

Minutes

RSU 26 Board of Directors Meeting
Orono Town Council Chambers
Tuesday, January 22, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

X Brian McGill, chairperson
X Jacob Eckert, vice-chair
X Mark Brewer
X Geoff Wingard

X Erin Ellis
 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 6:00 pm

- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Agenda Adjustments
 - i. Add 7d Facilities Subcommittee Discussion
 - ii. Move Warrants to 6d

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

2. Consideration of the Minutes

- a. December 11, 2018 Minutes

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

~~3. Approval of Warrants~~

- ~~a. Payrolls -- 13;~~
- ~~b. Warrants -- 26 C, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 14~~
- ~~c. ME Pers -- December 2018~~

Moved to Item 6d

4. Public Comment

5. Acknowledgements

- a. Geoff Wingard acknowledges the 1st race of Orono Ski Club
- b. Erin Ellis gives general thanks to the RSU 26 Community.
- c. Jake Eckert acknowledges the snow removal around the schools.
- d. Brian McGill thanks the facilities subcommittees. Brian noted that Don Coats and Carl Gridley, long time members of the Orono community, have recently passed away.
- e. Meredith Higgins Winter concerts, Brent Fournier and Joe Mason- Farmers Market
- f. Mark Brewer thanked the facility subcommittees for their hard work.

6. Presentations

- a. Superintendent Report
 - i. Auditor findings were handed out at this meeting, Auditor will be here next

- meeting to discuss findings.
- ii. Some calculations in the 2019-20 pay scale will cause 8 employees to make less than the top of the scale next year on the established payscale.
 - 1. Shana Goodall- Union requests to see the data
 - 2. Meredith Higgins will meet with the Association and bring the recommendations back on February 5.
- iii. Staff Resignation & Hiring Update
 - 1. Hiring ed techs continues to be an area of struggle.
 - 2. Heath Kennie, OMS Principal, resigned

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **go into executive session under M.R.S.A. § (405)(6)(A)** Jacob Eckert seconded. Vote 5-0

Entered Executive Session at 6:18, Returned at 6:32

- b. Principal Reports
 - i. Darren Akerman
 - 1. Collaborating with UMO, 4 Elementary Education majors will be completing a 30 hour field experience at Asa Adams. Working with UMO to support student teachers
 - 2. Held 2nd Coding Club session, with Tim Weary and Carolyn Moeykens as parent volunteers.
 - 3. December Professional Development Day discussed “Universal Design for Learning”.
 - ii. Heath Kennie - absent
 - iii. Reg Ruhlin
 - 1. Holiday concert-- impressive level of difficulty
 - 2. Sophia Silwal is one of Maine’s 10 nominations for the US DOE’s Presidential Scholars competition.
 - 3. Students directing the One Act play- support student voice and leadership.
 - 4. 1st annual Variety Show- February 2. Mr. Ruhlin would like to acknowledge Kim Emerson and Heidi Clarke, Student Council Advisors, for organizing event.

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve new class: How to Live: Exploring Life’s Answers Through Literature.** Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 5-0

- c. Student Report- none
- d. Warrants
 - i. Payrolls – 13,
 - ii. Warrants – 26 C, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 14
 - iii. ME Pers -- December 2018

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve Warrant 26C, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 14, 14A payroll 3 & 14, 13, and the December Maine PERS.** Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 5-0

7. Discussion Items

- a. Marijuana zoning

- i. Town of Orono currently researching the topic.
- ii. Two choices:
 - 1. No retail in Orono,
 - 2. No retail within a radius of the school

Motion: Brian McGill moved, recognizing the final authority of the Town Council, **the School Board requests that the Council arrange zoning to prohibit marijuana retail sales in the core Downtown area (along Main Street from the bridge to Westwood, 1st block of Mill Street, and Pine Street to library) and think of how it affects the people of Orono, students as well as adults. Geoff Wingard seconded
Vote 3-2, noting the two no votes were for prohibiting marijuana sales in all of Orono**

