

RSU 26 Board of Directors Meeting

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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. Move Board Self Evaluation to next meeting, March 9, 2021

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the agenda adjustment 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. February 2, 2021

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the February 2, 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 - 16, 17

b. Warrants - 16, 17

c. Bond - 30, 31

d. ME PERS - January

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- none

5. Acknowledgments

a. Brian McGill acknowledges the staff persevering through the the unusual challenges of working with people remotely this school year

b. Leo Kenney wishes to clarify that he supports the transgender community and is not opposed to vaccines.

c. Meredith Higgins acknowledges the RSU 26 staff for going the distance and continuing to do great work through the pandemic.

6. Reports

a. Director Reports

i. Lisa Smith- Special Services Director

1. Special Services numbers at Asa remain steady, while OMS numbers will decrease for the 2021-2022 school year, and the OHS numbers will rise. Staff may have to be moved to be most effective to meet student needs next year.

2. Contracted social workers have been vaccinated, and will be able to visit all 3 schools and work in person with the students.

- 3. Summer school plans are being developed, and they are figuring out the best way to meet student's needs.
 - 4. Continuing with staff observations.
 - ii. Meredith Diamond- Curriculum Coordinator
 - 1. Student Assessment
 - a. No official word from the State for what will replace Empower Assessment
 - b. Spring assessment window will be open on March 1
 - c. Science assessment will be a "field test" with a waiver for public reporting, but will align with next generation science assessment
 - d. In development of new data analysis protocol for the most impactful analysis of NWEA data
 - 2. Wabanaki Studies workgroup
 - a. First meeting held February 11
 - b. Thinking through how Wabinaki studies have been held in the district so far, and how to incorporate more Wabinaki studies in the future
 - 3. Tech Committee
 - a. Work to this point have been driven by needs related to the pandemic
 - b. Turning to what the district's tech needs will be post-COVID
 - b. Superintendent Report
 - i. PreK and K registration begins March 4th, appointments can be made to pick up and drop off paperwork
 - ii. District calendar will be brought to the Board at the March 9th meeting for a second read
7. Discussion Items
 - a. COVID Update & Discussion
 - i. OMS
 - 1. 6th grade has returned to full in person learning
 - 2. All middle school students are attending full time in person
 - ii. OHS
 - 1. 10th grade now has the opportunity to attend full in person
 - 2. 9th grade will have opportunity to attend full in person in three weeks
 - 3. Working to identify students who would benefit from more in person learning regardless of grade level
 - 4. Remote numbers have been steady since January
 - 5. Survey to students to check in on academic and social/emotional needs
 - 6. Evaluating what to do at the high school for 4th quarter
 - iii. Spring Sports are still being debated by the MPA
 - b. Budget first look
 - i. Class Size Data
 - 1. Enrollment study shows a projected large class for kindergarten.
 - a. If there are as many students registered as the study indicated, something will have to be done to accommodate the class
 - 2. OMS will have few students than have been enrolled the past few years
 - 3. OHS has larger classes in Health and Social Studies, both being driven up by the large 9th grade class
 - 4. OHS Special Education number will increase for the 2021-2022 school year

- ii. Preliminary Budget Details
 - 1. Revenue
 - a. State allocation, according to preliminary ED 279, is up \$149,748 from last year while the local required allocation has been raised by \$39,601
 - b. Greater number of tuition students than budgeted for in FY 21 budget, conservative estimate added to FY 22 budget
 - c. Special Ed tuition increase to align with other local districts
 - 2. Expenditures
 - a. Regular instruction increase of \$144,000
 - b. MLTI cost for refresh of student devices in grades 6-12
 - c. Stipends
 - d. Program Licenses
 - e. School day SAT costs
 - f. Contractual increase for transportation

~~e. Board self-evaluation~~

- 8. Action Items
 - a. Staff Nominations- none
 - b. Policies
 - i. First Read

- 1. EEBA - School Owned Vehicles

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **recognize a first read of policy EEBA as**, Erin Ellis seconded

<i>Vote:</i> Erin Ellis- aye	Mark Brewer- aye
Jacob Eckert- aye	Brian McGill- aye
Leo Kenney- aye	Vote 5-0

- ii. Revisions

- 1. EFA - Food Service Procurement

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve the revision of policy EFA**, Erin Ellis seconded

<i>Vote:</i> Erin Ellis- aye	Mark Brewer- aye
Jacob Eckert- aye	Brian McGill- aye
Leo Kenney- aye	Vote 5-0

- 2. EEBA - Use of Private Vehicles

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve the revision of policy EEBA**, Erin Ellis seconded

<i>Vote:</i> 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. Beginning review of “E” policies
 - ii. Policy IKF
- b. United Technology Center
- c. SPRPCE
- d. Curriculum Subcommittee
 - i. Reconsideration of Math credits of Algebra I-B, A-Push from 1 year to 2 year, and the creation of Honors Civics

- e. Facilities/Building committee
 - i. Overall everything is going well-- some problems with electric connections to the school
 - ii. Asa hallways opening back up
 - iii. Roof going over the auditorium
 - iv. Auditorium name discussion
- f. Wellness Subcommittee

10. Other Business-

11. Future Agenda Items-

12. Public Comment-

13. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

- a. Tuesday, March 9, 2021, Board Meeting, 6:00 pm

14. Request for Information and Follow-up

- a. CORE enrollment is at 25, with several people interested in the program
- b. Jake Eckert would like information about mask breaks

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

Motion: Brian McGill moved to go into Executive Session - 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

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 8:59 pm