with all assurances applicable to each program for which the plan is submitted. Jesse Rose made the motion to accept the Statement of Assurance as presented, Bart Beaver second, and the motion unanimously passed.

Next on the agenda was Aliza Jones to discuss the Master Plan for facilities. The discussion centered around whether to submit a plan to the state for a new 7-12 or new K-12 campus. She shared information about the timeline of submitting the plan, review by the state, approval by the state, millage campaign, and when construction could begin if everything moved forward. She discussed the importance of building a new school on highway 65 so it could be seen, and gave a neighboring district as an example that built a new high school and has seen enrollment increase because people can see it. She also discussed the importance of coming together and

focusing on what’s best for the students, and the long-term sustainability of the district. Ms. Jones was asked about a piece of property on highway 235, and said that sounded like a good price. When asked about a timeline of buying a piece of property, she said that it is not a big rush at this point because we have not submitted a plan yet. But that it’s a tough decision because you don’t want to miss out on property, but don’t want to get stuck with it either long term. Travis Freeman made the motion to move forward with a Master Plan to build a new K-12 Campus, Jesse Rose second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis made the recommendation to accept the slate of resignations, new hires and resignations as presented. Bart Beaver made the motion to accept the resignation of Cody Hudson as OMHS Business Teacher, Donald Morris second and the motion unanimously passed. Travis Freeman made the motion to hire Matt Eddings and Gary Jackson as Bus Drivers for the 2023-2024 school year, Jesse Rose second and the motion unanimously passed. Travis Dixon made the motion to accept the reassignments of Rachel Lanning and Bill Hyden, Allen Glidewell second and the motion unanimously passed.

Resignation of Position:

<u>Certified Employee Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Cody Hudson	Business Teacher - OMHS

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

New Hires:

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Classified Position</u>
Matt Eddings	Bus Driver
Gary Jackson	Bus Driver

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

<u>Certified Employee Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Rachel Lanning	OMHS English to OMHS English/Lead Teacher

<u>Classified Employee Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
William (Bill) Hyden	Lev I Maintenance to Lev II Maintenance – SJ Campus

Allen Glidewell asked that the Board enter into Executive Session at 7:07 p.m.... At 7:27 p.m. the Board meeting reconvened with no action taken.

Mr. Lewis shared with the Board the *Stronger Connections Grant* that was received by Ozark Mountain in the amount of \$113,275. A portion of these funds will be used on the St. Joe Campus to provide a new and safer playground by relocating it to the back of the building,

instead of along the highway frontage of US Hwy 65. Also included in the grant are funds to assist with the SRO salary and some of the CSSO professional development cost.

Mr. Lewis shared the Propane Bids for the 2023-2024 school year and made the recommendation to award Scott Petroleum Corp. the contract for 50,000 gallons at \$1.45/gallon. Travis Freeman made the motion to award the propane bid to Scott Petroleum for SY '23-24 at the quoted price, Jesse Rose second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis then provided a summary of changes to the 2023-2024 Student Handbook as prepared by the Administration team. After review, and discussion of a venue for the 2024 Ozark Mountain High School graduation, Jesse Rose made the motion to accept as presented, Allen Glidewell second and the motion unanimously passed.

Next on the agenda was the *Retirement of Transportation Fleet*. Mr. Lewis recommended that nine (9) vehicles be presented for bids. Travis Dixon made the motion to open bids for the nine (9) vehicles as presented, Donald Morris second and the motion unanimously passed. Mr. Lewis also informed the Board that to no fault of his own, Transportation Supervisor Shawn Willis had been in an accident, and his work truck was totaled. Mr. Lewis requested that the Board allow for the purchase of a replacement vehicle. Travis Dixon made the motion that Mr. Lewis have the authorization to place a work truck for Transportation Supervisor, Shawn Willis, staying under the State threshold of \$24,800. Bart Beaver second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis recommended that the Board approve the slate of Petition for Transfer of Students as presented. Donald Morris made the motion to accept the transfers, Allen Glidewell 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>
Raelynn Groves	12	Valley Springs	OMSD – WG
Ryan Groves	9	Valley Springs	OMSD – WG
Reed Groves	8	Valley Springs	OMSD – WG
Reece Groves	8	Valley Springs	OMSD – WG
Cecelia Sullins	11	Valley Springs	OMSD - WG

Transfers Out of Ozark Mountain School District:

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Resident District</u>	<u>Receiving District</u>
Adelynn Raver	8	OMSD – WG	Valley Springs
Raelynn Raver	5	OMSD – WG	Valley Springs
David Hennings	12	OMSD – WG	Valley Springs
Aaliyah Hennings	10	OMSD – WG	Valley Springs
Elliot Hennings	8	OMSD – WG	Valley Springs

In General Discussion, Mr. Lewis informed the Board that OMSD's longtime bus driver, Ivan Evans, had retired and asked the Board how they would like to handle the travel for students participating in concurrent course and technical programs at North Arkansas College in Harrison. The Board recommended that OMSD hold off until the August Board meeting to see how many students would be affected and what their modes of transportation looked like before hiring a new route driver. Also shared in general discussion was comparison letters from

ASBA showing the significant increase from last year to policy premiums for plan period July 1, 2023 – July 1, 2024.

With no other items on the Agenda, Donald Morris made the motion to adjourn and Travis Freeman second. With a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m....

Respectfully submitted.

Board President, Mr. Jesse Rose

Secretary, Allen Glidewell