

MINUTES

RSU #26 Board of Directors Meeting
 Orono Town Council Chambers
 Tuesday, November 27, at 6:00 p.m.

x Brian McGill, chairperson
 x Jacob Eckert, vice-chair
 x Mark Brewer
 x Erin Ellis
 x Geoff Wingard

x Katie King, Student Advisor
 Eli McGill, Student Advisor
 Ross Cobo-Lewis, Student Advisor Alternate

1. Opening

- a. Call to Order

Brian McGill called the meeting to order at 6:20pm

- b. Pledge of Allegiance
 c. Agenda Adjustments

- Add item 7G: Approval of Revised OMS lunch stipend
- Move 7B to right after public comment
- Adjust October 16 to November 14 under ‘Consideration of the Minutes’

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to approve the Agenda Adjustments, Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 5-0*

2. Consideration of the Minutes

- a. October 30, 2018 Workshop Minutes

- i. Reason for entering Executive Session Under 7(c) Employee Leave Request in the October 30th minutes should be changed from M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(F) to M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A)

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to approve Minutes with adjustments, Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 4-0-1*

- b. November 14, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to approve Minutes as presented, Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 5-0*

3. Approval of Warrants –

- a. Warrant 9
 b. Payroll 10, 11
 c. Maine Pers, October

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to approve the Warrants, Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 5-0*

4. Public Comment- none**5. Action Item 7B- Approval of Jae Hubbard and Christine Crocker’s French/Spanish Club Trip to Quebec**

- a. Comment: Make sure that money is not a deterrent to students attending trip

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to approve the French/Spanish Club trip to Quebec, Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 5-0*

6. Presentations

- a. Superintendent Report- Meredith Higgins

- i. Acknowledged thanks to Mia Caballero, Jayne Bowler, and Raechelle Edmiston-Cyr for helping out the Town of Orono, and to the for the Town working with us to get the votes registered in time for the November 27, 2018 Board meeting
- ii. Shana Goodall was recognized for her involvement with the DOE working on Social Studies standards
- iii. Adult Ed selected as an “education champion” for contributing thriving economic climate in Maine
- iv. Admin team will present testing data to the Board. Data Workshop on December 11, 2018 at 5 pm

- v. Public ranking for district: Orono top performing district in our area, 11th in Math, 18th in ELA, 10th in Science
 - 1. Orono Middle top in state in Science
- b. Principal Reports
 - i. Darren Akerman
 - 1. STEAM Team- In class STEAM projects and strategies
 - 2. PTO commended - book wall for Lucy Hawkins Literacy program- coded and categorized
 - 3. Breakout sessions-students use problem solving skills to solve a mystery
 - 4. Live webinar for examining science curriculum
 - ii. Heath Kennie
 - 1. Announced students of the Month October and November
 - 2. Humbug High 7 & 8 of December
 - 3. Cookery- students selected for family dinner, bringing a family dinner for those who don't always have an opportunity to do so
 - 4. MEA scores- looking into them
 - 5. K-8 SEL (Social/Emotional Learning) committee meeting, Core Values, alignment with Asa
 - iii. Reg Ruhlin
 - 1. Cross Country Girls State Champions, boys runners up, coach of the year
 - 2. Boys Northern Maine runners up
 - 3. Once a month getting school together for accolades
 - 4. Getting student attendance up
 - 5. Math department integrating tech into the classroom
 - 6. Continue momentum with writing across the curriculum
 - iv. Student Report- Katie King
 - 1. Great success of the Fall Musical: Into the Woods
 - 2. Great Fall at OHS
- 7. **Discussion Items**
 - a. Update on OHS recruiting for 2019-2020
 - i. Committee- continued improvement committee: recruiting committee will be one of these
 - 1. Visits to 8th graders, Step-up day, following up by visiting potential OHS students
 - 2. Students involved in recruiting? Bring students from sending town to visit with 8th graders, students involved in Step-up day
 - 3. Survey current parents and students on why they chose Orono. Sports, performance, academics?
 - 4. Reach out to kids who participate in community youth events and organizations who already have a connection with Orono schools
 - b. Recommendation to PDT on initial scoping of facilities
 - i. November 14th workshop
 - 1. Subcommittees, and the proposed budgetary figure for the committee to use for planning purposes
 - a. Asa Adams (operating budget of 4.7 million)
 - b. Athletics (1.1 million)
 - c. Performance Arts (3.5 million)
 - d. OMS/OHS (4.9 million)
 - e. Essential repairs included in the number
 - 1) Board to figure out "Tier One" essential repairs

