



Ozark Mountain School District
Special Session- Bruno Pyatt, AR

August 6, 2025 at 6 p.m.

Board members present: Travis Freeman, Andy McCutcheon, Travis Dixon, Allen Glidewell, Jason Smith, Bart Beaver, and Donald Morris

Board members absent: none

1. Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Meeting called to order by Board President, Travis Freeman, at 6:00 p.m..
3. Public Comment- None
4. The board entered executive session at 6:01 p.m. to discuss personnel. The board reconvened at 6:09 p.m.
5. Motion was made by Travis Dixon and seconded by Allen Glidewell to hire Kristina Fulton as a Paraprofessional on the WGES/OMHS campus. Motion carried.
6. Norman Hill provided financial advice regarding the Bruno-Pyatt Campus. He highlighted that the school is currently experiencing a significant loss, approximately \$200,000, solely in personnel costs—not including other expenditures. In response, the district has implemented staffing cuts to help offset these costs.

Norman recommended that the board vote unanimously on the matter and advised leaving the decision-making regarding state involvement out of the discussion. He emphasized that the current finances of the Bruno-Pyatt Campus are unsustainable. For the campus to come close to breaking even, the Kindergarten through 6th-grade enrollment needs to be between 60 to 75 students.

Following Norman's report, the board engaged in an open discussion about the future of the campus. Mr. Knapp presented various possibilities, exploring different options for how to proceed. Donald Morris expressed interest in repurposing the campus as a middle school, while Andy showed support for the idea of using the facility for an Alternative Learning Environment (ALE).

Superintendent Jesse Knapp recommended the closure of the Bruno-Pyatt Local Education Agency (LEA) effective for the 2025–2026 school year. As part of this recommendation, Mr. Knapp proposed utilizing the three teachers currently assigned to the Bruno-Pyatt campus at the Western Grove campus, where three classes are currently exceeding the legal class size limit. He also recommended forming a committee to discuss the future use of the Bruno-Pyatt campus.

A motion to close the Bruno-Pyatt campus in alignment with Superintendent Knapp's recommendation was made by Travis Dixon and seconded by Andy McCutcheon.

For:6

(Travis Freeman, Andy McCutcheon, Bart Beaver, Jason Smith, Allen Glidewell, Travis Dixon)

Against:-1

(Donald Morris)

7. Motion made by Andy McCutcheon and seconded by Jason Smith to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m...

Board President, Travis Freeman

Board Secretary, Travis Dixon