

Minutes

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

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

1. Opening

- A. Call to Order - the meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Agenda Adjustments
 - i. Amendment of April 25th minutes – 2.A.
 - ii. Co-curricular nominations - 8.A.
 - iii. New Hires – Asa Special Education teacher, Food Service Director, OMS Principal Hire, .5 OHS Social Studies – 7.B.

Motion: Brian McGill moved to accept the agenda adjustments and Erin Ellis seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0

2. Consideration of the Minutes

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the May 2nd minutes, with spelling correction as noted, and Erin Ellis seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0

Motion: Brian McGill moved to adopt the April 25th minutes as amended, and Erin Ellis seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0

3. Approval of Warrants - Payroll 25 and Warrant 25

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the warrants presented and Erin Ellis seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0

4. Acknowledgements

- Rep. Ryan Tipping-Spitz presented L.D. 785, a transportation amendment law that he sponsored on behalf of the RSU 26. The new law allows school crossing guards the authority to direct traffic. The law will come into effect in October.
- The high school Coffeehouse Ukelele concert was a success.
- OHS Boys and Girls Track teams won the State Championship track meet.

5. Public Comment - none

6. Presentations – The board received copies of reports.

- A. Student Advisors – none
- B. Principals – Principals Fournier, Paul and Ruhlin gave their reports to the board.

- i. *Of particular notice*, Principal Paul, with teachers Jessica Archer and Tracy Deschaine, gave an update on the OMS math program and IXL. Discussion expanded into student assessments and placement within the program.
- C. Superintendent – Supt. Tracy gave his report to the board.
 - i. Special Services- Dir. Sharon Brady, reported to the board regarding special education, Chap. 104, UDL and Supervision & Evaluation

7. Discussion Items

- A. Health Curriculum – Sam Runco and Peter Buehner addressed the board regarding enhanced health education to include Sexuality Education and Suicide Prevention Training. While not required by the State to teach these topics, Ms. Runco and Mr. Buehner asked for Board support before defining which standards best serve our district. Ms. Runco asked the board to communicate it's support to the community. The board was unanimous in it's support to endorse the initiative.
- B. Spring Reports on NWEA – Principal Fournier and Principal Paul shared the most recent NWEA data. Much of the discussion surrounded the determination of the individual growth index and upon what values the target is calculated. Timeline for next year.
- C. Goal Setting – Reviewed goals from the workshop. One of the most prominent goals is communication with the public regarding Board work and action. *Further discussion is deferred until June 20.*
- D. Notice of Property Sale – Supt. Tracy provided notice that the school intends to sell a Hobart kitchen mixer, which is no longer needed in the Asa Adams kitchen.

8. Action Items

- A. Co-Curricular nominations – *deferred until June 20*
- B. Staff Nominations
 - i. Food Service Director

Supt. Tracy introduced and nominated Ben Jacobson as the new RSU 26 Food Service Director. While the board does not need to approve this position, Supt. Tracy asked for acknowledgement on the hiring.

Motion: Brian McGill moved to acknowledge Ben Jacobson as the new Food Service Director and Jake Eckert seconded. Vote: 4-0

- ii. .5 Social Studies Teacher, OHS

Supt. Tracy nominated Adam Kaspala for the .5 Social Studies teaching position.

Motion: Brian McGill moved to enter executive session at 7:35 p.m. and Erin Ellis seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0

- 1. *Executive session* - per 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(A) - Appointment of officials/appointees/employees

The board came out of executive session at 7:52 p.m.

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Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the hire of Adam Kaspala as the OHS .5 Social Studies Teaching position and Erin Ellis seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0

iii. Special Education Teacher, Asa Adams

Supt. Tracy nominated Ashley Satre for the Asa Adams Special Education teaching position.

Motion: Brian McGill moved to enter executive session at 7:53 p.m. and Erin Ellis seconded the motion.
Vote: 4-0

1. Executive session - per 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(A) - Appointment of officials/appointees/employees

The board came out of executive session at 8:00 p.m.

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the hire of Ashley Satre for the Asa Adams Special Education Teaching position and Erin Ellis seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0

iv. OMS Principal Hire

Motion: Brian McGill moved to enter executive session at 8:01 p.m. and Erin Ellis seconded the motion.
Vote: 4-0

- ii. Executive session - per 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(A) - Appointment of officials/appointees/employees

The board came out of executive session at 8:20 p.m.

Supt. Tracy nominated Heath Kenney for the OMS Principal position. It was a long process with multiple stakeholders and the nomination was made concurrently with incoming supt. Meredith Higgins support.

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the hire of Heath Kenney for the OMS Principal position, and Erin Ellis seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0

Discussion: Supt. Tracy asked permission from the board to reinstate the 2-day hiring process. Principal Fournier was asked to speak. She explained that due to the length of time between board meetings, we risk losing the applicant to another district. The board was open to allowing a principal to make an offer to an applicant between the dates of June 6- June 20. Principal Fournier has two pending applicants for teaching positions.

Motion: Brian McGill moved to invoke a suspension of the rules and authorize the hiring of two positions already in process with a two-day memo, and Erin Ellis seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0

C. Future Dates for board meetings FY 17-18 – Discussion deferred until June 20th

9. Policies

First Reading

- i. GCQC: Resignation of School Unit Employees

Motion: Brian McGill moved to acknowledge GCQC as a first read and Erin Ellis seconded the motion.
Vote: 4-0

Revisions

- i. EBCE: School Closings

Motion: Brian McGill moved to adopt EBCE as amended and Erin Ellis seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0

ii. AD: Educational Philosophy and Mission

Motion: Brian McGill moved to amend AD with amendments as discussed and Erin Ellis seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0

10. Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(D) – Labor contract proposal discussion with the REA ESP

Motion: Brian McGill moved to enter executive session at 9:37 p.m., and Erin Ellis seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0

The board came out of executive session at 10:09

Motion: Brian McGill moved to adopt the CBA REA, and Jake Eckert seconded the motion. Vote: 1-3
Motion failed

Discussion: Regarding pay averaging, the board has concern for legalities and potential suits of violation binding concerns.

11. Subcommittee Reports

- A. Policy Subcommittee - *none*
- B. United Technology Center - *none*
- C. SPRPCE – Next meeting is June 15th
- D. Curriculum Subcommittee – *none*

12. Other Business - none

13. Future Agenda Items

- A. Negotiation conversations (*continuing*)
- B. Executive Session - 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(D) – Labor contract meeting with REA Teachers
- C. NWEA results (*June*)
- D. Approval of Assessment Warrants and Installment Schedules

14. Public Comment - none

15. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meetings

- Tuesday, June 20th, Board meeting, Orono High School Library at 6 pm

16. Request for Information and Follow-up

17. Adjournment

Motion: Brian McGill moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 pm and Erin Ellis seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Michael E. Tracy, Jr.