

MINUTES

RSU 26 Board of Directors Meeting
Orono Town Council Chambers
Tuesday, June 18, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

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

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

1. Opening

- a. Call to Order

Brian McGill called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Agenda Adjustments - none
 - i. Add 15. Executive Session 1MSRA§405(6)(A) - Discussion of personnel matter
 - ii. Add 7.e. Discussion of Board Role in Construction Phase
 - iii. Add 8.j. Approval of Architect Contract
 - iv. Add 8.k. Approval of Bond Resolution
 - v. Move 8.a.ii. Hiring Recommendations before Item 7.

2. Consideration of the Minutes

- a. June 4, 2019

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

3. Approval of Warrants - none

4. Public Comment- none

5. Acknowledgements

- a. Donation from Asa PTO for Asa School lunch debt - \$414
- b. Geoff Wingard thanked teachers and staff for their hard work all year.
- c. Jake Eckert commended the community members that stood outside in the rain to remind people to vote.
- d. Brian McGill seconded Jake's sentiment, and thanked all that voted-- it was the biggest turnout in years. Brian also acknowledged Orono High School and Orono Middle for their graduation ceremonies and all of the hard work that does into them.
- e. Meredith Higgins echoed Geoff, thanking the staff for their hard work all year. Special thanks to Peter Buehner, Lori Hartery, and the OMS team for finishing out the year without a principal. Thanks to Sam Runco and Reg Ruhlin for their assistance.

Tracy Deschaine is a semi-finalist for Maine State Teacher of the Year. More will be known at the end of August.

Thanks for several groups/individuals who have made donations to reduce lunch debt at Asa Adams - Asa Adams PTO \$414, Greenhouse/J. Mason fundraiser - \$175, Herr Family \$500.
- f. Mark Brewer concurs with everyone.

6. Presentations

- a. Superintendent Report- Meredith Higgins
 - i. School Board members are needed for the School Start Time Committee.

Motion: *Mark Brewer moved to appoint Brian McGill and Geoff Wingard to the School Start Time Committee. Jake Eckert seconded. Vote 2-0-2*

- ii. Brewer is no longer interested in a collaborative swim team. Mike Archer is researching

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- other options. Everyone is looking to find the best experience for OHS swimmers.
 - iii. Summer Projects: federal grants and applications, performance reports, bond project, and migrating from Web2School to PowerSchool, Adult Ed Director hiring & transition, Phone/PA system install, OMS Principal transition
 - iv. Mentioned the Annual OMS/HS Library Report and the Spring Sports Report are both in board members' folders for review.
- b. Principal Reports
 - i. Darren Akerman- Updated the Board on the kindergarten enrollment numbers. Currently 54 students enrolled, down from the high of 55. Mark Brewer asked about the search for a kindergarten Ed Tech, and Dr. Akerman reported that they were still searching.
 - ii. Reg Ruhlin- End of the year went very smoothly. Congratulations to all spring athletes, and special congrats to tennis coach Matt Murray for being PVC Class C Boys Coach of the Year.
- c. Student Report- none

Motion: Mark Brewer moved to **hire Mika Ouellete as an Orono High School English Teacher.** Geoff Wingard seconded. Vote 4-0

7. Discussion Items

- a. PPEG
 - i. Sharon Brady and Shana Goodall come forward to present on PPEG
 - ii. Committee met to discuss changes to SLO requirements, discussing use and scoring portfolios to evaluate teachers and staff, as well as piloting student surveys.
- b. Board Goals
 - i. Board members are missing, so the Board Goals won't be finalized.
 - ii. Brian would like to add class size and school start time to the Board Goals.
 - iii. Meredith questioned adding everything the Board does as a "goal," and Mark Brewer agrees that some things should probably go into other categories.
- c. Fall board meeting objectives
 - i. Usually set on the timing of issues
 - ii. Targeted Class Size and Technology Use as topics for Board workshops in fall
- d. ESEA Grants Feedback/Input
 - i. Plan provided in Board Packet
 - ii. Brian McGill finds the plan clearly laid out and makes sense.
- e. Discussion of Board Role in Construction Phase
 - i. PDT recommends a Building Committee with a couple of Board Members as members who will report back to larger Board. Board agreed that this is the best way to move forward but wants to be kept informed and have input on large scale issues/changes.

