

Minutes
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June 20, 2023, 6:00 pm

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| × Brian McGill | × Kevin Roberge |
| × Jake Eckert | × Marissa McLaughlin |
| × Mark Brewer | × Dorsa Tajvidi |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noah Charney | |

1. Opening

- a. Call to Order

Motion: Brian McGill called the meeting to order

- b. Pledge of Allegiance

- c. Agenda Adjustments

- i. Add items 8.i.i - iii Donations

- ii. Add item 8.j - Approve new position - Special Education Ed Tech III (OHS)

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

2. Consideration of the Minutes

- a. June 6, 2023

Motion: Brian McGill moved to adopt the minutes of the June 6, 2023 meeting as presented. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-0

3. Approval of Warrants

- a. Warrant- 25

- b. Payroll- 25

- c. ME PERS- May

- d. Fuel- 4

- e. BAN- 38

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the slate of warrants as presented. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-0

4. Public Comment

- a. Deb White, OMS teacher, shared her opinion on the Board goals and invites board members to spend some time job-shadowing members of the RSU 26 staff.

5. Acknowledgments

- a. Donation from Jim & Mary Bird & Xiyang (Tim) Mo (OHS c/o2012) - 65" television - valued at \$400

- b. Brian McGill thanks everyone for a strong finish to the school year.

- c. Kevin Roberge was happy to see so many people attending the meeting in person.

- d. Marissa McLaughlin thanks the guidance office for getting year-end grades on PowerSchool so quickly.

- e. Meredith Higgins sends kudos to the Asa's Got Talent participants. Superintendent Higgins thanked all members of the RSU 26 staff for their work throughout the year to make the 2022-2023 school year a success.

6. Reports

- a. Director Reports

- i. Lisa Smith, Special Services Director

1. Working on finalizing end-of-year reports for State reporting.

2. Summer school preparations are well underway. Final details are being worked out for the June 27 start.

- ii. Susan Smith, Director of Learning
 - 1. Instructional Technology Framework Update
 - 2. The Board and administrators discussed matters associated with accelerated ELA programs across the district.
- b. Student Representatives Report
 - i. OHS's annual Ochella was a major success. Thanks to Student Council and the volunteers who made the event possible.
 - ii. Congratulations to all those who graduated from OHS on June 11, as well as those who graduated from OMS the next day.
 - iii. Asa Adams' students had a wonderful time at the annual Fire Fighter Field Day!
 - iv. Spring Sports came to a close.
 - 1. Boys Tennis won their Northern Maine Championship at Bates College.
 - 2. Track won the Class C State Championship and also the Sportsmanship Award.
- c. Superintendent Report
 - i. Christy Boyd-Lane announced her retirement, effective at the end of the school year.
 - ii. Mark Brewer volunteered to be on the OHS Technology Teacher hiring committee, and Kevin Roberge will sit on the Alternative Education Teacher hiring team.
 - iii. Superintendent Higgins and Meredith Diamond have begun talks with UTC to bring a satellite experience to RSU 26.
 - 1. Funding is available through the State.
 - 2. Space is the biggest hindering factor.
 - 3. If interested, an application will be submitted in the Spring of 2024

7. Discussion Items

- a. ESEA Plan Feedback
 - i. Meredith Higgins presented the ESEA plan which outlines the structure for using Federal funds.
 - 1. The State is changing the way it calculates the allocations for each school.
 - a. They will no longer use the free and reduced lunch information, but rather they will use direct certification numbers.
 - b. RSU 26 will receive more funding from this calculation model.

