

Approved Minutes

Remote access for public participation through Zoom Link:
Tuesday August 24, 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

2. Consideration of the Minutes

a. August 4, 2021

- i. Brian McGill noticed the vote total typo through the document

Motion: Brian McGill moved approve the minutes with the correction of vote totals, Mark Brewer seconded, Vote 5-0

3. Approval of Warrants

- a. none

4. Public Comment

- a. none

5. Acknowledgments

- a. Brian McGill acknowledged everyone who is working hard to prepare for the school year in the midst of construction
- b. Patrick Rowe appreciates the community's patience as pandemic precautions are worked out
- c. Elizabeth Hufnagel is thankful for everyone as they begin their 3rd school year impacted by COVID
- d. Meredith Higgins acknowledges Bowman Construction for working hard to complete work to the satisfaction of the district before the new school year begins

6. Reports

a. Principal Reports

i. Kristin Briggs- Asa Adams

- 1. Kindergarten screening has begun and is going well
- 2. PTO is holding a Family Gathering night on August 26
- 3. NWEAs will be held in October
- 4. Thanks to Dave Whitham for cleaning up the grounds outside Asa.

ii. Richard Glencross- OMS

- 1. Deb White is heading up the "Launch Your Learning" first day of school for 6th graders
- 2. 7th and 8th graders will be participating in MIYHS (Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey) in October
- 3. A dental clinic is being planned for the fall

iii. Sam Runco and Meredith Diamond- OHS

- 1. Excited about the new hires
- 2. Beginning a parent advisory group to be held virtually the 2nd Tuesday of each month
- 3. Developed a student success ed tech position to assist students in completion of

- credits for graduation
- 4. School goals for the year have been established by the co-principals

- b. Superintendent Report
 - i. New Staff orientation was held August 24
 - ii. Staff workshop days to be held Thursday and Friday, August 26 and 27
 - iii. New guidance on how to report employee vaccination rates
 - 1. 93% affirmative vaccination rate
 - iv. New state-wide school vaccination rate portal
 - 1. Numbers skewed for Orono, but data is flawed

7. Discussion Items

- a. COVID Discussion
 - i. Ramping up pooled testing readiness
 - ii. Working on handbooks with COVID guidelines for each school
 - iii. Social distancing through lunch is proving the hardest thing to plan
 - 1. Schools are working for the best possible lunch schedules and solutions
 - iv. Clinics are being planned for a first round of COVID vaccinations for students and staff as well as booster shots for staff who participated in the first vaccination clinic
- b. ESSER III/ARP - Plan for expenditures
 - i. \$874,250 in funding
 - 1. 20% must be spent on learning loss
 - 2. Verification that there has been consultation with the community as to the spending plan
 - 3. Continuing to pay some needed staffing positions through 2022-2023 school year
 - 4. Consider using ESSER III funds for air exchange system upgrade

8. Action Items

- a. Staff Nominations
 - i. Hiring Recommendations
 - 1. CoCurricular Nominations

Motion: Brian McGill moved **approve the co curricular nominations as presented**, Mark Brewer seconded, **Vote 5-0**

- ii. Approval of emergency response plan for SY 2021-22

Motion: Brian McGill moved **approve the the emergency response plan as presented**, Mark Brewer seconded, **Vote 5-0**

9. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Policy Subcommittee
 - i. First meeting September 9
 - ii. Updating policies and beginning to look at updating policies with changes in law
- b. United Technology Center
- c. SPRPCE
- d. Curriculum Subcommittee
 - i. First meeting September 16
- e. Facilities/Building committee
 - i. Substantial completion walkthrough August 25
 - ii. Kitchen inspection August 26
- f. Wellness Subcommittee

10. Other Business

11. Future Agenda Items

12. Public Comment

13. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

a. **Thursday**, September 9, 2021 - Regular Meeting, via Zoom, 6 pm

14. Request for Information and Follow-up

15. Adjournment

Motion:** Brian McGill moved to **adjourn the meeting**, Mark Brewer seconded, **Vote 5-0