

MINUTES

RSU #26 Board of Directors Meeting
Orono Town Council Chambers
Tuesday, October 30, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

x Geoff Wingard (arrived late for meeting)

1. Opening

- a. Call to Order

Brian McGill called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

- b. Pledge of Allegiance

- c. Agenda Adjustments

- Add 7b Stipend Requests ii. Asa Show Choir and iii. OMS Nordic Ski Club
- Add 7c - Employee Leave Request
- Add 7d - Approve Updated Warrant Article for Capital Improvement Reserve Town Meeting
- Add 7e Policies - second reading - i. JDLGB and ii. EFD

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

2. Consideration of the Minutes

- a. October 16, 2018

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to approve the minutes, Erin Ellis seconded. Vote: 4-0*

3. Approval of Warrants

- a. Warrants - payroll #8, #2

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to approve, Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-0*

4. Public Comment – none

5. Presentations

- a. Superintendent Report- Meredith Higgins

- i. MSMA (Maine School Management Association) Fall Conference

1. Meredith Higgins, Brian McGill, and Sharon Brady attended

- ii. Recognized Sharon Brady and Karen Martin for organizing the flu vaccine clinic

- iii. Enrollment Report

1. October 1 numbers, which RSU 26's state subsidy is based on

- a. Asa Adams 271 students

- b. OMS 172 students

- c. OHS 335 student

2. Approximately 40% tuition, number down slightly

- a. Numbers down slightly, but not below projection in tuition

- b. Special Services Director- Sharon Brady

- i. Enrollment Report

1. As of October 1, 2018, there are 194 students with IEPs

2. Percentage of those in Special Education is climbing

6. Discussion Items

- a. Facilities discussion

- i. Advertising
 - 1. Direct mail - Mailed out Friday, November 2
 - 2. Social Media- Facebook and twitter, ribbon on top of the website,
 - 3. Flyers around town
 - 4. Greg Fish article in the Penobscot Times
 - 5. Poster at polling place to advertise forum
 - 6. Sean making virtual tour- hope to have 1st cut at the Forum on the 13th, then on the website.
- ii. Presentation of price at the Forum
 - 1. This is everything that PDT recommends fixing.
 - 2. Advertise tax numbers
 - a. Tax dollars you're willing to pay
- iii. Later feedback
 - 1. Give Community an opportunity to process and mull over information
 - 2. Email address, online forum
- iv. Gage of community's priorities now that they have price numbers attached.
- v. PDT presentation focused on outcomes, then break into small groups to talk about costs, then back to slides about cost and tax burdens, then back to small groups to discuss what the public wants to spend.
- vi. Mark Brewer- would like a more detailed list of what can be saved and remodeled, and have the potential for state funding. What HAS to be done? Electrical, the lintels, etc.
- vii. Feedback from PDT on what has the best chance for revolving renovation money from the state
- viii. Deferred maintenance
- ix. Next Steps
 - 1. Sign new contract
 - 2. Winter and Spring will be spent working in Subgroups- see last minutes
 - 3. Detailed cost estimates and detailed drawings of building
 - 4. Board decided how much to spend
 - 5. Bond
- b. Timing of superintendent evaluation
 - i. Traditional November/December or Spring as with the principals, or even move to February when it is less busy
 - ii. Not all running at the same time
 - iii. Stick to traditional November/December for superintendent, February for Board survey,
 - iv. Brian will draft public survey and vote will take place at the December meeting

7. Action Items

- a. Co-curricular Nominations
 - i. Nominations for co-curricular coaches and advisors read in meeting, and noted in board packet

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **accept the co-curricular nominations as presented**, Erin Ellis seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0

Geoff Wingard joined the meeting

- b. Stipend Request - hand out
 - i. Mentors
 - ii. Asa Show Choir
 - iii. OMS Nordic Ski Club

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve all 3 categories of stipends**, Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 5-0

- c. Employee Leave Request

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **enter executive session** under statute 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(F), Confidential Documents, Jacob Eckert seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0

The board entered executive session at 8:07 pm and returned at 8:12 pm

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

- d. Updated Warrant Article for Capital Improvement Reserve Town Meeting

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

- i. Meeting to be held November 27th

- e. Policies

- i. Second Reads

- 1. JDLGB - Reintegration of students from juvenile corrections

- a. Insert comma after change noted in handout

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

- 2. EFD - Food service pricing and payment

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

8. **Public Comment**

- a. Brian McGill Resolutions from the MSMA presented to the governor
 - i. PreK in Special Education, funding
 - ii. Proficiency based diploma
 - iii. 180 school days vs 175
 - iv. Minimum teacher policy of \$40K
 - v. Revolving renovation fund
 - vi. School Safety
 - vii. Gun free schools

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

- a. Tuesday, November 13, 2018 - Facilities Study Public Forum at the Orono Middle School Gym at 6 p.m.
- b. Wednesday, November 14, 2018 - Facilities Board Workshop at Orono Town Council Chambers at 7 p.m.
- c. Tuesday, November 27, 2018 - Board Meeting at Orono Town Council Chambers at 6 p.m.

10. **Request for Information and Follow-up-** none

11. **Adjournment**

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **adjourn the meeting at 8:24**, Erin Ellis seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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