

Minutes

RSU 26 Board of Directors Meeting
Orono Town Council Chambers
Tuesday, March 5, 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
X Ross Cobo-Lewis, Student Advisor Alternate

1. Opening

- a. Call to Order

Brian McGill called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm

- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Agenda Adjustments
 - i. Add item 8.b. OMS Principal Search Committee - Board members

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

2. Consideration of the Minutes- none

3. Approval of Warrants -none

4. Public Comment

5. Acknowledgements

- a. Geoff Wingard- OMS OHS SHow choirs, both did well, and great support for other schools
- b. Jake Eckert thanks to Ryan Trip- OMS Chess team won state championship
- c. Brian McGill send kudos to the OMS Jazz band, who competed at regionals in Dexter.
- d. Meredith Higgins congratulates OTO Hockey, who is participating in the class B North Championship.

6. Presentations

- a. Superintendent Report
 - i. Distributed UTC Book, highlighting programs at UTC
 - ii. March 22: Teacher workshop day
 1. Last time there was a “meet the Board” time, is that something that could happen this year

7. Discussion Items

- a. FY20 Budget
 - i. Updated budget sheet in packet
 - ii. A special ed teacher was added at OMS, but can drop one Ed Tech
 - iii. Half time instructional coach added to the budget
 1. Perhaps can be paired with other halftime position
 - iv. Historic budget sheet, adding some information to think about when deciding on

the carry forward budget line

- b. Facilities
 - i. Community Outreach/March 21st Forum
 - 1. Get a good idea of what the community
 - 2. Q&A in large group-- questions submitted on cards, without small group sessions
 - ii. Board Meeting on March 22nd
- c. Board self evaluation
 - i. Survey- 37 respondents
 - ii. Overall thoughts on Survey
 - 1. Geoff Wingard- working on a metric to compare, work well as a group
 - 2. Erin Ellis- Working on communication
 - 3. Jake Eckert- reaching out to people who don't follow facebook
 - 4. Brian McGill- Overall, survey wasn't very informative. People were warned that answers could be included in the newspaper, perhaps reduced the number of qualitative comments. Disappointed that people still don't trust the Board.
 - 5. Mark Brewer- surveys don't measure reality, they measure perceptions. Room for improvement
 - iii. Things the Board is doing well:
 - 1. Mark Brewer- Scope and focus of the Board is honed in.
 - 2. Brian McGill- function well as Board, productive team. Healthy relationships with Superintendent and each other. "Create collaboration across all stakeholder groups"
 - 3. Jake Eckert- Function well together, disagreements don't last
 - 4. Erin Ellis- Different strengths and points of view. Making giant strides in communication goals
 - 5. Geoff Wingard- Great that students get a voice in the school Board
 - iv. Things to improve on:
 - 1. Geoff Wingard- Comment that we don't listen enough to professional staff. Be more explicit in the communication to staff. When making an opinion that seems like the Board is overstepping their bounds, make it more obvious that it is what the Board thinks is the best interest of the students
 - 2. Erin Ellis- would like more people at the meetings, and get feedback.
 - 3. Jake Eckert- Room for improvement- move to change the public's perception of the Board
 - 4. Brian McGill- Professional Development, Goals for the Board, different ways to do a self evaluation
 - 5. Mark Brewer- Plans to keep facilities and regular maintenance in mind when considering the budget.
 - v. Meredith Higgins- significant changes, Board is more productive. Thinks the Board is listening, but has to make tough decisions. Learn from comments, and grow from there.
 - vi. Things to do differently or additionally:
 - 1. Erin Ellis- Maybe put link to agenda on the facebook site, Perhaps revisit

the website to make it more useful.

- a. Ross Cobo-Lewis- link to Agenda in Week In Preview
2. Brian McGill- Professional development
 - a. Fall conference
 - b. MSBA
3. Open to changing the methodology/questions to do the Board self evaluation
 - a. Changing the questions, and making the survey shorter
 - b. Hard copies with postage paid envelopes, available in the Town Office
 - c. Print goals and touchstones at the top of the agenda
 - d. Survey “Here are our goals, how are we doing?”

8. Action Items

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

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

- b. OMS Principal Search Committee - Board Members
 - i. Two Representatives needed from the Board on search committee
 1. Jake Eckert
 2. Erin Ellis
 3. Mark Brewer Alternate

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **have Jake Eckert and Erin Ellis join the search committee with Mark Brewer as an alternate**, Geoff Wingard seconded. *Vote 5-0*

9. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Policy Subcommittee
 - i. Discussion of credit for middle school students taking high school level classes
- b. United Technology Center
 - i. Meeting tonight, missing meeting
- c. SPRPCE
 - i. Meeting this month, discussing budget
- d. Curriculum Subcommittee-
 - i. Meeting next week, agenda to come
- e. Facilities
- f. Wellness Subcommittee

10. Other Business

11. Future Agenda Items

12. Public Comment

13. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

- a. Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at the Orono Town Council Chambers at 6 p.m.
 - i. Organizational meeting

14. Request for Information and Follow-up

- a. PDT reminder
- b. Policy subcommittee

15. Adjournment

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:53

*Respectfully submitted,
Raechelle Edmiston-Cyr
Central Office Administrative Assistant*