

Approved Minutes

Remote access for public participation through Zoom Link:
Tuesday, January 4, 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 7c.i. COVID leave days

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

2. Consideration of the Minutes

a. December 7, 2021

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to approve the December 7, 2021 minutes as presented, Mark Brewer seconded,*

Vote: *Elizabeth Hufnagel- aye*

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Patrick Rowe- aye

Vote 5-0

3. Approval of Warrants

a. Payroll - 12, 13

b. ME Pers - November 21

c. Warrant - 12, 13

d. Ban - 12, 13

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to approve the slate of 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- *none*

5. Acknowledgments

a. Elizabeth Hufnagel acknowledged that we continue to live in trying times, as well as the amazing work that all of the staff has been doing this academic year.

b. Patrick Rowe thanks all RSU 26 staff for continuing to come to work everyday with good attitudes.

c. Jacob Eckert acknowledged a donation from Courageous Steps for flexible seating at OMS.

d. Brian McGill echoes what everyone else said, adding everything that is being accomplished this year is a "miracle."

e. Superintendent Higgins acknowledged Sam Runco and Bill Cody, as well as staff volunteers for their work over break to get teachers moved into the new endcap classrooms.

6. Reports

a. Principal Reports

i. Kristin Briggs- Asa Adams

1. PTO Craft Fair was a great success.

2. December dental clinic went off without a hitch
 3. Thanks to community members for their donations of winter gear for the students, as well as the RSU 26 staff involved with the Asa Holiday Giving Program which donated gifts and food for the holidays
 4. Security updates have been installed including cameras, ramp, and automatic door.
- ii. Meredith Diamond and Sam Runco- OHS
 1. OHS will be offering AP Seminar and AP Research beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, giving Orono students the opportunity to graduate with an AP Capstone Diploma
 2. Shana Goodall is spearheading a bookstudy on *Grading for Equity* by Joe Feldman
 3. At the start of the second semester, 9th graders will be reading the book, *Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World*, to help to bring ninth graders and their teachers together and meet the scholastic and behavior needs of freshmen students
 4. Recruitment committee continues to work hard to make a safe -but fun- step up day
 5. Work continues to develop the best bell schedule to fit the needs of OHS students
- b. Superintendent Report
 - i. FY23 Budget Timeline- handout
 - ii. Auditors will be presenting at the next (January 18, 2022) Board meeting on the finances of FY21
 - iii. Disposal of equipment
 1. Need to dispose of old air handlers
 - a. Bowman will dispose of equipment at no cost

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **authorize the district to dispose of air handlers at no cost for removal**, Mark Brewer seconded,

Vote: Elizabeth Hufnagel- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Patrick Rowe- aye

Vote 5-0

7. Discussion Items

- a. Equity Audit Report Executive Summary Presentation
 - i. Equity Alliance will be presenting at the January 18 meeting
 - ii. Superintendent Higgins shared preliminary Strengths and Areas of Growth from 6 areas identified by Equity Alliance
 1. Shared vision for equity
 2. Efficacy of programs
 3. Utilization of Resources
 4. Curriculum represents equity
 5. Learner-centered practices
 6. Inclusive and responsive communication
- b. Wabanaki Studies Workgroup Presentation
 - i. Maine requires the teaching of Maine Native American History in Culture
 - ii. Wabanaki Studies Workgroup was initiated in RSU 26 in January 2021
 - iii. Goals
 1. Build Knowledge
 2. Incorporate knowledge into the curriculum
 3. Discovering where the district is now, and what the next steps should be

c. COVID Discussion

i. Pooled testing

1. 79% of students are enrolled in pooled testing

ii. Vaccination

1. Percentage of the RSU 26 population who is fully vaccinated is slowly climbing
2. Focus on boosters
3. Surveying population as to whether they have been given a booster dose of vaccine
4. Booster clinic scheduled for January 6

iii. New DOE SOP

1. Fewer quarantine days
2. Booster now needed to be fully vaccinated
3. Definition of an outbreak changed
4. Close contact tracing not needed for outdoors or on the bus

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **continue to follow the guidelines adopted last summer with respect to COVID at the current time**, Mark Brewer seconded,

Vote: Elizabeth Hufnagel- nay

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Patrick Rowe- nay

Vote 3-2

iv. COVID leave days

Motion: Brian McGill moved **to enter executive session under 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D) - Labor Negotiations**, Mark Brewer seconded,

Vote: Elizabeth Hufnagel- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Patrick Rowe- aye

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Motion: Brian McGill moved **to extend COVID leave days, authorized by the State Legislature, through June 30, 2022**, Mark Brewer seconded,

Vote: Elizabeth Hufnagel- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Patrick Rowe- aye

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8. Action Items

a. Staff Nominations

- i. Co-curricular nominations

b. Stipend Proposals

- i. NEASC Steering Committee Co-Chairs
- ii. OHS Lunch Monitor - 2nd Semester

Motion: Brian McGill moved **authorized the creation of NEASC Steering Committee Stipend for the remainder of this school year and the 2023-2024 school year, as well as the OHS Lunch Monitor position for the second semester of 2021-2022**, Mark Brewer seconded,

Vote: Elizabeth Hufnagel- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Patrick Rowe- aye

Vote 5-0

- c. Disposal of equipment
 - i. Addressed in 6(b)3

- d. Policies
 - i. Revisions

- 1. BCC - Nepotism

***Motion:** Brian McGill moved to **adopt the revisions to policy BCC- Nepotism**, Mark Brewer seconded,*

***Vote:** Elizabeth Hufnagel- aye*

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Patrick Rowe- aye

Vote 5-0

- 2. BDE-R Standing Committees

***Motion:** Brian McGill moved to **adopt the revisions to policy BDE-R Standing Committees**, Mark Brewer seconded,*

***Vote:** Elizabeth Hufnagel- aye*

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Patrick Rowe- aye

Vote 5-0

- 3. IGA - Curriculum Development

***Motion:** Brian McGill moved to **adopt the revisions to policy IGA - Curriculum Development**, Mark Brewer seconded,*

***Vote:** Elizabeth Hufnagel- aye*

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Patrick Rowe- aye

Vote 5-0

- 4. IHBA - Individualized Education Programs

***Motion:** Brian McGill moved to **adopt the revisions to policy IHBA - Individualized Education Programs**, Mark Brewer seconded,*

***Vote:** Elizabeth Hufnagel- aye*

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Patrick Rowe- aye

Vote 5-0

- 9. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Policy Subcommittee

- i. Finished with updates from the last legislative session

- ii. Working on policy IHA

- iii. Special Education policies with feedback from Lisa Smith, Director of Special Services

- b. United Technology Center

- c. SPRPCE

- d. Curriculum Subcommittee

- i. Next meeting January 13

- e. Facilities/Building committee

- i. Lots of progress is being made in the auditorium and music classrooms

- ii. After general completion status is reached, the district will move on to self managed projects

10. Other Business

11. Future Agenda Items

12. Public Comment

13. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

- a. Tuesday, January 18, 2022 - Equity Workshop, in-person and via Zoom, 4:30 pm
- b. Tuesday, January 18, 2022 - 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: Elizabeth Hufnagel- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Patrick Rowe- aye

Vote 5-0

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