

Approved Minutes

Remote access for public participation through Zoom Link:
Tuesday, September 21, 2021 6:00 pm

× Brian McGill
× Jake Eckert
× Mark Brewer

× Elizabeth Hufnagel
× Patrick Rowe

1. Opening

- a. Call to Order
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Agenda Adjustment
 - i. Add 8.c - Approval of new position - School Health Liaison (ESSER funded)

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve the agenda adjustments as presented, Mark Brewer seconded, Vote 5-0**

2. Consideration of the Minutes

- a. August 18, 2021

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve the minutes as presented with the addition of the 5-0 vote total to adjourn, Mark Brewer seconded, Vote 5-0**

3. Approval of Warrants

- a. Payroll - 6
- b. Warrant - 6

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve the warrants as presented, Mark Brewer seconded, Vote 5-0**

4. Public Comment

- a. A parent thanked everyone in the district for how well they handled her childrens' COVID diagnoses

5. Acknowledgments

- a. Elizabeth Hufnagel acknowledges Karen Martin and her staff for their hard work with testing for COVID, pooled testing, and everything else they are doing
- b. Patrick Rowe appreciates the thoughtful feedback he receives from all community members
- c. Brian McGill acknowledges the administration and nursing staff for going above and beyond this year.
- d. Jake Eckert acknowledged Joanne MacKinnon for her donation of orchestra instruments valued at \$450
- e. Meredith Higgins acknowledged the community effort that goes into pooled testing. She also thanks everyone for persevering through trying times.

6. Reports

a. Principal Reports

i. Kristin Briggs - Asa Adams

1. Thanks to everyone for the way they have rallied together to start the school year.
2. Volunteering is returning to Asa Adams! Volunteers will be supporting teachers outside of the classrooms this year.
3. Working on assessments of returning students.
4. NWEAs will begin October 4

ii. Richard Glencross - OMS

1. Off to a strong start!
2. Impressed with how everyone has stepped up to help with pooled testing
3. 30 OMS students are signed up for the first dental clinic October 14-15
4. New advisories are being introduced

5. OMS has been selected to participate in National Assessment of Educational Progress-- participating in a larger pool that serves to compare American students with their international peers
- iii. Meredith Diamond and Sam Runco - OHS
 1. Changed bell schedule to improve lunch shift
 2. Early November dental clinic scheduled
 3. 40 students participating in the OHS Musical *Little Shop of Horrors*
 4. Clubs and extracurricular activities are ramping up
 5. Fall Sports off to a successful start
- b. Superintendent Report
 - i. Early release day scheduled for September 22
 1. Staff can work on their quarantine learning plan, as well as participate in some technology related professional development
 - a. Not seeing school transmission that would lead the district to take further steps to mitigate COVID transmission
 - ii. After school program partnership with RAD and the town of Orono is off to a good start
 - iii. Staffing shortages
 1. Custodians
 2. Food service
 3. Ed Techs
 4. Substitutes

7. Discussion Items

- a. COVID Discussion
 - i. Continuing to follow the guidance from the CDC and common sense to make about decisions about COVID positive cases in the schools
 - ii. Karen Martin has scheduled a November COVID vaccination clinic for students age 5-11 in the event that the COVID vaccine is approved for that age group
 - iii. Quarantine Learning Planning Update
 1. Intended to function as practical guidance to teachers and families
 2. Plan is to address asynchronous learning for short periods of time when a student is out of school due to quarantine needs
 3. Stakeholders across the district were asked for their input
 4. OMS and OHS
 - a. Primary instruction to students through Google Classroom, with special attention being given to students who might need more help to access and understand assignments
 - b. If a critical mass of students (such as the majority of a class) is in quarantine, the instructor will adjust to synchronous online instruction
 - c. Office hours will be provided
 5. Asa
 - a. Communicate assignments through SeeSaw (K-2) and Google Classroom (3-5)
 - b. Daily Language Arts and Math activities
 - c. Providing Social Studies and Science activities as well as Specials are encouraged
 - d. Classroom connection time will be allotted

- iv. Pooled Testing Update
 - 1. 69% of the overall student population is participating in pooled testing with still more students signing up to participate

- b. Construction update
 - i. Track surface is down, and lines will be painted soon
 - ii. Bleachers arrived and are beginning to be assembled
 - iii. Auditorium and end cap classrooms are progressing
 - iv. Still working on punch list at Asa and finalizing finishing touches

8. Action Items

- a. Staff Nominations
 - i. Hiring Recommendations
 - 1. Co-curricular nominations

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

- b. PLD Amendment

*Motion: Brian McGill moved to **adopt the provisions of 5 M.R.S. §18252-C as enacted by PL 2021, Chapter 286 as allowed by MainePERS Rule Chapter 803 and etc. as written and presented, Mark Brewer seconded, Vote 5-0***

- c. Approval of new position - School Health Liaison (ESSER funded)

*Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve the hiring of a new position of school health liaison with ESSER funds, Mark Brewer seconded, Vote 5-0***

9. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Policy Subcommittee
 - i. Next meeting October 7
 - ii. Continuing through the policies
 - iii. Drummund Woodsum policy workshop upcoming
- b. United Technology Center
 - i. Special meeting to address hiring a director is scheduled
- c. SPRPCE
- d. Curriculum Subcommittee
 - i. Discussed Quarantine learning documents
 - ii. Upcoming discussion on technology at October
- e. Facilities/Building committee
 - i. Virtual tour? Wait until Spring?
- f. Wellness Subcommittee

10. Other Business

11. Future Agenda Items

- a. Student Award input to be heard at October 19, 2021 Board Meeting

12. Public Comment

13. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

- a. Tuesday, October 5, 2021 - Regular Meeting, in-person and 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