

Approved Minutes

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Tuesday, May 4 2021 6:00 pm

× Brian McGill
× Jake Eckert
× Mark Brewer

× Erin Ellis
× Patrick Rowe
× Hasnain Mohmand- Student Representative

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. none

3. Approval of Warrants

- a. Payrolls - 22
- b. Warrant - 22
- c. Bond - 36

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

- a. Meredith Higgins introduced student Board representative, Hasnain Mohmand
- b. Leo Kenney, parent and community member, urges the Board to follow the MPA guidelines on mask wearing for outdoor spectators
- c. Jenny Ferrell, parent and community member, urged for the Board to follow the Maine CDC guidelines and allow for children to remove their masks when social distancing rules can be followed

5. Acknowledgments

- a. Erin Ellis acknowledged all the teachers and staff during Teacher Appreciation Week
- b. Jacob Eckert echoes Erin Ellis' sentiment
- c. Patrick Rowe appreciated the teachers and thank all of those who reached out to him with comments and concerns
- d. Brian McGill appreciates all those who took the time to reach out and voice their concerns and opinions on the changing of mask rules.
- e. Meredith Higgins thanks the parents for all of the work they have put into celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week, and making this week special for staff.

6. Reports

a. Principal Reports

i. Kristin Brigg- Asa Adams

- 1. Thanks to everyone who has wished staff a happy Teacher Appreciation Week.
- 2. Asa Student Council is creating a "Kindness Chain." Students will record acts of kindness on chain links that will be hang through the school
- 3. A survey has been sent to families of remote learners to get information on plans for next year
- 4. Kindergarten screening is still in the planning stages, and parents should look for more information at the end of the month.

5. NWEA testing will start on May 17
 6. Amazing transformation is happening with the construction at Asa
- ii. Richard Glencross- OMS
 1. Dr Glencross echoes all that has already been said about Teacher Appreciation Week.
 2. End of the year celebration planning is well underway.
 3. 8th grade recognition ceremony will be held June 7th, in person
 4. OMS Curriculum Guidebook is nearing completion, and is on schedule to be ready for the beginning of the next school year
 5. NWEA testing starts May 17
 6. Students are beginning to use the new Math Excellerator tool
 7. Enrollment is on the rise-- 3 more 7th graders have enrolled
 - iii. Reg Ruhlin- OHS
 1. Mr Ruhlin thanks parent Jen Tyne for her help planning the Teacher Appreciation Week activities
 2. All sports teams are doing well.
 3. AP exams have begun
- b. Superintendent Report
- i. Internet network have been an issue, but RSU 26 have in working with vender to mitigate the problems
 - ii. OHS Special Education teacher, Andy Sumner has resigned.
 - iii. OHS Principal Reg Ruhlin has resigned, leaving to pursue a superintendent position

Motion: *Brian McGill moved that the notification and the opportunity to comment at the Board meeting serves as the opportunity to comment and the 48 hour waiting is therefore waived so that the Superintendent can proceed with accepting the resignation, Erin Ellis seconded*

Vote: Erin Ellis- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Patrick Rowe- aye

Vote 5-0

- iv. Last day of school for the 20-21 school year is June 9
- v. Annual Budget Meeting is in person, May 18 at 6 pm, in the OMS gym

7. Discussion Items

a. COVID Update & Discussion

- i. Superintendent Higgins recommends a delay in beginning pooled testing, beginning the testing in the fall
- ii. Mask policy recommendations
 1. It is recommended that masks continue to be worn during recess at Asa Adams.
 2. In outdoor learning situations, masking can be left to the discretion of the teacher as to the possibility of safe social distancing
 3. Allow mask removal outdoors at after school events as long as social distancing can be maintained.

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to approve the recommendation of the RSU 26 administration's policy of mask wearing outdoors, Erin Ellis seconded*

Vote: Erin Ellis- nay

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Patrick Rowe- nay

Vote 3-2

8. Action Items

a. Probationary Teacher Recommendations

- i. Executive Session - per 1M.R.S.A.§405(6)(A) - Appointment of officials/appointees/employees

Motion: *Brian moved to go into executive session under 1 M.R.S.A§405(6)(A) - Appointment of officials /appointees /employees. Erin Ellis seconded.*

Vote: *Erin Ellis- abstain*

Brian McGill- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Patrick Rowe- aye

Vote 4-0-1

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to approve slate or probationary teacher recommendations as presented Erin Ellis seconded*

Vote: *Erin Ellis- aye*

Brian McGill- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Patrick Rowe- aye

Vote 5-0

b. Approval of FY22 Budget Warrant Article

Motion: *Brian McGill moved that the vote entitled vote to call and approve the warrants for the budget meeting and the budget validation referendum and to authorize the notice of the amounts adopted be approved in the form presented at this meeting and that a copy of said vote be included in the minutes of this meeting, Erin Ellis seconded*

Vote: *Erin Ellis- aye*

Brian McGill- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Patrick Rowe- aye

Vote 5-0

9. Subcommittee Reports

a. Policy Subcommittee

- i. Next meeting on May 6
ii. Continuing review of policies

b. United Technology Center

c. SPRPCE

- i. Next meeting May 27

d. Curriculum Subcommittee

- i. Next meeting May 13

e. Facilities/Building committee

- i. Construction continuing to go well
ii. Self managed projects beginning this summer

f. Wellness Subcommittee

10. Other Business

- a. Signing of FY 22 Budget Warrant Articles

11. Future Agenda Items-

12. Public Comment-

13. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

- a. Tuesday, May 18, 2021 - Annual Budget Meeting, OMS Gym, 6 pm
- b. Tuesday, May 25, 2021 - Regular Meeting, Zoom, 6 pm

14. Request for Information and Follow-up

15. Adjournment

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

Vote: Erin Ellis- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Patrick Rowe- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Vote 5-0