

Approved Minutes

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Tuesday, April 27, 2021 6:00 pm

× Brian McGill
× Jake Eckert
× Mark Brewer

× Erin Ellis
× Patrick Rowe

1. Opening

a. Call to Order

Brian McGill called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm

- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Agenda Adjustment

2. Consideration of the Minutes

a. April 6, 2021

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to approve the April 6, 2021 minutes as presented, Erin Ellis seconded*

Vote: *Erin Ellis- aye*

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Patrick Rowe- aye

Vote 5-0

3. Approval of Warrants

a. Payrolls - April 16, 2021

b. Warrant - 21

c. Bond - 35

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

Patrick Rowe- aye

Vote 5-0

4. Public Comment

5. Acknowledgments

- a. Erin Ellis acknowledged the parents of Orono Schools and their willingness to rush forward to help.
- b. Patrick Rowe acknowledged the former parents of students who still value the importance of the Orono School system.
- c. Meredith Higgins thanks Karen Martin and the people from PCHC who facilitated the staff vaccine clinic. Supt. Higgins also acknowledges a donation of hand sanitizer and disposable masks from the Circle K in Orono.

6. Reports

a. Director Reports

i. Director of Special Services

- 1. Discussing staffing needs for next school year.
- 2. Combining efforts with RSU 22 for a half-time social worker
- 3. Summer School is evolving
 - a. 170 K-12 students have been recommended for services
 - b. 25 Staff have expressed interest in helping out
- 4. Yearly evaluations are wrapping up
- 5. 63 students are using Learning Ally (audiobooks for students with dyslexia and learning disabilities)

- ii. Curriculum Coordinator
 - 1. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
 - a. Seeking to find ways to put discussions into action
 - b. Plans to form a team to help the district move forward
 - c. Use of NWEA data as equity tool
 - d. Wabanaki Studies workgroup has begun to meet, including student representatives.
- b. Superintendent Report
 - i. K-2 remote teacher Julie Ireland has resigned.
 - ii. Board members to serve on hiring committees
 - 1. OHS English/Social Studies
 - a. Mark Brewer
 - 2. OHS Special Education teacher
 - a. Jacob Eckert
 - 3. Asa Special Education teacher
 - a. Erin Ellis and/or Patrick Rowe
 - 4. Chapter 104 teacher
 - a. Brian McGill
 - 5. OHS Girls Basketball
 - a. Mark Brewer

7. Discussion Items

a. COVID Update & Discussion

- i. New mask criteria announced by State
 - 1. Guidance forthcoming on how it applies to schools
 - 2. MPA announced that schools can make own rules on masking outdoors
 - 3. Orono has own mandate
 - a. RSU 26 is bound by Orono mandate
 - 4. Spectators at sporting events should have enough space to unmask with social distancing
 - 5. Superintendent Higgins recommends following State guidance
- ii. Pooled Testing
 - 1. Surveillance testing for schools, free for schools who want to join
 - a. Students self swab, all samples are placed in a common vial, which is sent to a lab and a common result is found. If there is a positive test result, it should be followed up with individual rapid testing
 - b. Recommended on weekly basis
 - c. Parental consent is needed
- iii. OHS Enrollment
 - 1. Everything is running smoothly with increased numbers of students attending in person learning.
- iv. End of Year Plans
 - 1. Reg Ruhlin- OHS
 - a. Renting a tent for outdoor prom
 - b. Awards night at Bangor Drive-In
 - c. Graduation will be outdoors on school soccer field
 - i. Each graduate will be allowed 8 guests
 - d. Underclassmen award ceremony details will be forthcoming

2. Richard Glesncross- OMS
 - a. 5th grade step-up
 - i. Visits to Asa, and Asa 5th graders will visit OMS
 - ii. Virtual parent night
 - b. 8th grade recognition ceremony will beheld in the OMS gym with each 8th grader bringing 2 adults
 - c. Pool party for 8th graders should be able to go as planned
 - i. 25 people in the water at any one time, but enough room in the pool area for everyone
 - d. Field day planned for last day
3. Kristin Briggs- Asa
 - a. Field day will be conducted with students participating in pods
 - b. Waterslide
 - i. Participants will be in classroom pods
 - c. Lip sync contest
 - i. Stage at bottom of Asa hill with kids sitting on hill in pods

- b. FY22 Budget Discussion
 - i. Determine final budget for warrant preparation
 1. Change from last update is money moved to carryover to balance out MLTI
 - ii. Annual Budget Meeting Format
 1. In person at the OMS gym
 2. Zoom option for those who want to watch from home, but they cannot vote
 - iii. Money remaining for capital improvements that cannot be completed by June 30
 1. Money can be assigned to that purpose in FY22

8. Action Items

- a. New Stipend Request for Approval
 - i. OMS Robotics

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve new stipend for OMS Robotics**, Erin Ellis seconded

Vote: Erin Ellis- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Patrick Rowe- aye

Vote 5-0

- ii. OHS JV2 Boys Basketball

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve new stipend for OHS JV2 Boys Basketball**, Erin Ellis seconded

Vote: Erin Ellis- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Patrick Rowe- aye

Vote 5-0

- iii. OHS E-Sports

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve new stipend for OHS E-Sports**, Erin Ellis seconded

Vote: Erin Ellis- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Patrick Rowe- aye

Vote 5-0

b. Policies

i. Revisions

1. DJ - Purchasing

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **recognize a revision to policy DJ as presented**, Erin Ellis seconded

Vote: Erin Ellis- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Patrick Rowe- aye

Vote 5-0

2. IJOC - School Volunteers

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **recognize a revision to policy IJOC as presented**, Erin Ellis seconded

Vote: Erin Ellis- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Patrick Rowe- aye

Vote 5-0

3. EBAB - Chemical Hazards

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **recognize a revision to policy EBAB as presented**, Erin Ellis seconded

Vote: Erin Ellis- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Patrick Rowe- aye

Vote 5-0

9. Subcommittee Reports

a. Policy Subcommittee

i. Next meeting May 6

ii. Continue policy review- finish up the Es, Fs, and start the G policies

b. United Technology Center

c. SPRPCE

i. Meeting May 27

d. Curriculum Subcommittee

i. Next meeting May 13

e. Facilities/Building committee

i. Committee took tour of construction projects

ii. Construction photos shared with Board members

f. Wellness Subcommittee

10. Other Business-

11. Future Agenda Items-

a. Patrick Rowe asked for survey data from families that are choosing to stay remote

12. Public Comment-

13. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

a. Tuesday, May 4, 2021

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

Patrick Rowe- aye

Vote 5-0

16. Adjournment

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

Vote: *Erin Ellis- aye*

Jacob Eckert- aye

Patrick Rowe- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Vote 5-0