

Minutes

RSU 26 Board of Directors Meeting
Orono Town Council Chambers
Tuesday, March 19, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

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

X Erin Ellis
X Katie King, Student Advisor
X 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 - none

2. Annual organizational meeting

a. Chair

Motion: Erin Ellis moved to ***nominate Brian McGill to be chair of the Board of Directors.*** Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-0-1, Brian McGill abstained

b. Vice-Chair

Motion: Geoff Wingard moved to ***nominate Jacob Eckert to be vice-chair of the Board of Directors.*** Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-0-1, Jacob Eckert abstained

c. Curriculum subcommittee

Motion: Brian McGill moved to ***nominate Mark Brewer and Geoff Wingard as representatives to the curriculum subcommittee.*** Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 3-0-2, Mark Brewer and Geoff Wingard abstained

d. Policy subcommittee

Motion: Erin Ellis moved to ***nominate Mark Brewer and Brian McGill as representatives to the policy subcommittee.*** Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 3-0-2, Mark Brewer and Brian McGill abstained

e. Facilities appointments

Motion: Brian McGill moved to ***nominate Mark Brewer for the OMS/OHS facilities subcommittee, Erin Ellis for Asa Adams, Geoff Wingard for the Performing Arts Center, and Jacob Eckert for the Athletics Field subcommittee.*** Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 5-0

f. UTC representative

Motion: Brian McGill moved to ***nominate Erin Ellis as representative to UTC.*** Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-0-1, Erin Ellis abstained

g. SPRPCE representative

Motion: Brian McGill moved to ***nominate Jacob Eckert as representative to the SPRPCE.*** Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 4-0-1, Jacob Eckert abstained

h. Wellness Committee

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **nominate Erin Ellis as representatives to the wellness committee.** Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-0-1, Erin Ellis abstained

i. JPDC (Joint Professional Development Committee)

Motion: Erin Ellis moved to **nominate Brian McGill and Jake Eckert as representatives to the JPDC committee.** Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 3-0-2, Brian McGill and Jake Eckert abstained

j. Stipend Committee

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **nominate Erin Ellis and Geoff Wingard as representatives to the stipend committee.** Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 3-0-2, Erin Ellis and Geoff Wingard abstained

3. Consideration of the Minutes

a. February 26, 2019 Minutes

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

b. March 5, 2019 Minutes

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

4. Approval of Warrants

- a. Payrolls – 18
- b. Warrants – 18
- c. ME Pers --

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

5. Public Comment

- a. Bill Libby- Orono Resident -Mr Libby questioned proposed size of PAC, Supports teachers, and wants to make sure that they have enough budgeted for classroom supplies

6. Acknowledgements

- a. Mark Brewer thanks all facilities subcommittees members. Mr Brewer also commends Darren Akerman for being part of Asa concert.
- b. Meredith Higgins thanks Brian and Eli McGill for being at the polls on election day, giving out information about the facilities study. All bands concert was great, thanks to Jen Nash and student teacher.
- c. Brian McGill congratulated the OMS Jazz band for going to states this weekend
- d. Jake Eckert spoke highly of the Asa Choral concert.
- e. Erin Ellis spoke highly of the Asa choral concert and also mentioned Asa's Literacy Night.
- f. Geoff Wingard spoke of RSU 26 teachers presenting at SPRPCE collective professional

