

Minutes

RSU 26 Board of Directors Meeting
Orono Town Council Chambers
Tuesday, April 23, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

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

X Erin Ellis
X Kayin Jaksa, Student Advisor
 Clarice van Walsum, Student Advisor

1. Opening

- a. Call to Order

Brian McGill called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Agenda Adjustments
 - i. Add item 7.c Approval of updated 2019-2020 Calendar

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

2. Consideration of the Minutes

- a. April 9, 2019

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

3. Approval of Warrants

- a. Payrolls – 21
- b. Warrants – 21
- c. ME Pers -- April

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

4. Public Comment- none

5. Acknowledgements

- a. Brian McGill congratulated Athletic Director Mike Archer for winning the Maine State Athletic Director of the Year award.
- b. Meredith Higgins seconds Brian's congratulations of Mike Archer.
- c. Mark Brewer acknowledged all of the spring coaching staff.
- d. Kayin Jaksa also congratulated Mr Archer for his awards.

6. Presentations

- a. Superintendent Report- Meredith Higgins
 - i. A school safety parent informational meeting is scheduled for May 15 in the Orono Middle School Gym.
 - ii. All RSU 26 Staff will be attending additional Sexual Abuse Awareness and Prevention training.
 - iii. Update on OHS Swim Team planning for cooperative structure.

b. Principal Report

- i. Darren Akerman- Asa Adams
 1. Acknowledged teacher Sarah James- Project Imagination Winner
 2. Asa Adams is beginning to work on class assignments for the 2019-2020 school year
- ii. Heath Kennie- Orono Middle School
 1. OMS Show Choir won states
 2. Annie Clarke and Bella Moore art projects won awards
 3. OMS Circus was a great success, thanks to Chris Kirkpatrick and Kristen Espling. Asa came to see the show and everyone had a great time.
- iii. Reg Ruhlin
 1. Proud of Athletic Director Mike Archer who received two awards at state banquet
 - a. State Award of Merit
 - b. Athletic Director of the Year Award
 2. Heidi Clarke and Kim Emerson got a group together over break to clean out the basement of the library
 3. Canoe racing team- Bangor Daily article with Jeff Owen. Mr Owen is hard working and has a great attitude
 4. Chris Crocker returned from a trip with students to Costa Rica
- iv. Student Report

7. Action Items

- a. Staff Nominations
 - i. OMS Principal
 1. Richard Glencross

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **enter executive session** under under statute **1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(A)**,
Entered Executive Session at 7:33
Exited at 7:47

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **hire Richard Glencross as Orono Middle School Principal**. Erin Ellis seconded. *Vote 5-0*

- ii. Co-curricular Recommendations

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **accept Meghan Dreher as varsity field hockey coach**. Erin Ellis seconded. *Vote 5-0*

b. Policies

- i. Second reads
 1. BDA - Board Organizational Meeting

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

2. BDG - School Attorney/Legal Service

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

c. Approval of updated 2019-2020 Calendar

*Motion: Brian McGill moved to **adopt the changed calendar as presented**. Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 4-1, Mark Brewer voted against*

8. Discussion Items

- a. Facilities Project/Bond
 - i. Review Updated Renderings/Drawings
 - ii. Determine final scope of project for bond referendum warrant preparation
 - 1. Lowered the budget for Central Office Renovations
 - 2. Bond at \$16,845,000
 - a. Bond bank v private bond advisor
 - i. Different payment structures and fees
 - ii. Private bonds have more flexibility in payment structures
 - 3. Making a FAQ (10 pages) for website and an informational flyer/brochure to mail to the entire town
- b. Budget Discussion FY20
 - i. Determine final budget for warrant preparation
 - 1. Handout with budget/changes
 - 2. Remove assistant swim coach stipend
 - 3. Increase of taxes for 2020 budget year will be zero

9. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Policy Subcommittee
 - i. Next meeting to be held Thursday, May 2
 - ii. Working through the B policies and IMDE- Religious Holiday policy
- b. United Technology Center- no update
- c. SPRPCE- next meeting in the fall
- d. Curriculum Subcommittee- Final meeting of the year coming up- discussing looking forward
- e. Facilities
- f. Wellness Subcommittee-
 - i. All cafeterias switched back to reusable silverware
 - ii. Wellness challenge

10. Other Business

11. Future Agenda Items

- a. Brian health and sexual education update
- b. Update on standardized testing results
- c. Updates on Adult Ed as it gets restructured

12. **Public Comment-** none

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

- a. Friday, May 3, 2019, Orono Town Council Chamber, 4:00 pm - Warrant Signing Meeting
- b. Tuesday, May 7, 2019, Orono Town Council Chamber, 6:00 pm - Regular Board Meeting

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

15. **Adjournment**

*Motion: Brian McGill moved to **adjourn the meeting**. Geoff Wingard seconded. Vote 5-0*

Adjourned at 8:31