2) Numbers not set in stone

8. Action Items

i. Co-curricular Recommendations

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve the listed Co-curricular Recommendations**, Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 5-0

ii. ~~Approval of Jae Hubbard and Christine Crocker's French/Spanish Club Trip to Quebec~~
Moved to after public comment

iii. Approval of survey for Superintendent Performance

1. Final approval to send out survey at December meeting

2. Survey people on goals?

a. No goals?

b. District goals?

c. Personnel goals?

d. Mark Brewer- Facilities need to be added as a goal

e. Meredith Higgins will work with Brian McGill to establish goals and bring those to the December Board Meeting

iv. Approval of contract for concept design of architectural services

1. Postponed until we have actual contract

v. Appointment of committees for facilities concept design

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **enter Executive Session under M.R.S.A. § (405)(6)(F)**, Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 5-0

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:32 and returned at 8:30

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve the nominees for the subcommittees as listed below**, Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 5-0

1. Asa: Erin Ellis- Chair, Darren Akerman, Sharon Brady, Lisa Erhardt, Stacey Newman, Frank Barton (2nd Staff Position Open)
2. OMS/OHS: Mark Brewer- Chair, Heath Kennie, Reg Ruhlin, Sharon Brady, Rose Scheidt, Troy Wagstaff, Jon Hawley, Kristen Espling, Nate Campbell, Leo Kenney
3. Athletic Fields: Jake Eckert- Chair, Mike Archer, Chris Libby, Nick Butler, Lin White, Olivier Putzeys
4. Performing Arts Center: Geoff Wingard- Chair, Heath Kennie, Cami Carter, Jim Bulteel, Jason Clarke, Elena DeSiervo-Burns

Superintendent Meredith Higgins and Board Chair Brian McGill will attend meetings with all four subcommittees.

Public meetings, public is always welcome

vi. Policies

1. First reading

a. IJOC

b. IJOC-R

1) Remove "included"

2) terminology not meeting up with Maine criminal code-consistency across state criminal system

3) Mark Brewer- 5 year limit on being disqualified as a volunteer if a violent felon is too short. Mr. Brewer feels that a person should be permanently disqualified if they have been convicted of a violent felony.

4) To be discussed further in policy subcommittee

2. Revisions

a. IKF

1) Remove .5 credit option for service

- 2) 22.5 or 24 credits to graduate for the Class of 2021 and beyond

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **accept policy IKF as written**, Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 5-0

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **amend original motion and change the number of credits needed to graduate to 22.5**, Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 3-2

- vii. Approval of revised OMS lunch stipend
 1. Change the amount of stipend given to those who supervise the Orono Middle School lunch in the cafeteria, and to divide it between the 2 lunch shifts- stipends of \$1000 for each

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **change the Orono Middle School lunch stipend from one \$1500 stipend to two \$1000 stipends**, Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 5-0

9. **Public Comment**

a. **Judy Sullivan**

- i. Asked about the membership on the Facilities Subcommittees and whether the subcommittee meetings were open to the public. Ms. Sullivan also requested that the Board reference the titles of policies that are discussed along with the policy code names.

10. **Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting**

- a. Tuesday, December 11, 2018 - Board Meeting at Orono Town Council Chambers at 6 p.m.
- b. Tuesday, December 11, Workshop at 5:00

11. **Request for Information and Follow-up**

12. **Adjournment**

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **adjourn the meeting**, Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Raechelle Edmiston-Cyr

Central Office Administrative Assistant