

Approved Minutes

Remote access for public participation through Zoom Link:
Tuesday, January 18, 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 8.c. New Stipend Request - OHS Civil Right Team Trial -Year 1

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- absent

Vote 4-0

2. Consideration of the Minutes

a. December 21, 2021

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to approve the December 21, 2021 minutes as presented, Mark Brewer seconded,*

Vote: *Elizabeth Hufnagel- abstain*

Mark Brewer- abstain

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Patrick Rowe- absent

Vote 2-0-2

b. January 4, 2022

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to approve the January 4, 2021 minutes as presented, Mark Brewer seconded,*

Vote: *Elizabeth Hufnagel- aye*

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Patrick Rowe- absent

Vote 4-0

3. Approval of Warrants

a. Payroll - 14

b. ME Pers - December

c. Warrant - 14

d. Bond - 51

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- absent

Vote 4-0

4. Public Comment

5. Acknowledgments

a. Jake Eckert acknowledges the Orono Police Department for diligently filling in as crossing guards at the intersection of Main Street and Westwood

b. Superintendent Higgins acknowledged Ella Allen-Rahill for being selected as a 2022 Maine Representative in the United States Senate Youth Program.

Rebecca Cross and the Riverside Adult Education program were recognized by the Maine DOE for its Innovative Day Reporting Program

6. Reports

a. Director Reports

i. Lisa Smith- Special Services Director

1. Received a donation from Courageous Steps for “wobble stools” at OMS
2. 55 students currently enrolled in social work services, with 5 new referrals in January alone
3. Meeting with Special Olympic directors in the area to see if we can get more of RSU 26 students participating in the program

ii. Meredith Diamond- Curriculum Coordinator

1. OHS is beginning a study on the book *Grading for Equity*, by Joe Feldman
2. Beginning vertical conversations with Asa and OMS to narrow the choices for middle school math curriculum
3. New English and Science classes will be offered next year

b. Superintendent Report

i. Audit Presentation

1. Craig Costello of Brantner, Thibodeau, & Associates, presented
2. Bond and Relief monies led to an unusual spending pattern
3. Small findings in the audit, but nothing concerning

7. Discussion Items

a. OHS Recruitment Update

i. COVID safe and welcoming

1. Stay in group by town
2. Tours led current OHS students
3. Panel discussion
4. Co-Curricular fair
5. Virtual parent night

b. COVID Discussion

i. New SOP has been released by the State

1. Biggest change is in the suspension of contact tracing for any school that practices universal masking
 - a. Classroom level notification would still go to families and staff
 - b. Masks should be worn indoors at all times unless swimming

ii. Recommending that community switch to 3-ply surgical-style masks or KN95 masks

8. Action Items

a. Staff Nominations

i. Co-curricular nominations

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

Vote: Elizabeth Hufnagel- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Patrick Rowe- absent

Mark Brewer- aye

Brian McGill- aye

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b. Policies

i. Revisions

1. IHBAA & IHBAA-R

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **adopt the revisions to policies IHBAA & IHBAA-R**, Mark Brewer seconded,

Vote: Elizabeth Hufnagel- aye
Jacob Eckert- aye
Patrick Rowe- absent
Mark Brewer- aye
Brian McGill- aye
Vote 4-0

2. IHBAC

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **adopt the revisions to policies IHBAC**, Mark Brewer seconded,

Vote: Elizabeth Hufnagel- aye
Jacob Eckert- aye
Patrick Rowe- absent
Mark Brewer- aye
Brian McGill- aye
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3. IHBAL

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **adopt the revisions to policies IHBAL**, Mark Brewer seconded,

Vote: Elizabeth Hufnagel- aye
Jacob Eckert- aye
Patrick Rowe- absent
Mark Brewer- aye
Brian McGill- aye
Vote 4-0

c. New Stipend Request - OHS Civil Right Team Trial -Year 1

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve the stipend of a trial OHS Civil Rights Team**, Mark Brewer seconded,

Vote: Elizabeth Hufnagel- aye
Jacob Eckert- aye
Patrick Rowe- absent
Mark Brewer- aye
Brian McGill- aye
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9. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Policy Subcommittee
- b. United Technology Center
- c. SPRPCE
- d. Curriculum Subcommittee
 - i. 3 new courses at OHS were approved
- e. Facilities/Building committee
 - i. Auditorium is proceeding, still a couple months of work ahead

10. Other Business

11. Future Agenda Items

12. Public Comment

13. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

- a. Tuesday, February 1, 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*

Jacob Eckert- aye

Patrick Rowe- absent

Mark Brewer- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Vote 4-0

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