

Approved Minutes

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Tuesday, March 9, 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 6:02 pm

b. Pledge of Allegiance

c. Agenda Adjustment

- i. Add 8d. Adult Ed Grant Approval
- ii. Add 8e. Asa Adams Art Club Trial Stipend Approval
- iii. Remove 8b.1.i - EEBA - School Owned Vehicles

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 23, 2021

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to approve the February 23, 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. Payroll - 18
- b. Warrants - 18
- c. Bond - 32
- d. ME PERS - February 2021
- e. BAN - 6

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. Shana Goodall, OHS teacher, appreciates the thought, effort, and time devoted to planning what is developmentally appropriate for OHS students when planning for in person learning for the 4th quarter. Additional thanks for listening to the input of faculty, staff, and students when considering this plan.

5. Acknowledgments

- a. Jake Eckert reminds everyone that it is voting day, and encourages everyone who hasn't voted to head over to the Orono Town Hall and vote for town council, school board, and on the marijuana referendum.
- b. Leo Kenney thanks teacher and parent Kelly Dill for the work she has put into recognizing the senior class.

- c. Brian McGill recognizes OMS teacher Jessica Archer for becoming a National Board Certified Teacher.
- d. Meredith Higgins echoes the kudos to Jessica Archer on her National Certification.
- e. \$200 anonymous donation to the Food Service Program

6. Reports

a. Principal Reports

i. Kistin Briggs- Asa Adams

- 1. All grades have returned to full in person learning
- 2. March Madness
 - a. Ms Moore set up a favorite song bracket for the 4th and 5th graders. Ms Murphy then set up a favorite book bracket
- 3. Annual sledding party was a success
- 4. Student council posted “what we love about Asa” hearts through the hallways
- 5. Building project is moving along quickly
- 6. Read Across America celebration happened the week of March 1-5

ii. Richard Glencross- OMS

- 1. Congratulations to Jess Archer for achieving her National Certification
- 2. Welcomed 6th grade back on February 22nd-- All grades are full in person
- 3. Looking forward to PD days and a NWEA data review
- 4. Students participated in Scholastic Future Engineers and MATHCOUNTS competitions.
 - a. Congratulations to Henry Buetens and Jessica Murphy who both achieved Future Engineer with Honors. Also participating and achieving Future Engineer status was Ben Sidelko. Many thanks to Ms. Deschaine for her leadership on this project.
 - b. Sophia Pitt received a top score in the MATHCOUNTS competition and will be moving on to state level
- 5. Winter sports were a success

iii. Reg Ruhlin- OHS

- 1. Winter Sports
 - a. Boys basketball team made it to the regional pod championship.
 - b. Ruth White won the nordic skiing classical and skate races, Julia and Rebecca White came in 2nd and 3rd, clinching the conference championship. Boys were conference runners up
- 2. Student Council is hosting this year’s winter carnival with daily dress-up, volleyball games, and other ways to encourage school pride
- 3. Virtual class meetings were held last week, with school counselors talking with each class
- 4. Technology presentations were held on the most recent PD days, giving helpful advice to teachers

b. Superintendent Report

i. Upcoming Inservice days, March 18 (early release) and 19

- 1. Data analysis
- 2. Equity work and self reflection and assessment
- 3. Participating in regional professional development

ii. Potential recommendation coming from the stipend committee

- 1. JV2 basketball team
- 2. E-sports Club

- iii. Construction Project will be replacing electrical panels to be upgraded and safer
 - a. Moving transformers from outside the building to inside the building
 - i. Easement needed to plot of land to place pole on
- iv. Resignations
 - 1. Karen Frye will be retiring at the end of the year
 - 2. Maddie Mellor submitted resignation to take a position in another district

7. Discussion Items

a. COVID Update & Discussion

- i. Enrollment Update
 - 1. More students returning to in person from remote learning
 - 2. OHS sophomores finishing three week rotation of in person learning this week, and freshmen will be coming in for the last 3 weeks of quarter 3 for in person learning
 - a. 68 total freshmen will be attending full in person for the next 3 weeks, making a total of 114 students attending full in person for the last 3 weeks, with 117 in full remote.
- ii. Quarter 4
 - 1. OHS recommends giving the seniors and freshmen the opportunity to be full in person until April vacation, then opening up for full in-person (4 days/wk) to all students who wish to be, leaving hybrid and full remote as options.
- iii. Governor announced that indoor and outdoor capacities for gathering have been enlarged
- iv. Staff that have been exposed to COVID can be monitored and tested daily to allow for staff to continue working, and still fulfill quarantine requirements outside of school
- v. Spring Sports
 - 1. Penobscot Valley Middle League will all be participating in spring sports
 - 2. MPA has not yet announced their plans for spring sports
 - a. "Arm Development Week" will be held the week of March 22, and all athletes will begin practice the next week.
 - b. Masks will be required for all spring sports
 - c. With increased visitor limits, fans should be able to attend games and meets, with track being the most tricky to figure out
 - i. Important to Orono that peers are able to attend games

b. FY22 Budget Update

- i. It seems like RSU 26 will be able to hold annual budget meeting in person, making the ballot question easier
 - 1. Gyms would be able to accommodate the number of people that generally attend budget meeting with social distancing. Board requested an overflow location be identified and ready in the even it is needed. We need to decide on the budget meeting at our April 6 meeting.
- ii. High School Class Size Data
 - 1. Handout with class size distribution
 - 2. Social Studies and English classes are large, and adding another teacher would be ideal
- iii. Continuing to monitor Kindergarten enrollment data
- iv. New relief package might change the allocation from the State

c. Board self-evaluation

- i. Survey sent to the community received 73 responses
- ii. Much of the feedback centered around the COVID response
- iii. Brian McGill values the fact that the Board can disagree, but be civil and invites more

- iv. people to contribute to the yearly goal setting workshop.
Board needs to work more on training, but team building is difficult for the Board to engage in as they are not allowed to discuss Board topics outside of meetings.

8. Action Items

a. Staff Nominations

i. Co/Extra-curricular Recommendations

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve the slate of co curricular recommendations 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. Revision

1. IKF - Graduations Requirements

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve the revision to policy IKF as presented**, Erin Ellis seconded

Vote: Erin Ellis- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Leo Kenney- aye

Vote 5-0

c. 2021-22 School Calendar Approval

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve the 2021-22 school calendar as presented**, Erin Ellis seconded

Vote: Erin Ellis- aye

Mark Brewer- nay

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Leo Kenney- aye

Vote 4-1

d. Adult Ed Grant Approval - Consortium Project \$4,555

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve the grant to the Adult Ed program from the Consortium Project**, Erin Ellis seconded

Vote: Erin Ellis- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Leo Kenney- aye

Vote 5-0

e. Trial Stipend Approval - Asa Adams Art Club

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve the trial stipend of the Asa Adams Art Club**, 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. Working on Policy DG- Purchasing and EEGA- School Owned Vehicles, then continuing to review the "E" policies

b. United Technology Center

- i. Beginning the process of updating policies
- ii. Certified to teach Adult Ed outdoor leadership classes

- c. SPRPCE
- d. Curriculum Subcommittee
 - i. Next meeting March 11
- e. Facilities/Building committee
 - i. Roof on the auditorium, and walls are going up.
 - ii. Steel framing up for endcap classrooms
 - iii. Asa office space will be ready before school's out.
- f. Wellness Subcommittee

10. Other Business-

11. Future Agenda Items-

- a. Data workshop tentatively scheduled for April

12. Public Comment-

13. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

- a. Tuesday, March 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

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 9:00 pm