

Approved Minutes

Remote access for public participation through Zoom Link:
Tuesday, February 1, 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 b. Approve Bowman Change Order #188 - Extended General Conditions - \$59,129.00

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve the agenda adjustments as presented, Mark Brewer seconded, Vote 4-0**

2. Consideration of the Minutes

- a. January 18, 2022

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve the January 18, 2021 minutes as presented, Mark Brewer seconded, Vote 4-0**

3. Approval of Warrants

- a. Payroll - 15
- b. Warrant - 15
- c. BAN 20 - 14
- d. Capital Improvement

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve the January 18, 2021 minutes as presented, Mark Brewer seconded, Vote 4-0**

4. Public Comment

5. Acknowledgments

- a. Jacob Eckert acknowledged Officer Ed Leskey for continuing to help with the morning crossing guard duty.
- b. Mark Brewer echoes Jacob Eckert's kudos for Officer Leskey and adds that he saw the crossing guard almost get hit by a car.
- c. Meredith Higgins continues to acknowledge the RSU 26 community for continuing to keep the school year going as smoothly as possible.

6. Reports

a. Principal Reports

i. Kristin Briggs, Asa Adams

1. Asa Adams was the winner of the 2021 Invest in ME Reads Giveaway. Asa will receive the entire "Money on the Bookshelf" collection, as well as have the opportunity for a virtual visit by Maribeth Boelts who wrote the book Those Shoes.
2. On the January 12th inservice day, Asa Adams staff had a visit from Acadia Hospital. Bethany Mitchell, Deborah Taplin, and Kelley Wogan shared "Tips and Strategies for Supporting a Trauma-Informed Classroom."
3. Also on January 12, Meredith Diamond, Shana Goodall, and Meredith Higgins presented initial findings from the equity audit.

ii. Richard Glencross, OMS

1. 8th Graders will be attending OHS Step-Up day on February 2

2. A celebration of quarter two achievements in and out of the classroom is scheduled for the week before February break
 3. Physical education classes are taking advantage of Maine winter weather and taking classes outside where they cross-country ski and snowshoe.
- iii. Meredith Diamond, OHS
1. The National Honor Society induction ceremony was held on January 19.
 2. Senior Ella Allan Rahil was selected to represent Maine in the US Senate Youth Program
 3. Sophomore Ruth White was awarded the 2021 Gatorade Female XC Runner of the Year.
 4. The math team, led by senior Tommy Owen, is off to a great start.
 5. Planning for the 2022-2023 school year
 - a. Over 50% of current 9th-grade students have IEPs or 504 plans, and the staff is working to find solutions to make classes and schedules ideal for all students
- b. Superintendent Report
- i. Meredith Higgins, Superintendent
 1. Bringing a class-size projection for the entire district to the Board during budget discussions
 2. The draft calendar will be brought to the Board at the February 15 meeting
 - a. Align with UTC
 - b. Taking staff feedback into consideration
 3. Equity Audit report is due to arrive February 4
 - a. Board Workshop to discuss findings is scheduled for 5:30 on February 15
 4. Brainstorming ideas to deal with the substitute shortage.
7. Discussion Items
- a. COVID Discussion
 - i. Return to School Plan Review
 1. Recommend to remove most of section 8, and just leave “The district will follow current state guidelines for handling the occurrence of a COVID+ case in the schools (SOP document).”
 2. Remove document dates
 3. Supt Higgins will bring a marked up SOP to the February 15 meeting
 - ii. COVID Dashboard
 1. A section has been added to the dashboard unveiled at the January 18 meeting that shows more historical data
 - b. OHS Co-Principal Model
 - i. The OHS Community was surveyed as to whether they think the co-principal model is working, and the results consistently showed that the community feels that the model is working for OHS
 - ii. Supt Higgins recommends that for the 22-23 school year, OHS maintains the co-principal model, and that the teachers assisting the principals go back to their traditional roles

Motion: Brian McGill moved to enter executive session under 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A), Mark Brewer seconded.
Vote 4-0.

Entered executive session at 7:05. Exited executive session at 7:27.

Motion: Brian McGill moved to adopt the Superintendent’s recommendation to continue with the co-principal model at OHS, Mark Brewer seconded. **Vote 3-1**

- c. FY 23 Budget
 - i. Bringing specific numbers to the next Board meeting
 - ii. Budgeting factors:
 - 1. ED279 State subsidy is \$347,000 higher than last year
 - 2. The unassigned fund balance is over \$3 million
 - 3. Staffing changes
 - 4. Increased energy rates
 - 5. Bond payments
- d. Brown-Tail Moth Inquiry
 - i. Facilities director Bill Cody is researching ways to combat the brown-tail moth
 - 1. An arborist and community members are coming to help figure out ways to cull the number of brown-tail moth caterpillars on the RSU 26 campus

8. Action Items

- a. Staff Nominations
 - i. Co-curricular nominations

*Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve the slate of co-curricular nominations as presented**, Mark Brewer seconded, **Vote 4-0***

- b. Approve Bowman Change Order #188 - Extended General Conditions - \$59,129.00

*Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve the Bowman Change Order #188**, Mark Brewer seconded, **Vote 4-0***

9. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Policy Subcommittee
 - i. Feedback from the Technology committee for policies involving student and staff computer use
 - ii. Working through the remainder of the policy review
- b. United Technology Center
- c. SPRPCE
- d. Curriculum Subcommittee
 - i. Next meeting February 10, 2022 at 3:30
- e. Facilities/Building committee
 - i. Working through “punch lists” to make sure that all construction work is completed to high standards

10. Other Business

- a. Cheerleader follow-up
- b. Board Survey

11. Future Agenda Items

12. Public Comment

13. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

- a. Tuesday, February 15, 2022 - Board Workshop (Equity Audit Report), in-person and via Zoom, Time TBD
- b. Tuesday, February 15, 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 4-0*