



Ozark Mountain School District

Regular Session - Western Grove

July 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Travis Freeman, Andy McCutcheon, James Morris, Kenneth Hancock, Bart Beaver, Allen Glidewell, and Travis Dixon

Board Members Absent: None

1. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. The meeting was called to order by Board President Andy McCutcheon at 6:00 p.m.
3. Public Comment: None.
4. Student Achievement - No action taken.
 - Laith Lewis was recognized for advancing to the National Championship with the fishing team.
5. Motion was made by Travis Freeman and seconded by Allen Glidewell to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2026 Regular Session. Motion carried.
6. Motion was made by Travis Dixon and seconded by Kenneth Hancock to approve the June 2026 monthly financial report. Motion carried.
7. Travis Freeman recused himself at 6:04 p.m.
8. Motion was made by James Morris and seconded by Travis Dixon to approve the resolution to employ Victoria Freeman, spouse of Travis Freeman. Motion carried.
9. The Board entered executive session at 6:06 p.m. and reconvened at 6:26 p.m.
10. Travis Freeman rejoined the Board meeting following executive session.
11. Motion was made by Travis Freeman and seconded by James Morris to approve the resignation of Patricia Jones as Yearbook Advisor. Motion carried.
12. Motion was made by Travis Dixon and seconded by Bart Beaver to approve the new hire Kimberly Drewry. Motion carried.
13. Motion was made by Allen Glidewell and seconded by Travis Freeman to approve the classified new hires as presented. Motion carried.
 - Jayanne Ricketts, Dana Brasel, and Jailyn Jackson
14. Motion was made by Travis Freeman and seconded by Kenneth Hancock to approve the additional duties for Ashley Wyatt as Lead Teacher with 10 additional contract days. Motion carried.
15. Motion was made by Travis Dixon and seconded by James Morris to hire Victoria Freeman. Motion carried. (Travis Freeman recused himself)

16. Motion was made by James Morris and seconded by Kenneth Hancock to award the fuel bid to Brazell Oil. Motion carried.
17. Motion was made by Travis Freeman and seconded by Allen Glidewell to award the propane bid to Scott Petroleum. Motion carried.
18. A bus lease proposal was presented by Chad Hale with Midwest Bus Sales. Following Mr. Hale's presentation, Bus Mechanic Zane Green provided the Board with an update on the current fleet and the condition of the buses. No action taken.
19. Motion was made by Travis Freeman and seconded by Kenneth Hancock to approve an ACH payment for property insurance in the amount of \$86,764.22. Motion carried.
20. Motion was made by Travis Dixon and seconded by Travis Freeman to approve the 2026-2027 Student Handbook. Motion carried.
21. Motion was made by Travis Freeman and seconded by Travis Dixon to approve a transfer of \$800,000 from the operating fund to the building fund. Motion carried.
22. Motion was made by Travis Freeman and seconded by Allen Glidewell to approve the slate of petitions for transfers as presented. Motion carried.
23. General Discussion
 - Aliza Jones joined via Zoom and discussed consulting with the state regarding requirements to bring Bruno-Pyatt up to code before it could be used as an academic facility.
 - The size and scope of the St. Joe outdoor classroom project were discussed, including scaling the project down to approximately \$300,000-\$400,000.
 - The Ag/Music building, currently at a 92.8% Facility Condition Index (FCI), was discussed, with demolition recommended.
 - An update was provided regarding the modular building at Western Grove as a temporary solution.
 - A potential addition at Western Grove, including a safe room, was discussed. The shortage of space was estimated at approximately 10,000-13,000 square feet.
 - Partnership funding was discussed, with approximately 74% potentially funded by the state. The anticipated application year is 2028, with funding potentially released in May 2029.
 - Aliza Jones will complete a Program of Requirements (POR) for the campuses in September.
24. Frances Zemlick requested to speak to the Board in accordance with District policy. She discussed her thoughts regarding future District needs. She is a parent of a graduate, volunteer, and PTO member and strongly urged the District to move forward and continue making progress. No action taken.
25. Board Members signed notification letters to disclose personal interests to the District.
26. Motion was made by Allen Glidewell and seconded by Bart Beaver to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Motion carried.

Board President, Andy McCutcheon

Board Secretary, Travis Dixon