

Minutes
OMS/OHS Library
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December 5, 2023, 6:00 pm

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| × Brian McGill | × Kevin Roberge |
| × Jake Eckert | × Marissa McLaughlin |
| × Mark Brewer | × Dorsa Tajvidi |
| × Noah Charney | |

1. Opening
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance
 - c. Agenda Adjustments

2. Consideration of the Minutes
 - a. November 14, 2023
 - i. Mark Brewer corrected the spelling of Kase Walston’s name in the November 14, 2023 minutes.

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to approve the November 14, 2023 minutes as corrected.* Mark Brewer seconded.

Vote: *Noah Charney- aye*

Jacob Eckert- aye

Kevin Roberge- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Vote 5-0

3. Approval of Warrants
 - a. Warrant- 10, 11
 - b. Payroll- 9a, 10, 11
 - c. ME PERS- October 2023
 - d. BAN20- 46

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

Vote: *Noah Charney- aye*

Jacob Eckert- aye

Kevin Roberge- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Vote 5-0

4. Public Comment

5. Acknowledgments

- a. Superintendent Higgins congratulated the cast and crew of the OHS production *Mean Girls*. She also congratulated OHS students Ruth White, Jack Brewer, Brady Grant for accolades received in their respective sports.

6. Reports

- a. Director Reports

- i. Lisa Smith, Director of Special Services

1. Bangor area Special Service directors have been informed that 400 multi-language learners will be moving to the area in the near future.
2. CDS referrals for 3-year-olds have been increasing dramatically. This is something to remember when budgeting begins in the 25-26 school year.
3. Orono Special Olympic students have been participating in soccer and bowling this school year, and are looking forward to starting basketball and Unified basketball.

- ii. Susan Smith, Director of Learning

1. The health curriculum “desert and discuss” has been moved to January 11.

2. DEI in curriculum and instructional tools for using DEI in the classroom will be the focus of the December 13 early release/teacher professional development day.

b. Student Board Representative Report

- i. Marissa McLaughlin and Dorsa Tajvidi
 1. Congratulations to Sophia Tyutyunnyk and Ellie LaBree who had stories published in an anthology titled From the Edge of the World by the Portland-based writing center The Telling Room. Sophia’s short story was highlighted in a *Boston Globe* review.

c. Superintendent Report

- i. Superintendent Higgins and athletic director Mike Archer are researching the OHS community as well as other area schools to see if there is interest in developing a volleyball program.
- ii. Lynn Gray has been working with Superintendent Higgins to establish a budget timeline. Ms. Higgins requests that the scheduled March 26 Board meeting be moved to March 19 to ensure that she can attend the meeting.
- iii. Say Something Anonymous Reporting System
 1. The anonymous reporting system will be launched in RSU 26 schools at the end of January.
 2. “Say Something” is a reporting system developed by the Sandy Hook Promise Foundation to “educate and empower youth and adults to prevent violence in schools, homes, and communities.”
 3. The Say Something Anonymous Reporting System enables students to report an issue at any time, through an app, hotline, or website.
 4. The program is for students beginning in fourth grade.

7. Discussion Items

- a. none

8. Action Items

- a. Staff Nominations
 - i. Co-Curricular Nomination

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

Vote: Noah Charney- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Kevin Roberge- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Vote 5-0

- b. Approve Minimum Wage MOU with Orono Education Association

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to as presented. Mark Brewer seconded.*

Vote: Noah Charney- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Kevin Roberge- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Vote 5-0

- c. Approve FY 23 Cost Center Transfers resulting from Audit

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to approve the allowable budget transfers between cost centers recommended by the auditor to remove the over-expenditure in the cost centers. Specifically, to decrease regular instruction (\$36,937); increase system administration (\$36,412); increase facilities maintenance (\$425); and increase to debt service (\$100).* Mark Brewer seconded.

Vote: Noah Charney- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Kevin Roberge- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Vote 5-0

9. Subcommittee Reports

a. Policy Subcommittee

- i. Field trips, facility naming, and generative AI policies will be discussed.

b. United Technology Center

- i. The next meeting will be on December 7.

c. SPRPCE

- i. The next meeting will be held in January.

d. Curriculum Subcommittee

e. Facilities/Building Committee

- i. The timetable for the Central Office project is ahead of schedule.
- ii. Work is being completed on roofs despite the snow.

f. Wellness Committee

- i. The annual policy review was completed at the last meeting.

g. DEI Leadership Team

- i. Subcommittees have been working and will be bringing their findings to the leadership at the next meeting to be held in December.

h. Strategic Plan Team

- i. The goal of the next meeting is to complete the 3 core documents. When core documents are completed, goals will be next.

10. Other Business

11. Future Agenda Items

12. Public Comment

13. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

- a. January 9, 6:00, OHS/OMS Library

14. Request for Information and Follow-up

15. Adjournment

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to adjourn the meeting.* Mark Brewer seconded.

Vote: Noah Charney- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Kevin Roberge- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Vote 5-0

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes approved January 9, 2024.