

BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
OTTERVILLE R-VI- BOARD ROOM
February 19, 2025
6:00 PM

MEMBERS:

PRESENT:

Ryan Keele
Sean Main
Mark Blankenship
Aaron Berry
Jessica Helmig
Ryan Coday

ABSENT:

Dan Kruse-Superintendent
Melissa Stone-Principal
Traci Schoen-Secretary

The Board of Education met in Regular Session on February 19, 2025 with all members present.

President Ryan Keele called the meeting to order.

Correspondence received to the board, certificates from Missouri School Board Association for all board members.

A motion by Mark Blankenship, seconded by Sean Main to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6/0.

A motion by Sean Main, seconded by Jessica Helmig to approve the January 2025 financials and the new budget report prepared by Mr. Kruse. Motion carried 6/0.

Administrative Reports:

1. Athletic Director
 - a) District Basketball for boys and girls will be in Green Ridge February 24, 2025-March 1, 2025. Boy's seeded 3 and will play LaMonte on February 24, Girl's are seeded 4 and will Pilot Grove on February 25.
2. Principal Report
 - a) Attendance; elementary 92.8%, high school 93.3%-overall 93%. (January numbers).
 - b) Finishing up observations.
 - c) Working with Mrs. Schoen on the 2025-2026 class schedule.
 - d) Update on upcoming activities.
3. Superintendent Report
 - a) Eli Freeman will be long-term sub for the math classroom for the remainder of the year.
 - b) Update on the maintenance position, will be an hourly rate on as needed basis.

- c) Gary Stone is preparing a bid for the replacement of the concession stand window.
- d) The 75/25 Vocational Grant is being prepared for submission for the Ag and Business departments. 12 computers will be purchased.

Old Business:

- 1. Will pursue the Trap Shoot program.

New Business:

- a) A motion by Mark Blankenship, seconded by Sean Main to Co-Op softball with Bunceton for 1 year. Otterville will be host school. Motion carried 6/0.
- b) A motion by Aaron Berry, seconded by Ryan Coday to approve the bid for snow removal from James Weber. Motion carried 6/0.

A motion by Aaron Berry that the meeting be closed under RSMo, Section 610.021, Sub-Section 3 & 13 for the purpose of personnel discussion; RSMo, section 610.021, subsection 6 for the purpose of student issues; RSMo, section 610.021, subsection 1, for the purpose of legal issues; seconded by Sean Main. Motion carried 6/0. Roll call vote followed:

Keele-yea
Main-yea
Blankenship-yea
Berry-yea
Helmig-yea
Coday-yea

A motion by Sean Main, seconded by Mark Blankenship to Re-Convene to Open Session. Motion carried 6/0. Roll call vote followed:


Keele-yea
Main-yea
Blankenship-yea
Berry-yea
Helmig-yea
Coday-yea

The following motions occurred after Re-Convening:

- 1. A motion by Sean Main, seconded by Ryan Coday to accept the resignation of Gina Gaskell at the end of the 2024-2025 school year as the Title 1 paraprofessional. Motion carried 6/0.
- 2. The evaluation of Melissa Stone was presented and discussed. A motion by Mark Blankenship, seconded by Sean to extend a rolling 2-year contract and a salary of \$70,000.00 for the 2025-2026 school year to Melissa Stone. Motion carried 6/0.

A motion by Jessica Helmig, seconded by Aaron Berry to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6/0.


Traci Schoen, Board Secretary


Ryan Keele-President