

Minutes

RSU #26 Board of Directors Meeting
Orono Town Council Chambers
Tuesday, May 2, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

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

1. Opening

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Agenda Adjustments
 - i. Add Board representation to principal committee - 8.A
 - ii. Add Lunch price increase - 7.F
 - iii. Add Goal setting process - 8.B

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

2. Consideration of the Minutes

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the April 4 as presented and Jake Eckert seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0**

3. Approval of Warrants - Payroll 23 and April Maine Pers

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the warrants presented and Jake Eckert seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0**

4. Acknowledgements

- Erin Ellis thanked everyone who helped out with teacher appreciation week at Asa this week.
- Michelle Smith acknowledged all the teachers for their hard work.
- Jake Eckert commended the students for their performance at the District 5 concert.
- Brian McGill also commended the students' performance at the District 5 concert. He recognized the students of the OHS Spanish Class who took national exam and received several medals for their performances
- Mr. Tracy acknowledged teacher appreciation week and thanked the teachers for their hard work.

- Mark Brewer thanked those who worked hard at Asa for “Stories from Under the Big Top.”
- Becca Gallandt thanked OHS teachers for their help in getting students reading for the AP exams.
- Ben Allan-Rahill echoed Becca’s sentiments.

5. Public Comment

Ms. Goodall shared the following thoughts on Teacher Appreciation Week. “We need to think about all educators/teachers and those who’ve gone before us. How we stand on the shoulders of giants and we need to remember that teacher is a broad term. That we remember those who remember us - like Gladys Noyes, former Asa secretary who’s family remembers Asa and is encouraging people to make gifts in memory of her to the school. We also remember those teachers, educators, in our community who give of themselves and their time and are gone too soon, like Capt. Scott Scripture of the Orono PD. Who was a fixture at many Orono events in and out of uniform. I had the pleasure of working with him in Practical Law and he spoke many times to the kids and he captivated them with his presentations, with his teaching. He was an excellent police officer, an excellent teacher/educator and will be greatly missed.” She also recognized Joe Mason who was awarded an inspiring educator award.

6. Presentations – *The board received copies of reports.*

- A. Student Advisors** – none
- B. Principals** – Principal Ruhlin and Principal Fournier were both present to give reports. Mr. Paul was absent for attendance at Kiwanis.
 - i. *Of particular notice;*
 1. Principal Ruhlin addressed communication to parents and staff regarding the Netflix series “13 Reasons Why.”
 2. Spring NWEAs begin at Asa on May 15.
- C. Superintendent** – Mr. Tracy is working with new Superintendent Meredith Higgins on exploratory facilities and getting bids from contractors/architects. Facilities planning to help tee-up the district and focus on building a 5 year capital improvement plan.

7. Action Items

- A. Approval of donation** – Mics & Mirrors

Motion: Brian McGill moved to authorize the \$500 donation from OEF and up to \$7000 from OSCaR to purchase equipment for the Mics & Mirrors Campaign.

Michelle Smith seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0**

- B. Staff Nominations/Resignations**

Supt. Tracy nominated **Zachary Arnold** for the **OHS Life Science** teaching position.

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

Motion: Brian McGill moved to enter executive session at 6:25 p.m. and Michelle Smith seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0**

The board came out of executive session at 6:35 pm.

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve Zachary Arnold for the High School Life Sciences position and Jake Eckert seconded. **Vote: 5-0**

Supt. Tracy nominated Mr. David Hamel for the full-time High School Social Studies position.

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

Motion: Brian McGill moved to enter executive session at 6:37 pm and Michelle Smith seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0**

The board came out of executive session at 6:56 p.m.

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve David Hamel for the full-time High School Social Studies teaching position. Michelle Smith seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0**

i. Probationary slate approvals

Supt Tracy read the slate of nominations for probationary teacher approvals.

First Probationary going to Second year probationary: Allison Woodard, Kindergarten; Renee Curtis, RR/Literacy; Amy Hart, Grade 6; Emily Jackson Sanborn, Library; Jennifer Nash, Music/Band; Todd Hillier, OHS Science; David Hamel, OHS .5 Social Studies; Steve Vandolman, Special Education.

