

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

Type: Regular Session

Place: Western Grove Campus

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Date: September 26, 2023

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

Members Absent: None

Mrs. Nichole Cunningham conducted SY 2023-2024 Report to the Public at 5:30 p.m. on the Western Grove Campus.

At 6:00 p.m., Board President, Mr. Jesse Rose called the Board meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Lewis recommended that the Board approve the August 17, 2023 Regular Session Board Minutes and the August 29, 2023 Special Session Board Minutes as presented. Travis Freeman made the motion to accept, Donald Morris second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis presented the Financial Report for month ending August 31, 2023. OMSD reports an ending balance of \$5,773,084.25. Andy McCutcheon made the motion to accept the August 2023 Financial Report, Travis Freeman second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis introduced Principal, John McCleary for a campus update. Mr. McCleary reported a total of 381 students on the Western Grove Elementary and OMHS Campus in grades Pre-K thru 12th. Mr. McCleary stated that his campus was operating with the ABC philosophy, Attendance, Behavior and Course Completion. Mr. McCleary's report was informational and no action was taken on this agenda item.

Next, Mrs. Cunningham was called to review Student Achievement Test Scores. No action was taken on this agenda item.

Mr. Lewis asked that the Board enter into Executive Session at 6:17 p.m.... At 7:04 p.m. the Board meeting reconvened.

Mr. Lewis made the recommendation to accept the slate of resignations and new hires as presented. Travis Freeman made the motion to accept the resignations of Joseph Stephen Drye and Amber Smith, Andy McCutcheon second, and the motion unanimously passed. Travis Dixon made the motion to hire Melissa Criner as School Nurse (RN) on the Bruno-Pyatt Campus and Kayla Byler as a Paraprofessional ½ time at Bruno-Pyatt and ½ time at Western Grove Elementary, Donald Morris second and the motion unanimously passed.

Resignation of Position:

Certified Employee Name

Position

Joseph Stephen Drye

5th & 6th Grade Math/Science at WG Elementary

Classified Employee Name

Position

Amber Smith

School Nurse (RN) at BP Elementary

New Hires:

Name

Certified Position

None

None

Name

Classified Position

Melissa Criner
Kayla Byler

School Nurse at Bruno-Pyatt Elementary (RN)
Paraprofessional ½ time at Bruno-Pyatt
and ½ time at Western Grove

Mr. Lewis recommended that the Board begin a search for a District Treasurer and Bookkeeper, advertising a start date of January 2024. Andy McCutcheon made the motion to accept the recommendation as presented, Travis Freeman second and the motion unanimously passed.

Next, Mr. Lewis shared the Ozark Mountain Annual Financial Report for 2023-2024 as prepared by APSRC’s Ms. Kathy Hanlon. Allen Glidewell made the motion to accept as presented, Donald Morris second and the 2023-2024 Annual Financial Report passed as presented. Mr. Lewis recommended that the Board adopt the Proposed Budget of Expenditures with Tax Levy for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025 to and including June 30, 2026 and to approve the related sample ballot. Travis Freeman made the motion to accept as presented, Allen Glidewell second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis shared the *Stronger Connections Grant* and the bids for the St. Joe Playground. He recommended the Board accept the bid(s) from PlayWorks, Inc. - Option 3 for a grand total of \$81,065.82. Andy McCutcheon made the motion to accept as presented, Bart Beaver second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis recommended that the Board approve the Arkansas Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Teacher and Administrator Recruitment and Retention Plan as presented. Travis Freeman made the motion to accept, Travis Dixon second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis announced that there would be a Special Board meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 30, 2023 for which the Board would meet, along with Architect Craig Boone, and visit three (3) tracts of land as potential building sites for a new K-12 school for Ozark Mountain. No action will be taken during this Special Board meeting.

Mr. Lewis recommended that the Board approve the one Petition for Transfer of Students as presented. Travis Freeman made the motion to accept the transfer, 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>
None			

Transfers Out of Ozark Mountain School District:

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Resident District</u>	<u>Receiving District</u>
Emery Patterson	5	OMSD – WG Elem	Valley Springs

In General Discussion, Mr. Lewis shared the Enrollment Comparison Report showing a total enrollment of 518 students, as of September 16, 2023. Mr. Lewis also provided an update from Energy and letter stating that the updated amount due for OMSD was \$11,054.54. OMSD’s graduation 2024 is scheduled for May 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at North Arkansas College. And lastly, Mr. Lewis shared upcoming Board training opportunities.

With no other items on the Agenda, Travis Freeman made the motion to adjourn and Andy McCutcheon second. With a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m....

Respectfully submitted.

Board President, Jesse Rose

Vice President, Andy McCutcheon