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April 24th, 2024, OMA School Board Meeting Minutes

REGULAR SESSION:

1. Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm.
2. Quorum established and Pledge of Allegiance recited.
 - a. Present were Rich Padgett, Jordan Hill, Danielle Houtsch, Star Riker, Sherryl Osgatharp
 - b. No present: Courtney Huckleby and Travis Troutman
3. No Amendments to agenda
4. Public Participation for Agenda items
 - a. Nicki requested to fix next year's school calendar due incorrect dates
5. Donations: See notes
6. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Board minutes for regular session on 3/6/24 approved
 - b. Resignations: none
 - c. Hires: Star Riker as 1st grade mentor/supervisor
 - d. Mileage claims: none
 - e. Approve leave request: none
 - f. Accept financial report for March 2024

Danielle Houtsch motioned, Sherryl Osgatharp seconded, motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

7. Expansion plans for next 5 years vs discussion of old building
 - a. TABLED for now due to paperwork regarding old building not yet received.
 - b. \$2.5 quote for turn key addition
 - c. Paperwork from Val Fleig in mail regarding old building
8. Discussion of 1st Grade Position
 - a. TABLED (however will proceed with interviews)
9. Additional front office position
 - a. TABLED
10. Addition of a Principal position for Otwell Miller Academy
 - a. TABLED

NEW BUSINESS

11. Review of student attendance
 - a. Considered habitually absent after 16 days
 - b. Tardy after 8:15 am

- c. 5 day letter sent to parents
 - d. 8 day letter sent to parents
 - e. After 10 days, director to contact parents
 - f. TABLED until committee is formed to resolve current policy
12. Support contract renewal with Shannon Cochran
- a. Paid by the hour
 - b. Very knowledgeable on PowerSchool

Dnaielle Houtsch motioned, Sherryl Osgatharp seconded, motion carried unanimously.

13. Wellness policy update
- a. Have to have a policy as part of the school lunch program
14. CEP renewal for free breakfast and lunch program for 2024-2025
- a. % based on direct certified numbers
 - b. Good for 5 years
 - c. If we reach 60% we receive full reimbursement.

Star Riker motioned, Sherryl Osgatharp seconded, motion carried unanimously.

15. Literacy cadre opt in for next year
- a. Can voluntarily opt in
 - b. TABLED until more information is gathered.
16. Kindergarten state testing opt in for 2024-2025 school year
- a. Informational, no action needed
17. Smekens conference at French Lick this June. Propose paying for any staff member who commits to attend the conference and report back to staff (\$649 per person).
- a. Up to 8 if all 8 want to attend
 - b. Will receive reading PD hours

Jordan Hill motioned, Danielle Houtsch seconded, motion carried unanimously.

18. Student Handbook for 2024-2025 school year
- a. TABLED until more information is gathered
19. Edits to calendar

Danielle Houtsch motioned, Sherryl Osgatharp seconded, motion carried unanimously.

20-23. empty for additional business as needed.

NOTES

- 24. Enrollment currently at 105
- 25. Lunch program site visit still open, May 3rd corrective action
- 26. Student spotlight still ongoing in hallway
- 27. Blood drive on May 6th from 1-6 at Community Center
- 28. Stem Visit (will not know until May 6 if we are certified or emerging)
- 29. Charter Renewal good for 15 years
- 30. Can food drive ongoing through May 10th
- 31. Cinnamon roll fundraiser for Holiday World through May 3rd

32. 5th grade graduation on May 21st at 6pm.

Public Participation

33. Director Comment/Updates:

- a. May 15th dodgeball with 5th graders at 1:30
- b. Summer school and kindergarten jump start dates will need to be set
- c. 5/9 for next board meeting : 5:30 for executive and 6:30 for board meeting
- d. \$75,000 anonymous donation to Friends of Otwell/OMA (no stipulations on use)
- e. K-6 reading endorsement paying a stipend of \$1,400 for 80 hours
- f. Board will have final decision on interviews with director or without director and teachers or with a committee

34. Board Comments

- a. Pre-K graduation May 23rd at 6pm

35. Adjournment

- a. At 7:27

Danielle Houtsch motioned, Star Riker seconded, motion carried unanimously.