- b. Student Information System review/selection process update
 - i. Need for new system for student records.
 - ii. Sean Malone chaired a committee to recommend a SIS
 - iii. PowerSchool looks to be the winning solution
 - 1. \$1600 more each year than the current SIS
 - 2. Start up costs need to be found in the budget.
- c. FY20 Budget Timeline DRAFT & Facilities Referendum Timeline DRAFT -- See handout in Board Packet
 - i. High level look at budget at Feb 5 meeting
 - ii. Propose a joint Board/Town Council meeting in April, including referendum.
 - 1. Reach out to Town Council to schedule a date for joint meeting
 - iii. PDT comes to do a public forum on April 30, necessitating a Board meeting the first week in May
 - 1. Board Meeting May 1, 2, or 3- formally adopting the budget, and then another public forum during a Board Meeting
 - a. Doodle Poll to determine extra May Board Meeting date
 - iv. Public Hearing in late May before Bond
 - 1. PDT presentation
- d. Facilities Subcommittee Discussion
 - i. Asa
 - 1. Narrowed the focus to having separate gym and cafeteria, moving administration to the front of the building, moving Kindergarten back.
 - 2. Better entrance
 - ii. OMS/OHS
 - 1. Working towards agreement, looking to PDT for more specifics
 - 2. Progress has been made about cafeteria and kitchen, admin spaces
 - 3. Recommending that most effort is put into the OHS building, as OMS should be in line for major capital improvement money from the state.
 - iii. Athletics
 - 1. Met twice
 - 2. Upgrade track and competition space, along with new building for concessions/resrtoom; no new bleachers

- iv. PAC
 - 1. Number of seats, scaling down the size. Other potential uses of the space.
- v. Future budget items- get ahead of the maintenance
- vi. Get scope together for PDT, month to figure things out, once we have a consensus, it goes back to PDT for planning and permitting.

8. Action Items

- a. Staff Nominations
 - i. Co-curricular Recommendations

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve slate of co-curriculars as listed**, Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 5-0

- b. Approval of new trial stipend - Operation Breaking Stereotypes Club - OMS - \$250
 - i. Handout- club in existence for 3 years under the direction of Deb Bishop

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve Operation Breaking Stereotypes Club stipend**, Geoff Wingard seconded. Vote 5-0

- c. Fiber Upgrade Proposal- Sean Malone
 - i. Asa fiber has issues beyond the scope of what last summer's fiber upgrade could fix.
 - ii. Run fiber from high school to Asa, aerial- no trench to dig
 - iii. Cost with e-rate discount would be about \$6,000.
 - iv. Jake and Mark support moving forward
- d. Board approval of board self-evaluation questionnaire & process
 - i. Hand out in Board packet
 - ii. Standards adopted by Board
 - iii. Match superintendent survey with 2 goals
 - iv. Results are an open document
 - v. Finish late Feb, early March

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **adopt board self-evaluation survey as presented, including section 3 goals 1 & 3, and section 4 being replaced with growth and achievement values adopted by Board**, Jake Eckhart seconded. Vote 5-0

9. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Policy Subcommittee
 - i. Most of the policies deferred until February meeting.
 - 1. Administrator evaluation
 - 2. Reduced tuition for children of staff
- b. United Technology Center
 - i. Meeting canceled in Dec, Jan 3 that Erin couldn't make it to.
- c. SPRPCE
 - i. Meeting canceled and not yet rescheduled

- d. Curriculum Subcommittee
 - i. SIS
 - ii. Professional development
- e. Facilities
- f. Wellness Subcommittee
 - i. Lots of great ideas focusing on teachers and students

10. Other Business

- a. A Maine State bill has been tabled that consolidates single town RSUs-- reverting the school governance to the Town Council.
 - i. Brian McGill thinks it is in the best interest of the town that Orono continue to have a separate school board from the town council. Jake Eckert and Mark Brewer concur.

11. Future Agenda Items

12. Public Comment

13. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

- a. Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at the Orono Town Council Chambers at 6 p.m.

14. Request for Information and Follow-up

15. Executive Session (1 - MRSA 405(A) - Superintendent evaluation

Motion: Brian McGill moved to go into executive session under M.R.S.A. § (405)(6)(A) Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 5-0

Entered Executive Session at 8:02, Returned at 9:06

16. Adjournment

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

Adjourned at 9:07

Respectfully submitted,
Raechelle Edmiston-Cyr
Central Office Administrative Assistant