

Approved Minutes

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Tuesday, April 5, 2022, 6:00 pm

× Brian McGill	× Noah Charney
× Jake Eckert	× Kevin Roberge
× Mark Brewer	

1. Opening

- a. Call to Order
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Agenda Adjustment
 - i. Add 8e. Approve Maine Power Solutions/Constellation Fixed Price Electrical Supply Agreement

Motion: Brian McGill moved to add item 8e. Approve Maine Power Solutions/Constellation Fixed Price Electrical Supply Agreement, Mark Brewer seconded Vote 5-0

2. Consideration of the Minutes

- a. March 22, 2022

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the March 22, 2022 minutes as presented, Mark Brewer seconded, Vote 5-0

3. Approval of Warrants

- a. Payroll - 20
- b. PERS- March 22
- c. Warrant - 20
- d. Bond- 55

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

4. Public Comment

5. Acknowledgments

- a. Brian McGill acknowledged the OHS and OMS Show Choirs for their performances in the State competition. OMS received a silver award and OHS received a gold award and earned the highest score in the state.

6. Reports

a. Principal Reports

i. Kristin Briggs, Asa Adams

1. On March 16, Mr. Caballero's strings group performed at a concert at Minsky Recital Hall.
2. Fourth-grade students traveled to the University of Maine to visit the Hudson Museum
3. An open house was held for Pre-K and Kindergarten students to visit the school and collect registration paperwork.

ii. Richard Glencross, OMS

1. OMS Teacher Debra Bishop earned the 2021 Glenn Nerbak Award for Excellence in Teaching Social Studies.
2. Congratulations to OMS Mathletes for a fine performance at the February Winter Math Meet where they tied for 1st place!

- iii. Sam Runco and Meredith Diamond, OHS
 - 1. Many OHS students are being recognized for their scholastic and academic achievements.
 - 2. The April meeting of the Parent Advisory Group will discuss the bell schedule for the 2022-2023 school year.
 - 3. There is lots of excitement over the near completion of the new performing arts center.
 - 4. Working out the class schedule for 2022-2023 to best serve the need of OHS students.
 - b. Superintendent Report
 - i. Meredith Higgins, Superintendent
 - 1. Special Education teachers Karen Frye and Danelle Farrell, have resigned.
 - 2. Interview committees for the Asa Principal and Director of Learning positions are currently reviewing the applicant pool.
 - a. Interviews and hiring timeline for the Asa Principal position is on schedule to happen before Spring Break.
 - b. Director or Learning interviews will take place during the week after Break.
 - 3. We are still looking for applications for Student Board Representative
7. Discussion Items
 - a. COVID Discussion
 - i. Frustrations with the pooled testing company, and delivery service. The company has promised that it will not happen again.
 - b. Board self-evaluation reflection
 - i. Data was collected through a feedback survey sent to the entire RSU 26 community
 - ii. Survey results inform the Board goals for the next year.
 - iii. Brian McGill presented a summary of the results of the Board survey.
 - iv. The Board went through the MSBA guidelines for school boards to aid in reflection.
 - c. Capital Improvement Planning - Self Managed Projects
 - i. Superintendent Higgins presented the Board with a handout with outstanding capital improvement projects and their construction estimates.
 - ii. Building Committee has met to discuss the projects, and prioritize the order of completion.
 - iii. A phased approach to roof renovations is thought to be the best solution to facilitate other improvement projects.

Motion: Brian McGill moved to authorize the superintendent or designee to execute a contract with Restorations Unlimited of Maine for Asa siding not to exceed \$190,000, Mark Brewer seconded, Vote 5-0

Motion: Brian McGill moved to authorize the superintendent or designee to execute a contract with Roof Systems of Maine, to initiate the first two priority items not to exceed \$190,000, with the understanding that additional discussions on roofs will be made before additional funds are committed, Mark Brewer seconded, Vote 5-0

Motion: Brian McGill moved to allow the superintendent or designee to execute design contracts with Haley Ward, to commence on design work not to exceed \$85,000, Mark Brewer seconded, Vote 5-0

d. FY 23 Budget

- i. Superintendent Higgins presented the Board with updated budget recommendations for the 2022-2023 school year.
- ii. Changes to the proposed budget have been made incorporating changes discussed at the last Board meeting as well as new discoveries.
 1. \$79,000 was removed from the budget expenditures
- iii. The Board discussed the budgets surrounding the Assistant Principal position at Asa, the choir director position, and the Asa Art teacher position, and each Board member presented their opinion.

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 5-0

- b. A&E Contracts for Self Managed Projects
- c. Auditorium Manager Job Description & MOU

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the Auditorium Manager job description, Mark Brewer seconded, Vote 5-0

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the MOU between the Orono Education Association and the RSU 26 Board of Directors pertaining to adding the Auditorium Manager position, Mark Brewer seconded, Vote 5-0

d. Approve FY23 Calendar

Motion: Brian McGill moved to adopt the FY 23 calendar as presented, Mark Brewer seconded, Vote 4-1

- e. Approve Maine Power Solutions/Constellation Fixed Price Electrical Supply Agreement
 - i. A six-month contract is recommended, hoping that the energy prices stabilize before October

Motion: Brian McGill moved to authorize the superintendent to execute a contract with Maine Power Solutions/Constellation as presented with the six-month option, Mark Brewer seconded, Vote 5-0

9. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Policy Subcommittee
 - i. Worked on Policies IKF and IKEB and another policy on promotion and advancement
- b. United Technology Center
- c. SPRPCE
- d. Curriculum Subcommittee
- e. Facilities/Building committee
 - i. Beginning to discuss self-managed projects
 - ii. Punch lists are being checked off, and construction is almost to substantial completion
- f. DEI Leadership Team
 - i. Planning on getting an action plan together before the conclusion of the school year

10. Other Business

11. Future Agenda Items

12. Public Comment

13. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

- a. Tuesday, April 26, 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 5-0

Approved May 10, 2022