

RSU 26 Board of Directors Meeting
Remote access for public participation through Zoom Link
Tuesday, February 2, 2021 6:00 pm

× Brian McGill
× Jake Eckert
× Mark Brewer

× Erin Ellis
× Leo Kenney

1. Opening

a. Call to Order

Brian McGill called the meeting to order at 6:01

b. Pledge of Allegiance

c. Agenda Adjustment

- i. Add item 8(c) OHS English Class Approval
- ii. Add item 8(d) OEF Grant Approvals
- iii. Add item 8(e) School Calendar Adjustment

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the agenda adjustments as presented, Erin Ellis seconded

Vote: Erin Ellis- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Leo Kenney- aye

Vote 5-0

2. Consideration of the Minutes

a. January 19, 2021

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the January 19, 2021 minutes as presented, Erin Ellis seconded

Vote: Erin Ellis- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Leo Kenney- aye

Vote 5-0

3. Approval of Warrants

- a. Payrolls - 15
- b. Warrants - 15
- c. Bond - 29

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the warrants as presented, Erin Ellis seconded

Vote: Erin Ellis- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Leo Kenney- aye

Vote 5-0

4. Public Comment

- a. Patrick Rowe, parent, hopes that the Board digs into details of COVID news reports and cited a report on Wisconsin schools.

5. Acknowledgments

- a. Erin Ellis acknowledged staff for their hard work on the return of more students to full time in person learning.
- b. Leo Kenney acknowledges the new National Honor Society inductees and to Billy MacDonald for his 50 years in Orono Schools.
- c. Meredith Higgins also acknowledged Billy MacDonald for his 50 years of service and reported that he was presented with a plaque in appreciation of his service during an OMS recognition ceremony.

Supt Higgins acknowledged Shanna Goodall for making the NHS induction ceremony special even as a virtual event.

Thanks to staff and students for their hard work in a successful transition to having more students in school full time

Food Service Donation - \$350 Anonymous donation to support food service program

Happy Birthday to board member Erin Ellis!

6. Reports

a. Principal Reports

i. Kristin Briggs- Asa

1. Great to have 4th and 5th graders back to full time in person learning
2. School-wide Valentine's project displaying what students and staff love about Asa
3. NWEA and Khan Academy collaboration: Math Accelerator. Possible help with NWEA scores

ii. Richard Glencross- OMS

1. Celebration of Billy MacDonald for 50 years
2. 8th grade returned to full time in person learning and 6th grade moved to hybrid
 - a. Half of gym has been turn into a classroom for larger 8th grade classes
3. Exploring options for student storage/locker space
4. NWEA testing is just about wrapped up
5. Fall sport numbers comparable to last year
 - a. Football and cheering lost the most number of participants

iii. Reg Ruhlin- OHS

1. Winter Sports
 - a. Basketball can be watched online through a subscription service
 - b. Nordic skiing having a difficult time finding places that will host competitions
2. Great job to the National Honor Society inductees
 - a. Kudos to Shana Goodall for her hard work as NHS Advisor
3. Students of the month
 - a. 9th- Rebecca White
 - b. 10th - Mary-Hollie Whitmore
 - c. 11th- Riley Murray
 - d. 12th- Jason DeSisto
4. February 3- Virtual Open House
 - a. Guidance Department already visiting schools
5. Smooth return to Maroon classes at the end of the semester

b. Superintendent Report

i. Working on budget and CRF funds

ii. Building project

1. Thanks to Brent Fornier for working on building project as well as his usual duties
2. SRO changes
 - a. Officer Leskey is moving to a new position, and Officer Courtney James will be steppin up to take his position

7. Discussion Items

a. COVID Update & Discussion

- i. Enrollment Update- handout
 - 1. Remote students at Asa and OMS have remained stable, while OHS remote students have increased
 - 2. Full in person learning is going well at Asa
 - 3. Looking to bring 6th grade back to full time in person
- ii. No information on when educators will be offered COVID vaccine

b. Budget first look

- i. Vote by referendum to approve school budget is allowed again instead of holding an annual meeting
- ii. Received ED279 giving preliminary State subsidy numbers
 - 1. State subsidy for FY 22 is up approximately \$150,000 from FY 21
- iii. Impact Areas for Budget
 - 1. Staff changes
 - a. Part time English teacher
 - b. Nurse assistant
 - c. JMG salary support
 - d. Stipend positions
 - e. Remove SLP position
 - 2. OMS Math Curriculum
 - 3. MLTI Program
 - 4. Licencing
 - 5. 11th grade SAT

c. 2021-22 School Year Calendar Discussion

- i. Draft Calendar- handout
- ii. Starting later than usual
- iii. 2 teacher days to start the school year, moving 3rd teacher day to January

8. Action Items

a. Staff Nominations

- i. none

b. Donation Approval - Full Plates Grant (Food Service) - \$5,000

- i. Funds lunch delivery driver

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve the grant from Full Plates**, Erin Ellis seconded

Vote: Erin Ellis- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Leo Kenney- aye

Vote 5-0

c. OHS English Class Approval

- i. Mystery, Madness, and Murder

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve proposed English class "Mystery, Madness, and Murder,"** Erin Ellis seconded

Vote: Erin Ellis- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Leo Kenney- aye

Vote 5-0

e. Orono Education Foundation Grant Approvals

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve the grants from the Orono Education Foundation**, Erin Ellis seconded

Vote: Erin Ellis- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Leo Kenney- aye

Vote 5-0

f. School Calendar Adjustment

i. Change February 3 half day scheduled for OHS to a full day

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve the adjustment to the 20-21 School Calendar**, 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 around food procurement, use of district cars, and purchasing policies are on the Agenda

b. United Technology Center

c. SPRPCE

i. Approved budgets

d. Curriculum Subcommittee

e. Facilities/Building committee

i. Starting to look at exterior elevations

ii. Managing furniture procurement in house

iii. Pleased with Bowman Construction's work

f. Wellness Subcommittee

10. Other Business-

11. Future Agenda Items-

a. Leo Kenney asks that there be more conversation about "Rethinking Remote Education" program

12. Public Comment-

13. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

a. Tuesday, February 23, 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. 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

Meeting adjourned at at 8:08 pm

Minutes Approved February 23, 2021

