

Minutes

RSU #26 Board of Directors Meeting
Orono Town Council Chambers
Tuesday, May 30, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

- Brian McGill, chairperson
- Jacob Eckert, vice-chair
- Mark Brewer
- Michelle Smith
- Erin Ellis
- Becca Gallandt, Student Advisor
- Ben Allen-Rahill, Student Advisor

1. Opening

- A. Call to Order – the meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Agenda Adjustments
 - i. Add policy AD Educational Philosophy to second reading
 - ii. Move Health Curriculum Proposal to *June 6th*
 - iii. Add resignation to Action Items

*Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the agenda adjustments and Michelle Smith seconded the motion.
Vote: 5-0*

2. Consideration of the Minutes of Meeting

- A. April 25

*Motion: Brian McGill moved to adopt the minutes as amended, and Michelle Smith seconded the motion.
Vote: 5-0*

- B. May 5

Motion: Brian McGill moved to adopt the minutes, and Erin Ellis seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0

3. Approval of Warrants

- A. Warrant 23 & 24
- B. Payroll 24
- C. Maine PERS – May 2017

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the warrants and Erin Ellis seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0

4. Acknowledgements

The Board acknowledged the following:

- Thanks to the community who came out to vote.
- The community literacy event was a great event.
- Arts honor society was fun to take family.
- OMS and OHS concerts were great.
- Supt. Tracy gave recognition and praise to the students who took part in the Leadership & Luncheon this past year.

- Negotiations are coming to an end. The hope is to have a ratified contract for the ESP on June 6th meeting and Teachers on the 20th.
- Thanks to the Junior class for putting on the prom.
- Recognition of the induction ceremonies for students chosen for acceptance into the National Art Society, French & Spanish societies.
- Congratulations to the Track and Tennis teams who have done a great job this season.

5. Public Comment - *none*

6. Presentations

A. Connie Carter & OMS students – Operation Breaking Stereotypes

Students from the group “Operation Breaking Stereotypes” gave a presentation on Climate Change, sharing their progress and thoughts about how individuals can make a difference. Connie Carter, who is heading the program, works with middle school students from Orono, Old Town and Indian Island with the intention of breaking down stereotypes they may have of each other by working together. This year the group worked on a climate change. They have received pledges from other students in the middle school to pledge in making a personal effort to prevent climate change. They also sent out public service announcements encouraging people to think about their actions. The students concluded their presentation by asking if the board had suggestions regarding how steps could be taken within our school district to further address the issue. The board shared with the students how the school board process works and asked the students to come up with a proposal for change and bring it back to the board when they are ready to present again.

B. Superintendent - *none*

C. Student Advisors – *addressed the following concerns*

- i. Laptops- student advisors asked why students are not able to take computers home for the summer, especially in light of some students taking classes that require computer access.
- ii. Lunch times- very short period of time to eat lunch. The board acknowledged that scheduling largely dictates the length of time for lunches. The board will decide whether scheduling is a priority for this coming year.
- iii. Phys. Ed. credits- Students need 1.5 credits for graduation, yet the State requires only one. Could afterschool sports take the place of any or all of these credits? This would allow options for opening up further possibilities for students to take college campus courses. The issue will be discussed further in the meeting under action item 8.E. Policy IKF

D. Principals – *no formal reports*

7. Discussion Items

A. Revisit snow days/early dismissal/late start

The administration requested to put back into policy an option for a two-hour early release in the case of inclement weather. This would allow students to get home sooner, and the school day calendar would not be affected. The board felt there should be some flexibility

for the Superintendent to authorize a two-hour release if it is announced the night beforehand. *The board will wait and bring it forward as a policy action item on June 6th.*

8. Action Items

~~A. Health Curriculum Proposal — Sam Ramco & Peter Buchner — This item will be taken up on June 6th~~

B. Staff Nominations & Resignations

i. Resignations

Supt. Tracy brought forward the resignation of Jacalyn Degan, 1st grade teacher.

Motion: Brian McGill moved to accept the resignation with regrets, and Erin Ellis seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0

ii. Co-curricular nominations – *none*

C. Approval of Donations & Gifts

i. OEF- Speech and Debate Team

Supt Tracy recommended the approval of the OEF donation to the OHS Speech and Debate Team to help defray the cost of students attending the National Competition.

