

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: October 19, 2023

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

Members Absent: Allen Glidewell

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 amended August 17, 2023 minutes correcting the location of the meeting to the St. Joe Campus. Andy McCutcheon made the motion to accept the revision to the August 17, 2023 Minutes, Donald Morris second and the motion unanimously passed. Mr. Lewis then made the recommendation the Board accept the September 26, 2023 Regular Session Board Minutes. Andy McCutcheon made the motion to accept, Travis Freeman second and the motion unanimously passed. Next, Mr. Lewis made the recommendation the Board accept the September 30, 2023 Special Board Meeting minutes as presented. Travis Freeman made the motion to accept, Andy McCutcheon second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis presented the Financial Report for month ending September 30, 2023. OMSD reports an ending balance of \$5,719,070.03 and recommended that the Board accept the September 2023 Financial Report. Travis Freeman made the motion to accept, Bart Beaver second and the motion unanimously passed.

The next agenda item, Student Achievement, Mr. Lewis shared with the Board the ESSA School Index and provided an overview of indicators and the weight used to calculate the performance score for each school. Being an informational item, no vote was needed.

Mr. Lewis made the recommendation to accept the slate of new hires as presented. Travis Freeman made the motion to hire Kayden Johnson as the 5th/6th grade teacher at Western Grove Elementary, contingent upon Arkansas State University supplying an MOU for Ozark Mountain School District, and with a start date of January 3, 2024. Bart Beaver second and the motion unanimously passed. Travis Dixon made the motion to hire Alana Lara as part-time Custodian on the Western Grove Campus with up to 5 hours/day, Donald Morris second and the motion unanimously passed.

Resignation of Position:

New Hires:

Name

Certified Position

Kayden Johnson

5th/6th Grade Teacher – WG Elementary
(January 3, 2024 Start Date)

Name

Classified Position

Alana Lara

Custodian – WG Campus (5 hours per day)

Next, Mr. Lewis shared the Bus Camera Quotes as part of the Safety Grant. Mr. Lewis recommended the Board accept the Tracer Custom quote for bus cameras. Andy McCutcheon made the motion to accept the quote from Tracer Customs, Travis Dixon second and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Lewis shared with the Board the Master Facilities Plan update prepared by Aliza Jones. The update reflects the minimum requirements for a new K-12 building. At the next Board meeting, a resolution that states OMSD supports the Master Plan needs to be approved and questions from the community need to be recorded and sent to Ms. Jones. Mr. Lewis will then post to the OMSD website a FAQ based on the questions. No action was taken on this agenda item.

Mr. Lewis shared with the board that Craig Boone mentioned it could be 20-30 days out on drilling holes on the potential pieces of property. Mr. Lewis said he would talk to Mr. Boone and have a better idea of a timeline next week. There was discussion about the amount of holes that needed to be dug, and the cost per hole. Clarification would be provided at the November meeting. Mr. Lewis provided information about the Middleton property, and that it was offered for \$7,000 per acre by Mr. Middleton. Mr. Lewis mentioned that Mr. Middleton would hold the property awaiting word on approval of partnership funding, and if a millage could be passed. He said he would hold it but not indefinitely. Mr. Lewis also said Mr. Boone mentioned that it would take 7-8 acres to build softball and baseball fields, and the district would need to think about how many acres would be needed for an Ag facility.

There were no Petition for Transfer of Students applications for this month’s Board meeting.

Mr. Lewis shared with the Board an opportunity for a Plant Systems Start-up Grant. This is a CTE grant that would assist in building a greenhouse at Ozark Mountain High School. After conversation with the Board, Mr. Lewis was granted approval to apply for the grant.

In General Discussion, Mr. Lewis shared the Enrollment Comparison Report showing a total enrollment of 520 students, as of October 12, 2023. Mr. Lewis also shared an upcoming Board training opportunity on November 30th at the OUR Cooperative, and Board member Travis Freeman was recognized as an Outstanding Board Member by the Arkansas School Board Association.

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 6:52 p.m....

Respectfully submitted.

Board President, Jesse Rose

Vice President, Andy McCutcheon