

**Minutes**  
**OMS/OHS Library**  
**Remote access for public participation through Zoom Link**  
**January 23, 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
  - i. Add 15. Executive Session - 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) Personnel

**Motion:** Brian McGill moved to approve the agenda adjustment as presented. Mark Brewer seconded.

**Vote:** Jacob Eckert- aye

Kevin Roberge- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Noah Charney- aye

Brian McGill- aye

**Vote 5-0**

2. Consideration of the Minutes

- a. January 9, 2024

**Motion:** Brian McGill moved to approve the January 9, 2024, minutes as presented. Mark Brewer seconded.

**Vote:** Jacob Eckert- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Kevin Roberge- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Noah Charney- aye

**Vote 5-0**

3. Approval of Warrants

- a. Payroll- 15
- b. Warrant- 15
- c. Capital Improvement- 4

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

Mark Brewer- aye

Kevin Roberge- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Noah Charney- aye

**Vote 5-0**

4. Public Comment

5. Acknowledgments

- a. Noah Charney acknowledged his appreciation of the student Board members and the perspective they bring to the meetings.
- b. Marissa McLaughlin congratulated all the students who have successfully made it through midterm exams.
- c. Meredith Higgins acknowledged Susan Smith and all staff who made the January 12th in-service day a success. Congratulations to the 2024 inductees to the OHS chapter of the National Honor Society and their advisor, Shana Goodall, for creating the meaningful ceremony.
- d. Brian McGill thanks all the constituents who reached out to members of the Board to give feedback.

## 6. Reports

### a. Director Reports

#### i. Lisa Smith, Director of Special Services

1. Special Services directors in the Bangor area have been notified that multiple families of English language learners will be entering the area. Schools should be preparing to assist these students appropriately.
2. Ten student-athletes will be participating in the Special Olympic bowling program, and several OMS students will take part in the Winter Games at Hermon Mountain in February. With the success of the program at RSU 26 secondary schools, interest has been sparked at Asa Adams, and staff are looking into getting elementary students to participate in the Special Olympics program as well.

#### ii. Susan Smith, Director of Learning

1. Thanks to everyone who helped to make the January 12th in-service day a success. The theme for the day was to continue to work toward safety and belonging for each individual, knowing students, meeting students where they are, and helping them to move forward.
2. On February 5th, members of the Technology Committee will hold a "Digital Citizenship and Online Safety Task Force." The goal is to map out model lessons regarding Digital Citizenship and Online Safety that align with our Scope and Sequence.

### b. Student Representative Reports

#### i. Marissa McLaughlin and Dorsa Tajvidi

1. Congratulations to the OHS art students whose artwork is on display at the Zillman Art Museum!
2. The OHS Ambassadors Team is preparing for Step-Up Day.
3. Asa Show Choir has begun and are all doing a great job.

### c. Superintendent Report

#### i. Meredith Higgins, Superintendent

1. Staff across the district have been preparing FY 25 budget expenditures, and administration and directors have been meeting with Superintendent Higgins and Lynn Gray, Business Manager, to prepare preliminary budget documents for the coming year. The first budget documents will be brought to the Board at the February 6 meeting.
2. Funding allocation reports were distributed the third week of January. Details will be shared at the next board meeting.
3. Student training for the Say Something anonymous reporting system will begin the week of January 29. Parents will also begin to receive information about Say Something that week.
4. Haley Ward responded to the RFQ for an OMS construction project in anticipation of the Maine School Revolving Renovation Fund reopening. After an initial meeting, Haley Ward will return with a proposal of what they see the work entailing, as well as a construction timeline and details.
  - a. The Maine School Revolving Renovation Fund application has opened.
5. Governor Mills is not automatically waiving school days lost as a result of the December storm. They ask that districts submit waivers individually.
  - a. Superintendent Higgins plans to wait and see what the weather brings and if the waiver will be needed for RSU 26.

6. Representatives from the district will be attending the Maine School Winter Wellness Summit and hope to bring many great wellness ideas back to the district.

7. Discussion Items

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:** *Jacob Eckert- aye*

*Kevin Roberge- aye*

*Noah Charney- aye*

*Mark Brewer- aye*

*Brian McGill- aye*

**Vote 5-0**

9. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Policy Subcommittee
  - i. Next meeting February 1.
  - ii. Generative AI & IJOA (field trips) will be discussed.
- b. United Technology Center
- c. SPRPCE
  - i. Next meeting is February 15, 2024.
- d. Curriculum Subcommittee
  - i. Next meeting is February 8.
  - ii. Health curriculum and course proposals are on the agenda.
- e. Facilities/Building Committee
- f. Wellness Committee
- g. DEI Leadership Team
  - i. Subcommittees are continuing to be hard at work.
- h. Strategic Plan Team
  - i. Work is moving forward on goals.

10. Other Business

11. Future Agenda Items

12. Public Comment

- a. Steve Dexter, RSU 26 staff member, recognized Ruth White as the 2023-24 Gatorade Maine Girls Cross Country Player of the Year.

13. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

- a. February 6, 2024, 6:00, OHS/OMS Library

14. Request for Information and Follow-up

- a. Mark Brewer asked that the Board receive new course proposals with plenty of time to review before the Curriculum Committee meeting. .

15. Executive Session - 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) Personnel

**Motion:** Brian McGill moved to enter Executive Session under 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) Personnel. Mark Brewer seconded.

**Vote:** Jacob Eckert- aye  
Kevin Roberge- aye  
Noah Charney- aye

Mark Brewer- aye  
Brian McGill- aye  
**Vote 5-0**

**The Board entered Executive Session at 6:48 pm.**

**The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:55 pm.**

**Motion:** Brian McGill moved to authorize the Superintendent to execute the agreement discussed in Executive Session. Mark Brewer seconded. **Vote 5-0.**

**Vote:** Jacob Eckert- aye  
Kevin Roberge- aye  
Noah Charney- aye

Mark Brewer- aye  
Brian McGill- aye  
**Vote 5-0**

16. Adjournment

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

**Vote:** Jacob Eckert- aye  
Kevin Roberge- aye  
Noah Charney- aye

Mark Brewer- aye  
Brian McGill- aye  
**Vote 5-0**

*Meeting Adjourned.*

*Minutes approved February 6, 2024.*