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the donation, and Michelle Smith seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0

ii. Warner & Noyes memorial gifts

The families of Sandra Warner (teacher) and Gladys Noyes (secretary) have set up funds in memory of the women who served as long-time employees of Asa Adams. The Warner fund holds \$625. Asa Adams will be using this money to purchase a “Buddy Bench”, a composite playground bench where children who are in need of a friend may sit, signaling the need for a friend. The Noyes fund, which holds \$700, will go to purchase a yellow magnolia tree to be planted behind the Asa flagpole. A ceremony is planned for May 23.

Motion: Brian McGill moved to accept up to \$1,500 and Michelle Smith seconded the motion.

iii. Cole Family Foundation

The Cole Family Foundation, Bangor, has gifted Epson BrightLink Interactive Projector (approx. \$2,200) to be used in the OHS classrooms.

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve up to \$2,500 from the Cole Family Foundation, and Michelle Smith seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0

iv. Perloff Family Foundation

The Perloff Family Foundation has gifted a FlashForge 3D Printer, Finder model (approx. \$500) to be used in library/new technology classroom.

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve up to \$1,000 from the Perloff Family Foundation, and Michelle Smith seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0

D. Open Insurance Policy Bids & choose Property and Casualty Provider

Supt. Tracy opened and publicly reviewed the bids. Mrs. Gray recommended going with MSMA as they’ve been extremely helpful over the years and have wonderful customer service and experience. Howard Insurance is an independent agency handles fewer accounts/schools and hesitates to go with them as a provider even though their bid is 3,500 lower. We will lose coverage by July 1 if we don’t make a decision sooner rather than later. Board would like to bring the final decision to the board next week on the 6th but time is of the essence.

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to accept on the recommendation of Supt. Tracy and Mrs. Gray to accept the bid for insurance with MSMA. Jake Eckert seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-1 Brian McGill abstained.*

E. Policies

First Reading

IKF: Graduation Requirements

Pursuant to Student Advisor concerns, the following discussion ensued. Do other schools incorporate varsity sports into PE credits? There are specific standards around PE curriculum that sports teams don't necessarily teach. How many schools go with 1.5 credits as opposed to the 1.0 state mandated credit?

Discussion: Change the number of semesters from "four" to "six" in section III H. Typos corrected.

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to accept policy IKF as a first read with changes as discussed, and Jake Eckert seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0*

Second Reading

JLCDA: Medical Marijuana in Schools

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to approve policy JLCDA and Erin Ellis seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0*

AD: Educational Philosophy – *deferred until June 6th*

Revision

JICK: Bullying (1st Revision)

Discussion: What type of education are we doing to keep ahead of this policy and educate our children? Are we doing/teaching anything to our 9th graders and younger? Advisory curriculum presently addresses this. Sex Education will be covered in the June 6th Health Curriculum Proposal.

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to acknowledge JICK as a second read and bring it back to the June 20th meeting for further discussion. Michelle Smith seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0*

DFD: Athletic Gate Receipts

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to approve policy DFD, and Michelle Smith seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0*

DJ: Bidding/Purchasing Requirements

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to amend policy DJ as presented and repeal policy DJH. Michelle Smith seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0*

9. Subcommittee Reports

- A. Policy Subcommittee – *Possible June meeting*
- B. United Technology Center – *next meeting June 15th*
- C. SPRPCE – *next meeting June 15th.*
- D. Curriculum Subcommittee – *no more meetings*

10. Other Business

Voting is June 13th in the middle school gym.

11. Future Agenda Items

- A. Public Workshop at 5:00 p.m. on June 6th for public input on Board and District goals.

12. Public Comment - *none*

13. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

- **Monday, June 5**, at the Orono Town Council Chambers budget discussion with the Town Council at 6 p.m.
- **Tuesday, June 6**, at the Orono Town Council Chambers at 6 p.m.
- **Tuesday June 20**, OHS Library, 6:00 p.m.

14. Request for Information and Follow-up

15. Adjournment

Motion: Brian McGill moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m., and Jake Eckert seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0

Meeting adjourned

*Respectfully submitted,
Michael E. Tracy, Jr.*