

Minutes
OMS/OHS Library
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February 6, 2024, 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. January 23, 2024

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the January 23, 2024, minutes as presented. Mark Brewer seconded.
Vote 5-0

3. Approval of Warrants
 - a. Payroll- 16
 - b. ME PERS- January 24
 - c. Warrant- 16
 - d. Capital Improvement- 5

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the January 9, 2024, minutes as presented. Mark Brewer seconded.
Vote 5-0

4. Public Comment

5. Acknowledgments
 - a. Kevin Roberge acknowledged the OHS Girls' Basketball team for their positive involvement with the Orono Rec elementary school team.
 - b. Mark Brewer would like to acknowledge the Orono Town Council for completely ignoring the recommendation of the School Board and choosing to move the election to November.
 - c. Marissa McLaughlin and Dorsa Tajvidi congratulated the boys and girls basketball teams on their winning seasons.
 - d. Meredith Higgins congratulated the OHS Cheer Team on being the runner-up in the Southern Maine division and moving on to compete at the State Tournament.

6. Reports
 - a. Principal Reports
 - i. Meredith Diamond & Sam Runco, OHS
 1. Congratulations to Ruth White for winning a third consecutive Gatorade Player of the Year award for cross country.
 2. Step Up Day will be held on Tuesday, February 13. Thanks to all who have helped with planning the day. Family night for incoming 9th graders will be on February 15.
 3. Ninth-grade students who wished to be considered for acceleration past the second semester of English 9 had their portfolios reviewed by the OHS English department. Seven students earned exemption and moved directly to an elective or Expository Writing for the second semester.

- ii. Kerri Wyman, Asa Adams
 - 1. The PTO is planning a Family Dance to be held at the beginning of March.
 - 2. The Literacy Leadership team has been planning a curriculum night with a “Cultural Feast” theme. The book *Our Table* by Peter H. Reynolds will be featured.
 - 3. Susan Smith and the Literacy Leadership team have been working on a literacy grant through the Maine DOE that will continue to support the work of the literacy team and plan for staff professional development to implement components of the science of reading.
- iii. Richard Glencross, OMS
 - 1. Thanks to Dental Works Prevention for their February 2, dental clinic. The clinic offered students the opportunity to receive a dental exam and teeth cleaning.
 - 2. Edwin Dixon, Connor Faye, Kate Jounigan, and Hazel Yezukevich will be representing OMS at the Penobscot Valley Middle-Level Spelling Bee in Glenburn on February 27th.
 - 3. OMS was the PVML Chess Champion!

b. Superintendent Report

- i. Meredith Higgins
 - 1. The Central Office renovation project is moving forward smoothly.
 - a. Remediation was needed to remove asbestos, but a plan is in effect to move forward.
 - 2. SPRPCE and PREP, regional education collaboratives, are looking to merge into one education service center.
 - 3. The Wellbeing Workgroup is wrapping up and will be establishing priorities on which areas to focus on. Superintendent Higgins will be bringing the recommendations of the group to the Board in early March.

7. Discussion Items

- a. FY 25 Budget
 - i. Superintendent Higgins provided an overview of contributing factors to the FY25 budget.
 - ii. Overview of significant impacts
 - 1. Preliminary Budget Allocation (ED 279)
 - a. The State subsidy (ED 279) increased by \$326,000.
 - 2. Initial forecasting indicates that there will be less tuition student income.
 - 3. Salary and benefits will be a significant factor in the FY25 budget.
 - 4. A new State program for family leave benefits requires a payroll contribution of 1%, costing the district approximately \$50,000.
- b. Board 360 Survey
 - i. The Board discussed the questions to be included in the annual Board 360 Survey.

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. Policies
 - i. Second Reading - GAI - Generative AI Guidelines

Motion: Brian McGill moved to acknowledge a second read and adopt GAI Generative AI Guidelines. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-1

9. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Policy Subcommittee
 - i. Working on field trip policy.
- b. United Technology Center
 - i. UTC is working with an architect and exploring how it can expand the facilities and courses offered.
- c. SPRPCE
 - i. Next meeting will be on February 15.
- d. Curriculum Subcommittee
 - i. Course proposals will be presented to the committee at the next meeting to be held on February 8.
- e. Facilities/Building Committee
- f. Wellness Committee
- g. DEI Leadership Team
- h. Strategic Plan Team
 - i. Goals will be discussed at the next meeting.

10. Other Business

- a. Meredith Higgins asked for thoughts on the timing of the election of student school board reps.

11. Future Agenda Items

12. Public Comment

13. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

- a. February 27, 2024, 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 5-0.

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes approved February 27, 2024.