8. Action Items

- a. Staff Nominations
 - i. Hiring Recommendations

Motion: Brian McGill moved to go into executive session under 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) - Appointment of officials/appointees/employees. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-0

- 1. Asa Physical Education Teacher

Motion: Brian McGill moved to authorize the superintendent to enter into a contract with Nathaniel Case as Asa Adams Physical Education teacher. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-0

- 2. Asa Behavior Coach

Motion: Brian McGill moved to authorize the superintendent to enter into a contract with Madeline West as the part time Asa Adams Behavior Coach. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-0

- ii. Co-Curricular Nominations

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

- b. Adopt board goals - results from brainstorming below
 - i. DEI work
 - ii. Strategic planning
 - iii. Mental health/behavior/socioeconomic “new student”
 - 1. Classroom & teaching as a source of healing
 - 2. Measuring and building longitudinal data like NWEAs
 - iv. Community cohesiveness/inclusion
 - v. Evaluate if grades and assessment are serving our goals & values
 - vi. Active learning
 - vii. Staff support
 - 1. Cooperative teaching & teacher mentoring & behavioral management plans
 - 2. Continue to assess resources/staffing
 - 3. Burnout/Morale
 - viii. Missing curriculum (citizenship, practical skills)
 - ix. Growth mindset/learning w/ students/self-advocacy
 - x. Work to stretch & challenge all students

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to approve the goals as presented. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-0*

- c. Approve administrator contracts

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to extend the contracts of the administrators on the list through June 31, 2025 with pay increases as presented. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-0*

- d. Approve the selected contractor & bid for Asa kitchen project

Motion: *Brian McGill authorized the superintendent to enter into a contract with Hardy Construction for the renovation of the old Asa Adams kitchen. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-0*

- e. Approve MOU for a Van Driver employee classification to the ESP CBA

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to approve the MOU between the OEA and the Board of Directors establishing the Van Driver employee classification to the ESP CBA as presented. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-0*

- f. Approve Computation & Declaration of Votes - Budget Referendum

Motion: *Brian McGill moved that the Warrant for Assessment of Tax and the Assessment Schedule and Notice of installments for each member municipality prepared by the Treasurer for fiscal year July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024 be approved and be issued in form presented to this meeting; and that the Treasurer be authorized and directed to deliver to each member municipality its Warrant for Assessment of Tax and its Assessment Schedule and Notice of Installments. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-0*

- g. Policies

- i. Revisions

- 1. JLF & JLF-E - Reporting Child Abuse Policy & Form

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to adopt the revisions to policies JLF & JLF-E. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-0*

- 2. BEDH - Public Participation at Board Meetings

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to adopt the revisions to policy BEDH and the public comment note as presented. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-0*

- h. Approve Donations

- i. Ware Butler - lumber donation for soccer kick wall valued at \$1,422.22

- ii. Cailan Barton's Eagle Scout project - Shelving for storage shed valued at \$1,500
- iii. Jeff Owen - canoe trailer donation valued at \$500.

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to approve and acknowledge with gratitude the donations from Ware Butler for the soccer wall, Cailan Barton for shelving, and Jeff Owen for a canoe trailer. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-0*

- i. Approve new position - Special Education Ed Tech III (OHS)

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to authorize the advertising and search for an additional Ed Tech III at OHS. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-0*

9. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Policy Subcommittee
- b. United Technology Center
- c. SPRPCE
- d. Curriculum Subcommittee
- e. Facilities/Building Committee
 - i. The football field is complete. The contractor will be monitoring the field for 30 days.
 - ii. The new Central Office will go to bid soon.
- f. Wellness Committee
- g. DEI Leadership Team

10. Other Business

11. Future Agenda Items

12. Public Comment

- a. Shana Goodall, OHS teacher, thanked everyone who donated to the Richard Marquis Scholarship fund. \$1500 was collected and used for a "tool scholarship" for senior, Carter Bragdon, who will be entering the trades.
- b. Deb White asked for clarification on the new public comment policy.
- c. Stacey Newman, Orono parent, asked if combining stipend positions with the choral director position will potentially boost the pool of applicants.

13. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

- a. August 8, 2023

14. Request for Information and Follow-up

15. Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 6(D) Discussion of labor negotiations

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to go into executive session under 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) and 1 MRSA 405 6(D). Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-0*

16. Adjournment

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to adjourn the meeting. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-0*

Meeting adjourned.