Second Probationary going to Third year probationary: Jacalyn Degan, Grade 1; Sarah James, Grade 3; Angela McLaughlin, Grade 2; Troy Wagstaff, Guidance; Marci Buschner, ELL.

Third Probationary going to Continuing Contract: Jodie Shaw, Kindergarten; Jessica Moore, Music; Alessandra Cunha, Foreign Language; Camden Carter, Alternative Education; Jon Hawley, Alternative Education; Wendy Pearson, Gifted/Talented; Danielle Pelletier, Special Education.

Motion: Brian McGill moved to go into executive session at 6:57 p.m. per hiring process and Michelle Smith seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0**

The board came out of executive session at 7:05 pm

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the slate of nominations as presented and Michelle Smith seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0**

C. Future Board meeting dates

- Announcement of Special Meeting for Approval of Warrants on Friday, May 5th at 5:30 on Friday
- The board will need to have a second meeting on May 30 and another on June 20.
- Annual Meeting May 16th.

D. Approval of budget FY18

Lynn Gray presented the final budget to the board.

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the budget as presented with the priorities as presented and Jake Eckert seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0**

E. Policies

First Reading

- i. JLCDA: Medical Marijuana in Schools

Motion: Brian McGill moved to acknowledge JLCDA as a first read and Michelle Smith seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0**

F. Lunch Price Increase – Food Service Director, Kathy Kittridge, recommended increasing lunch prices by .10 per meal. Roughly 30% of the students take hot lunch.

Motion: Mark Brewer moved to accept the price increase as outlined in the document presented and Erin Ellis seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0**

8. Discussion Items

- A. Principal Search committee & representation – Jake Eckert's schedule does not allow time for him to participate in the Principal Search hiring. Erin Ellis offered to take his place. Mark will be an alternate.
- B. Goal setting process – The board will need to set board goals and take public input in advance. A workshop will be held in advance of the regular June 6th board meeting, which will take place at 5:00 pm. The board will solicit feedback from public at the annual meeting via survey distributed at the annual budget meeting on May 16th.

9. Subcommittee Reports

- A. Policy Subcommittee – next policy subcommittee meeting will be May 5th.
- B. United Technology Center – will be meeting this week.
- C. SPRPCE – met April 25th with 8 members present. Budget Passed. Passed first read of policy that would allow school boards to select a non-school board member to represent them. What would the board like to do on this? Starting SPRPCE innovation school through a grant from the State. Next meeting is June 15 at 7pm
- D. Curriculum Subcommittee – the next meeting will be May 11th

10. Other Business

11. Future Agenda Items

- A. Negotiation conversations (*continuing until May 5th*)
- B. NWEA results (*June*)

12. Public Comment - *none*

13. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meetings

- Friday, May 5th, Special Board Meeting, OHS Library at 5:30 pm
- Tuesday, May 16th, Annual Budget Meeting, OHS Cafeteria at 6 pm
- Tuesday, May 30th, Board meeting, Orono Town Council Chambers at 6 pm
- Tuesday, June 6th, Public Workshop on Goal setting, Orono Town Council Chambers at 5:00 pm
- Tuesday, June 6th, Board meeting, Orono Town Council Chambers at 6 pm
- Tuesday, June 20th, Board meeting, Orono Town Council Chambers at 6 pm

14. Request for Information and Follow-up

15. Executive session – per 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(A) – Evaluation of officials/appointees/employees after item

Motion: Brian McGill **moved to enter executive session at 8:00 pm** and Michelle Smith seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0**

The board came out of executive session at 8:17 pm

16. Executive session – per 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(A) – Evaluation of officials/appointees/employees after item

Motion: Brian McGill **moved to enter executive session at 8:17 pm** and Erin Ellis seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0**

Came out at 8:47

17. Executive session – per 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(A) – Evaluation of officials/appointees/employees after item

Motion: Brian McGill **moved to enter executive session at 8:47 pm** and Erin Ellis seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0**

Came out at 9:20

18. Adjournment

Motion: Brian McGill **moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm** and Mark Brewer seconded the motion. **Vote: 5-0**

Meeting adjourned