8. Action Items

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

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve the slate of co-curricular nominations.** Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 3-0

- b. Summer hiring authorization per policy GCF

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve the change of summer hires from a 5 day process to a 3 day process with the Superintendent nominating the candidate through email.** Jake Eckert seconded. Vote 3-0

- c. Kindergarten Staffing Plan Approval

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve plan to hire an Ed Tech III, devoted to kindergarten classes.** Jake Eckert seconded. Vote 3-0

d. School Breakfast & Lunch Price Increase

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve the school breakfast and lunch price increase.** Jake Eckert seconded. Vote 3-0

e. Donation Approval

- i. Herr Family donated \$500 for Asa School lunch debt

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve the Herr Family donation of \$500.** Jake Eckert seconded. Vote 3-0

f. Stipend Approval (trial stipends to regular stipend status)

- i. Brian McGill questions the process of stipend positions moving past trials through an MOU process. Mark Brewer also questions this process. Proposal to approve the point recommendations, but not sign the MOU's. Policy committee can review the GE-Stipend Positions policy to consider outlining a process following trial phase for stipends.
 - 1. Golf, Head Coach (OHS) - 6/3
 - 2. OBS (OMS) - 1/2
 - 3. Key Club (OHS) - 3/2
- ii. Shana Goodall expressed concern about the Board not signing MOU's.

Motion: Brian McGill moved **that the Board endorse the point recommendations for the listed stipends.** Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 3-0

g. Policies

- i. Second Reading

- 1. IHBAL - Grievance Procedure for Persons with Disabilities

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **mark policy IHBAL as a second read, becoming RSU 26 policy.** Jake Eckert seconded. Vote 3-0

h. Approval of Computation & Declaration of Votes

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve the computation and declaration of votes.** Jake Eckert seconded. Vote 3-0

i. Approval of Assessment Warrants and Installment Schedules

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve the assessment of warrants and installment schedule.** Jake Eckert seconded. Vote 3-0

j. Approval of Architect Contract Resolution

- i. This architectural/engineering contract is for the remainder of project. We only have a contract with PDT to get us through referendum, which represents about 2/3 of concept design. The remainder of the work by PDT falls under another contract. This approval is needed for PDT to continue their work immediately. Brian and Meredith will work with architects and attorneys on contract and ensure it is in the best interest of RSU 26 and follows approved plan for facilities/bond project.

Motion: Brian McGill moved for the Board to **approve the Architect Contract Resolution as presented.** Jake Eckert seconded. Vote 3-0

k. Approval of Bond Resolution

- i. Greg Im from Drummond Woodsum drafted the bond resolution which is a broader approval covering everything from securing the bond to expending the bond. That one we will need in place before we sign a contract with a bond advisor this summer.

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve the bond resolution as presented.** Jake Eckert seconded. Vote 3-0

9. **Subcommittee Reports- none**

10. **Other Business - none**

11. **Future Agenda Items -none**

12. **Public Comment -none**

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

- a. Tuesday, Orono Town Chambers, August 6, 2019, 6:00 pm.

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

15. Executive Session 1MSRA§405(6)(A) - Discussion of personnel matter

Motion: Brian McGill move into Executive Session 1MSRA§405(6)(A) - Discussion of personnel matter . Jake Eckert seconded. Vote 3-0.

Exited Executive Session at 9:13 pm.

16. **Adjournment**

Motion: Brian McGill moved to ***adjourn the meeting.*** Jake Eckert seconded. Vote 3-0

Meeting was adjourned at 9:13 pm.