development day at Bangor High, representing Orono well

7. Presentations

- a. Superintendent Report
 - i. Thursday, March 21 at 6:00- Facilities Forum
 - ii. Schedule for professional development day
 1. Handout in packet
 - iii. International Program coordinator
 1. Plan moving forward, hiring long term director of admissions and outreach as well as International Program
- b. Principal Report
 - i. Heath Kennie
 1. Chess team won state championship- 2 OMS players placed in top 3 players
 2. Pennies for Patients- raised over \$2000
 3. Operation Breaking Stereotypes visited Indian Island
 - ii. Darren Akerman
 1. Promoting a “culture of caring” at Asa Adams
 2. March 7 Arts and Literacy Night
 3. Allison Woodard- visiting presenter working on “Word Work”
 - iii. Reg Ruhlin
 1. OHS One Act Play troupe won regional competition. Performance is student generated/led.
 2. OTO hockey team- Northern Maine Regional Champions
 3. Winter Carnival
 - a. Thanks to Heidi Clarke and Kim Emerson who work as advisors
 4. Chess Team- 3rd place in states this year
 5. Cami Carter and Jon Hawley presented at statewide alternative ed conference
- c. Student Report
 - i. OHS One Acts performing at State Festival at 7:00 on Friday, March 22, in Ellsworth
 - ii. OHS Show choir next performing Saturday, March 30 at Lawrence High School
 - iii. Spring Sports starting
 - iv. Camille Kotahla is to compete at Nationals for track and field
 - v. Juniors had college night last week
- d. Superintendent Higgins and the Board of Directors acknowledge Student Board Members Eli McGill, Katie King, and Ross Cobo-Lewis for their year of service to the Board

8. Discussion Items

- a. PDT drawings and estimates - first review
 - i. Geoff Wingard- PAC
 1. Roughly 450 seats in the auditorium
 2. Stage size is at optimum level
 3. Looking for areas to shave some of the cost
 - a. Reducing size of lobby

- b. Changing/reducing equipment packages
- ii. Erin Ellis-Asa Adams
 - 1. Changes on the outside
 - a. Siding
 - b. Addition on the front
 - i. Administrative offices
 - ii. Safety
 - c. Separate gym and kitchen/cafeteria
 - d. Support spaces/classrooms
- iii. Jake Eckert- Athletic Fields
 - 1. 8 lane track, spaces for track events
 - 2. Gravel drive leading to track
 - 3. Concession buildings and bathrooms can be added at a later date.
- iv. Mark Brewer- OHS/OMS
 - 1. Top 3 items ideas to cut out of OHS/OMS renovations
 - a. Renovate Steam Room for central office
 - b. Entry renovation
 - c. Library renovation
- b. OMS principal search update
 - i. Application review happened last week, scheduled interviews for next Monday and Wednesday. Finalists will then meet with staff and community. Hope to bring recommendation on April 9.
- c. Budget update
 - i. Updated handouts showing expected revenues and expenditures for FY 20
 - 1. Insurance, tuition, and International program numbers should be in for the April 9 meeting.
 - 2. Mark Brewer requested a list of potential reductions, if/when the need arises.
 - ii. Tuition projections are higher than previously thought.
 - iii. Long term facilities plan discussed
- d. Process for stipend review for FY20 budget
 - i. Evaluate stipends
 - ii. Student involvement - collecting data

9. Action Items

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

Motion: Brian McGill moved to ***accept the staff nominations as presented.*** Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 5-0

- b. Policies
 - i. First read
 - 1. IKEB - High school credit for middle school students

Motion: Brian McGill moved to ***recognize policy IKEB as first read.*** Geoff Wingard seconded. Vote 5-0

- ii. Second reads
 - 1. GBGE - Return to work

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **adopt policy GBGE**. Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 5-0

2. GCOC - Evaluation of administrators

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **adopt policy GBGE**. Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 5-0

10. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Policy Subcommittee
 - i. Revisit IKEB
 - ii. Systematic review of policies
- b. United Technology Center
 - i. No report
- c. SPRPCE
 - i. Meeting at end of month
- d. Curriculum Subcommittee
 - i. Next meeting in April
- e. Facilities
- f. Wellness Subcommittee
 - i. No Report

11. Other Business

12. Future Agenda Items

- a. School calendar at next meeting

13. Public Comment

14. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

- a. Public Meeting March 21, 2019, Orono Middle School Gym, 6:00 p.m.
- b. Friday, March 22, 2019, Orono Town Council Chambers, 5:00 p.m.
- c. Tuesday, April 9, 2019, Orono Town Council Chamber, 6:00 pm

15. Request for Information and Follow-up

16. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:35