

**Approved Minutes**  
**RSU 26 Board of Directors Meeting**  
Zoom Meeting  
Tuesday, December 8, 2020, 6:00 pm

1. Opening

- a. Call to Order

*Brian McGill called the meeting to order at 6:04*

- b. Pledge of Allegiance  
c. Agenda Adjustment

2. Consideration of the Minutes - none

3. Approval of Warrants -none

4. Public Comment

- a. Kristina Weaver, parent, finds that the “yellow” plan for Asa Adams is an underwhelming response to the situation. She is also concerned about contact tracing and the mental health of children frequently learning that they have been exposed to COVID-19.  
b. An anonymous citizen asked through the Zoom chat why RSU 26 is waiting to go remote, as well as why secondary contacts aren't being asked to quarantine.

5. Acknowledgments

- a. Erin Ellis acknowledged the hard work that went into the craft fair.  
b. Brian McGill acknowledged all of the RSU 26 teachers, staff, and  
c. Meredith Higgins acknowledged the outreach efforts that JMG, Key Club, Student Councils and other groups are putting into making the holidays a little easier for kids in need.

Meredith Higgins acknowledged OMS Drama’s virtual production. She also acknowledged Brent Fournier and the custodial crew, as well as the technology staff for handling all of the items purchased to facilitate learning this fall.

6. Reports

a. Director Reports

i. Lisa Smith- Director of Special Services

1. Kudos to Karen Martin for all of her hard work this year.  
2. Thanks to staff for their willingness to adjust to changes as staffing needs change.  
3. Increase in local entitlement of approximately \$40,000.  
4. Working on Special Education audit.

ii. Meredith Diamond- Curriculum Coordinator

1. Interactive TV displays are being distributed throughout the district  
2. Ongoing work with the Antiracism and Equity Education Team  
a. Finishing *Stamped* book study in January  
3. Curriculum Coordinators are meeting with the State to discuss the future of school assessments  
a. Fall NWEA testing is underway in RSU 26  
4. Continued study of *The Distance Learning Playbook*  
a. Copies are being purchased for parents/families in the district

b. Superintendent Report

i. Food Service review follow-up

1. 3 Findings  
a. Policy change - Policy EFA  
b. More documentation required for competing quotes when purchasing from local vendors  
c. Dirigo Alliance -- Regional food service group, there was no public

advertisement for milk procurement

7. Discussion Items

a. COVID Update & Discussion

- i. 3 positive cases in the district
  1. Bus ridership need to be documented differently
- ii. Continuing to follow CDC guidelines
- iii. New quarantine requirements, dropping time from 14 to 10 days.
- iv. COVID-19 cases are rising in the State, as well as in Penobscot County
  1. Penobscot County is still “green”
  2. Some parents are opting for full remote as cases rise
- v. Working to find equity for in-person learning across all grade levels
  1. Kristin Briggs- Asa Adams
    - a. 3 Options
      - i. Additional day every two weeks for each cohort
      - ii. PK-3 full in-person, 4th and 5th grade rotating weeks full in-person
      - iii. PK-2 full in-person, with 3rd and half of 4th rotating in-person learning with the other half of 4th and 5th grade.
    2. Richard Glencross- OMS
      - a. 8th grade return for quarter 3 on January 22
        - i. Tight quarters-- thinking of how to manage numbers in the large classes
        - ii. Return grades 6 and 7 to hybrid.
      3. Reg Ruhlin- OHS
        - a. Finding a balance between students who need to be back in classes with bring all students back to in-person classes
          - i. Bring more students back sooner
      4. Data needed to find how many parents will be sending their students to full in-person classes
    - vi. Old Town Cooperative Teams Update
      1. Protocols in place to minimize cross school interaction as much as possible
        - a. Different transportation to events, separate benches

8. Action Items

a. Staff Nominations

- i. Co/Extra-curricular Recommendations

*Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve the co-curricular nominations as presented**, Erin Ellis seconded*

*Vote: Erin Ellis- aye*

*Mark Brewer- aye*

*Jacob Eckert- aye*

*Brian McGill- aye*

*Leo Kenney- aye*

**Vote 5-0**

b. Policies

- i. Second Reads

1. Title IX policies AC, ACAA, ACAA-R

*Motion: Brian McGill moved to **acknowledge as a second read and adopt policies AC, ACAA, and ACAA-R**, Erin Ellis seconded*

*Vote: Erin Ellis- aye*

*Mark Brewer- aye*

*Jacob Eckert- aye*

*Brian McGill- aye*

*Leo Kenney- aye*

**Vote 5-0**

ii. First Reads

1. Title IX policies ACAB, ACAB-R

*Motion: Brian McGill moved to **acknowledge a first read of policies ACAB and ACAB-R**, Erin Ellis seconded*

***Vote:** Erin Ellis- aye*

*Mark Brewer- aye*

*Jacob Eckert- aye*

*Brian McGill- aye*

*Leo Kenney- aye*

***Vote 5-0***

2. GBEB - Staff Conduct

*Motion: Brian McGill moved to **acknowledge a first read of policy GBEB**, Erin Ellis seconded*

***Vote:** Erin Ellis- aye*

*Mark Brewer- aye*

*Jacob Eckert- aye*

*Brian McGill- aye*

*Leo Kenney- aye*

***Vote 5-0***

3. EFA - Food Service Procurement

*Motion: Brian McGill moved to **suspend the rules and adopt policy EFA in single read** Erin Ellis seconded*

***Vote:** Erin Ellis- aye*

*Mark Brewer- aye*

*Jacob Eckert- aye*

*Brian McGill- aye*

*Leo Kenney- aye*

***Vote 5-0***

*Motion: Brian McGill moved to **adopt policy EFA on first read**, Erin Ellis seconded*

***Vote:** Erin Ellis- aye*

*Mark Brewer- aye*

*Jacob Eckert- aye*

*Brian McGill- aye*

*Leo Kenney- aye*

***Vote 5-0***

9. Subcommittee Reports

a. Policy Subcommittee-

i. Policies on use of district owned vehicles

b. United Technology Center

c. SPRPCE

d. Curriculum Subcommittee

e. Facilities/Building committee

i. Met with CHA on change orders and budget to date.

ii. Interior finish committees have finished their work

f. Wellness Subcommittee

10. Other Business-

11. Future Agenda Items-

12. Public Comment-

a. Patrick Rowe, parent, thanks Reg Ruhlin for addressing the difference between “equal” and “equitable” learning for students

b. Malcolm Himschoot, parent, urges a rapid change of course to stop transmission of COVID.

c. Catherine Thibodeau, parent, thanks the School Board and RSU 26 staff for great communication, and appreciates the discussion and opportunity for parents to provide input.

13. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

- a. Tuesday, January 5, 2021, Board Meeting, 6:00 pm

14. Request for Information and Follow-up

15. Executive Session - 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D) Labor Negotiations

16. Executive Session - 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) Superintendent half year informal evaluation

*Motion: Brian McGill moved to go into executive session under 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D), Erin Ellis seconded*

*Vote: Erin Ellis- aye*

*Mark Brewer- aye*

*Jacob Eckert- aye*

*Brian McGill- aye*

*Leo Kenney- aye*

*Vote 5-0*

17. Adjournment

*Motion: Brian McGill moved to adjourn the meeting, Erin Ellis seconded*

*Vote: Erin Ellis- aye*

*Mark Brewer- aye*

*Jacob Eckert- aye*

*Brian McGill- aye*

*Leo Kenney- aye*

*Vote 5-0*

Approved 1/05/21