

## Approved Minutes

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Tuesday, July 20, 2021 6:00 pm

× Brian McGill  
× Jake Eckert  
× Mark Brewer

× Elizabeth Hufnagel  
× Patrick Rowe

### 1. Opening

#### a. Call to Order

*Brian McGill called the meeting to order*

#### b. Pledge of Allegiance

#### c. Agenda Adjustment

i. Add 8d. Approve new Ed Tech II position for Nurse Asst. (funded by ESSER)

ii. Add 8.a.i.1 - OHS SS Teacher Hiring Recommendation

**Motion:** *Brian McGill moved to approve the agenda adjustments as presented, Mark Brewer seconded*

*Vote: Elizabeth Hufnagel- aye*

*Mark Brewer- aye*

*Jacob Eckert- aye*

*Brian McGill- aye*

*Patrick Rowe- aye*

**Vote 5-0**

#### d. Welcome of new board member and committee assignments

**Motion:** *Brian McGill moved to appoint Beth Hufnagel as the RSU 26 representative to UTC and as the new chair of the Wellness Committee, Mark Brewer seconded*

*Vote: Elizabeth Hufnagel- aye*

*Mark Brewer- aye*

*Jacob Eckert- aye*

*Brian McGill- aye*

*Patrick Rowe- aye*

**Vote 5-0**

### 2. Consideration of the Minutes

#### a. ~~June 22, 2021~~

### 3. Approval of Warrants

a. Payroll - 26, 1

b. Warrant - 26, 26A, 26B, 1

c. Bond - 40, 41

d. ME Pers - June

**Motion:** *Brian McGill moved to approve the warrants as presented, Mark Brewer seconded*

*Vote: Elizabeth Hufnagel- aye*

*Mark Brewer- aye*

*Jacob Eckert- aye*

*Brian McGill- aye*

*Patrick Rowe- aye*

**Vote 5-0**

### 4. Public Comment

a. Sam Hess, parent, advocates for requiring masks for everyone at Asa Adams when students return to school

b. A parent encourages the wearing of masks for all people over the age of 2 in school buildings, so that the district is proactive instead of preventative

c. Leo Kenney, parent, feels that requiring unvaccinated students and staff to wear masks is unfair and creates a caste system

d. A parent with health issues encourages the Board to consider the strongest public health options when planning for bringing students back to school

e. Another parent also encourages the district to tighten up

### 5. Acknowledgments

a. Jake Eckert acknowledges all of the Summer School staff

b. Mark Brewer appreciates the people who have stepped forward to serve on hiring committees over the summer

c. Meredith Higgins acknowledges all the staff working over the summer on a very busy campus.

### 6. Reports

- a. Superintendent Report
  - i. Superintendent Higgins announced the resignation and retirement of English teacher Don Joseph.
  - ii. As kindergarten numbers have steadily grown, the district has begun advertising for an additional kindergarten teacher

7. Discussion Items

- a. COVID Update & Discussion
  - i. DRAFT Fall Reopening Plan -Copies Distributed to the Board and shared with community members
    - 1. Brian McGill and Meredith Higgins presented the fall reopening plan, as developed by a committee that was appointed by the Board and Superintendent, representatives from across cohorts were represented
    - 2. The State of Maine has told local districts that they should follow US CDC guidance when developing reopening plans
    - 3. Board members shared concern over singling out people who are not vaccinated by requiring them to wear masks.
      - a. The solution to make everyone wear masks was proposed
    - 4. Board members also voiced concerns over pooled testing, for both sibling kids out and the class time taken for testing purposes
    - 5. Mark Brewer requests that it be added that masks are not required at any time when outdoors
    - 6. Clarification should be added under “Technology” section, stating which online platform will be used
    - 7. Sports and Other Extracurricular Activities
      - a. Treated the same as school
        - i. Outdoor activities are unmasked
        - ii. Indoor activities are unmasked when virus is low, and masked when virus load is high

8. Action Items

- a. Staff Nominations
  - i. Hiring Recommendations
    - 1. OHS SS Teacher

*Brian McGill moved to authorize the hire of Rochelle Bohm as OHS Social Studies teacher, Mark Brewer seconded*

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

*Motion: Brian McGill moved to enter executive session under 1 M.R.S.A.§405(6)(A) - Appointment of officials/appointees /employees, Mark Brewer seconded*

<i>Vote: Elizabeth Hufnagel- aye</i>	<i>Mark Brewer- aye</i>
<i>Jacob Eckert- aye</i>	<i>Brian McGill- aye</i>
<i>Patrick Rowe- aye</i>	<i>Vote 5-0</i>

b. Policies

- i. BEF - Remote Participation in Board Meetings

*Motion: Brian McGill moved to suspend rules and adopt Policy BEF on a single reading, Mark Brewer seconded*

<i>Vote: Elizabeth Hufnagel- aye</i>	<i>Mark Brewer- aye</i>
<i>Jacob Eckert- aye</i>	<i>Brian McGill- aye</i>
<i>Patrick Rowe- aye</i>	<i>Vote 5-0</i>

**Motion:** Brian McGill moved **to adopt Policy BEF - Remote Participation in Board Meetings**, Mark Brewer seconded

**Vote:** Elizabeth Hufnagel- aye  
Jacob Eckert- aye  
Patrick Rowe- aye  
Mark Brewer- aye  
Brian McGill- aye  
**Vote 5-0**

c. Approve revised Budget Assessment Warrants and Installment Schedules

**Motion:** Brian McGill moved **that the REVISED Warrant for Assessment of Tax and the REVISED Assessment Schedule and Notice of Installments for each member municipality prepared by the Treasurer for fiscal year July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022 be approved and be issued in form presented to this meeting; and that the Treasurer be authorized and directed to deliver to each member municipality its REVISED Warrant for Assessment of Tax and its REVISED Assessment Schedule and Notice of installments. This Revised Assessment Warrant is issued to replace the June 22, 2021 Assessment Warrant, which is rescinded.** Mark Brewer seconded

**Vote:** Elizabeth Hufnagel- aye  
Jacob Eckert- aye  
Patrick Rowe- aye  
Mark Brewer- aye  
Brian McGill- aye  
**Vote 5-0**

d. Approve new Ed Tech II position for Nurse Asst. (funded by ESSER)

**Motion:** Brian McGill moved **to approve the creation of a new Ed Tech II position for Nurse's Assistant**, Mark Brewer seconded

**Vote:** Elizabeth Hufnagel- aye  
Jacob Eckert- aye  
Patrick Rowe- aye  
Mark Brewer- aye  
Brian McGill- aye  
**Vote 5-0**

9. Other Business

a. Superintendent Higgins offered to lead a tour of School Board Members on a tour of school construction

10. Future Agenda Items

11. Public Comment

a. Rose Scheidt, teacher, commented on the success of the summer program, and how well current rules surrounding COVID  
b. A parent commented on proposed mask regulations for the 2021-2022 school year

12. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

a. Tuesday, August 10, 2021 - Regular Meeting, 6 pm

13. Request for Information and Follow-up

a. Mark Brewer would like a comparison of local district early release days

14. Adjournment

**Motion:** Brian McGill moved **to adjourn the meeting** Mark Brewer seconded

**Vote:** Elizabeth Hufnagel- aye  
Jacob Eckert- aye  
Patrick Rowe- aye  
Mark Brewer- aye  
Brian McGill- aye  
**Vote 5-0**