

Minutes

RSU 26 Board of Directors Meeting
Orono Town Council Chambers
Tuesday, June 4, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

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 item 6.b, Operation Breaking Stereotypes Presentation

ii. Add 8.b(i) and 8.b(ii), Second and First Policy Readings

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

2. Consideration of the Minutes

a. May 28, 2019

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to approve the minutes. Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 4-0-1. Geoff Wingard abstained*

3. Approval of Warrants- none

4. Public Comment

a. Shana Goodall- OHS Teacher and OEA Representative

i. Addressing the comment from a community member at the March 18 meeting, concerning teachers paying for classroom supplies out of pocket

ii. 43% of respondents pay an average of \$250 to \$500 out of pocket

iii. OEA would like a recognition of teachers and staff who use personal funds

5. Acknowledgements

a. Geoff Wingard enjoyed the Asa Adams and OMS concerts, it was great to see multi-age groups performing together.

b. Erin Ellis appreciates the Asa Adams PTO.

c. Jake Eckert has enjoyed all of the RSU 26 concerts and is looking forward to the OMS production of *Dear Edwina* which is being performed this June 6-8.

d. Brian McGill thanks everyone for helping make end of year activities go smoothly.

e. Meredith Higgins thanks everyone for help with Adult Ed graduation, and congratulates all of the teams in state playoffs.

6. Presentations

a. Operation Breaking Stereotypes- Connie Carter

i. Connecting Communities in a positive way- OMS, Leonard Middle, Indian Island School

ii. Video was played of combined schools

iii. Students from Leonard Middle and OMS came and spoke positively of their experiences with OBS

b. Superintendent Report

i. PowerSchool training has started and is going well

ii. Bond Referendum next Tuesday, June 11.

7. Discussion Items

a. Enrollment Data

i. Handout depicting enrollment numbers over time

ii. Recommend hiring an EdTech devoted to Kindergarten for the 19-20 year

1. Continue monitoring the situation and numbers of students enrolled
- iii. Geoff Wingard suggests looking at a multi-age classroom
- iv. Erin Ellis spoke of teachers hired mid-year that were excellent
- v. Brian McGill wants to make sure that there is cohort fairness through time.
- vi. Mark Brewer advocates for moving teachers through the same school, filling in where there is a greater need.
- vii. Clarice van Walsum wonders about safety in the classroom, as well as the strain put upon the teachers

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to allow Public Comment to after Enrollment Data. Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 5-0.*

8. Public Comment

- a. Maggie Tipping- parent - Worried about how larger class size will affect her children.
- b. Cami Carter- parent- Thinks that the closure of the Montessori school takes away an option for parents to send their children to, and will make a big impact.
- c. Amy Pierce- parent- Thanks the Board for time and energy put into thinking about Kindergarten for 18-19, hope that the current Kindergarten teachers are being asked about their feelings on the matter. Amy also worries about the preparation needed if hiring a teacher late in the summer.
- d. Christina Thwaites- parent- Feels Kindergarten classroom size should be smaller than 4th or 5th grade classes. Wonders what numbers have to be met to tip the scales to 2 EdTechs or a full-time teacher.
- e. Andy Corley- parent- Population estimates in the State of Maine are largely underestimated, and wonders what data was used to estimate the class sizes going forward.
- f. Sam Kutz- parent- ponders the question- “What would you do?”
- g. Allison Estes- teacher- asked for clarification on comment made by Mark Brewer

9. Action Items

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

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to approve the slate of co-curricular recommendations. Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 5-0.*

- ii. Hiring Recommendations -- none

b. Policies

- i. Second Reading
 1. IMDE- Religious Holidays

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to recognize the second read of IMDE and adopt as policy. Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 5-0*

- a. Amend wording to include Ash Wednesday and Good Friday to the list of days with dietary restrictions

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to amend wording to include Ash Wednesday and Good Friday to the list of days with dietary restrictions. Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 5-0*

- b. Add first night of Chanukah to list of dates to avoid scheduling on

Motion: *Geoff Wingard moved to amend wording to include the first night of Chanukah to list of dates to avoid scheduling activities on. Brian McGill seconded. Vote 5-0*

2. BDD - Board Superintendent Relations

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to recognize the second read of BDD and adopt as policy. Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 5-0*

3. BHC - Board Communication with Staff

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to recognize the second read of BHC and adopt as policy. Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 5-0*

ii. First Reading

1. IHBAL - Grievance Procedure for Persons with Disabilities

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to mark IHBAL as a first read. Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 5-0*

c. ENA Telephone and Public Address System Contract Approval

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to authorize Board Chair or Superintendent to sign approve the ENA Telephone and Public Address System contract. Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 5-0*

d. Board Meeting Dates FY19-20 -handout

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to adopt the FY 19-20 Board Meeting dates as presented. Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 5-0*

e. Data Workshop Date/Time Approval

Motion: *Brian McGill moved authorize a Board Workshop Meeting at 4:45 on June 18. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-0-1 Erin Ellis abstained*

10. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Policy Subcommittee
- b. United Technology Center
- c. SPRPCE
- d. Curriculum Subcommittee
- e. Facilities
- f. Wellness Subcommittee- Great plans for next year

11. Other Business

12. Future Agenda Items-

- a. Asa Math Update

13. Public Comment

14. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

- a. Tuesday, June 18, 2019, Location TBA, 4:45
- b. Tuesday, June 18, 2019, Orono Town Council Chamber, 6:00 pm

15. Request for Information and Follow-up

16. Executive Session- MRS A §405(6)(A) - Compensation of officials/appointees/employees

- a. Administrator Contracts

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to enter executive session under MRS A §405(6)(A). Erin Ellis seconded. Vote 5-0.*

Entered executive session at 8:10

Exited executive session at 9:03

17. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:04