

Minutes
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May 9, 2023, 6:00 pm

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

× Kevin Roberge
× Marissa McLaughlin
× Dorsa Tajvidi

1. Opening

- a. Call to Order
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Agenda Adjustments
 - i. Add 8.c. - Approve Asa HVAC Engineering Proposal
 - ii. Add 8.d. - Approve Waiver Request for 5/9/23 School Day
 - iii. Add 15. - Executive Session under 1 MRSA 405 6(b) - confidential student matters

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

Vote: *Noah Charney- aye*

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Kevin Roberge- aye

Vote 5-0

2. Consideration of the Minutes

- a. April 25, 2023

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2023 meeting as presented. Mark Brewer seconded.*

Vote: *Noah Charney- aye*

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Kevin Roberge- aye

Vote 5-0

3. Approval of Warrants

- a. Warrant - 22
- b. Payroll - 22
- c. BAN - 37
- d. Fuel - 2

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

Vote: *Noah Charney- aye*

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Kevin Roberge- aye

Vote 5-0

4. Public Comment

- a. Emily McIntosh, RSU 26 parent, thanks Jeff Owen for his leadership in the sport of canoe racing. Ms. McIntosh asks that the canoe equipment is retained as the district looks for ways to reinstate the canoe team.

5. Acknowledgments

- a. Brian McGill acknowledged the cancellation of school on Tuesday, May 9, due to a security threat. He thanked the administrators and local police for their hard work. Mr. McGill also acknowledged Teacher Appreciation Week and thanked teachers for everything they do.
- b. Kevin Roberge echoed Brian McGill's sentiment.
- c. Meredith Higgins also acknowledged Teacher Appreciation Week and thanked RSU 26 staff for all they do. Ms. Higgins also thanked parents for helping to celebrate the faculty and staff of RSU 26.

The superintendent also thanked the Threat Assessment Team for their diligence in response to the security threat.

- d. Superintendent Higgins introduced the new student Board representatives, Marissa McLaughlin and Dorsa Tajvidi. Marissa McLaughlin, a rising senior, is very active in the Arts at RSU 26 and is excited to serve on the Board. Dorsa Tajvidi will be a junior for the 2023-24 school year. She participates in show choir and is a member of the Strategic Planning Committee.

6. Reports

a. Principal Reports

i. Kerri Wyman, Asa Adams

1. Thanks to Asa music teacher, Jessica Moore, for the wonderful choral concert.
2. Thanks to Angie McLaughlin and Suzanne Neville producing the play *33 Little Pigs* with the 4th and 5th grade students.
3. Thank you to the Asa PTO for their support through Teacher Appreciation Week.
4. Six teachers attended the Massachusetts Reading Association's Annual Conference. Attendees learned about the Science of Reading and DEI work in the classroom.

ii. Richard Glencross, OMS

1. Dr. Glencross thanks all OMS teachers for everything they do each day.
2. Planning and implementation are underway for accelerated learning options. Applications are being reviewed for the 2023-24 school year.
3. Reading and math NWEA assessments have been completed.

iii. Sam Runco and Meredith Diamond, OHS

1. The awards committee has been hard at work making the graduation awards more equitable for all graduates.
2. Report cards are now available online. Communication with families has improved as more things have been distributed electronically.
3. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to celebrate OHS staff through Teacher Appreciation Week.
4. The master schedule should be finished in time to get the 2023-24 schedules to students before the end of this school year. This will help to get the next school year off to a smooth start.
5. NWEA assessments will begin May 11 for 9th and 11th grades.

b. Superintendent Report

i. Instructional Technology Stakeholder Survey

1. This survey is the culmination of several years of work on best practices for student technology integration and skills.
2. The Technology Committee has developed a formal document that outlines the expectations of student skill at each grade level.
3. The survey will be distributed to stakeholders to generate feedback to take into consideration before the standards are brought to the Board for their approval.

ii. Security Cancellation

1. Superintendent Higgins sent an update to the community regarding the May 9 school cancellation. While she understands that the community would like more information, she needs to maintain confidentiality.
2. The Threat Assessment Team in conjunction with the local police departments assures the community that it is safe for students and staff to return to school on Wednesday.

7. Discussion Items

a. Canoe Team Equipment

- i. Superintendent Higgins recommends that the canoe equipment be retained so that the canoe team, or a similar experience, can be available to the students of RSU 26.
- ii. Athletic Director Mike Archer has been tasked with finding a certified canoe leader to continue the program in the future.

8. Action Items

a. Staff Nominations

i. Hiring Recommendations

1. Co-Curricular Nominations

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to approve the slate of co-curriculars as presented. Mark Brewer seconded.*

Vote: Noah Charney- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Kevin Roberge- aye

Vote 5-0

- ii. Executive Session - per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) - Appointment of officials/appointees/employees

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: Noah Charney- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Kevin Roberge- aye

Vote 5-0

- iii. Probationary Teacher Recommendations

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to authorize the superintendent to sign one-year contracts for all the first to second-year probationary teachers: Lindsey Ruggeri, Molly Priest, BJ Bowden, Rose Pompey, Sierra Towers, Carli Peat, and Alec McGaw. Mark Brewer seconded.*

Vote: Noah Charney- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Kevin Roberge- aye

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Motion: *Brian McGill moved to authorize the superintendent to sign continuing contracts for all the second probationary to continuing contract teachers: Castine Grant, Rochelle Bohm, Katie Quirk, Emily Francis, and Jennifer Mahoney. Mark Brewer seconded.*

Vote: Noah Charney- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Kevin Roberge- aye

Vote 5-0

b. Approval of FY 24 Budget Warrant Articles

Motion: *Brian McGill moves that the Vote entitled, "Vote to Call and Approve the Warrants for the Budget Meeting and the Budget Validation Referendum and to Authorize the Notice of Amounts Adopted," be approved in the form presented to this meeting and that a copy of said Vote be included with the minutes of this meeting. Mark Brewer seconded.*

Vote: Noah Charney- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Kevin Roberge- aye

Vote 5-0

- c. Approval of Asa HVAC Engineering Proposal
 - i. Superintendent Higgins presented a contract to the Board from Haley Ward outlining HVAC work to be completed at Asa Adams.

Motion: Brian McGill moved to authorize the superintendent to sign a contract with Haley Ward as presented. Mark Brewer seconded.

Vote: Noah Charney- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Kevin Roberge- aye

Vote 5-0

- d. Approval of Waiver Request for 5/9/23 School Day
 - i. Superintendent Higgins asked the Board to authorize a waiver request for the May 9, 2023, canceled school day.

Motion: Brian McGill moved to authorize the superintendent and chair of the Board to take action to request the Department of Education waive a day of education for May 9, 2023. Mark Brewer seconded.

Vote: Noah Charney- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Kevin Roberge- aye

Vote 5-0

9. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Policy Subcommittee
 - i. A review of all policies has been completed.
 - ii. The committee is going to evaluate the policy on public comment in light of recent court cases.
- b. United Technology Center
 - i. Enrollment is high.
 - ii. UTC is exploring ways to expand its programming.
- c. SPRPCE
 - i. The next meeting will be on May 11.
- d. Curriculum Subcommittee
 - i. The next meeting will be on May 11.
- e. Facilities/Building Committee
 - i. Working to get warranty endorsement on some remaining projects.
 - ii. Looking to get a specific date for work to begin on the track.
- f. Wellness Committee
 - i. Working on an outdoor classroom.
- g. DEI Leadership Team
 - i. The leadership team is meeting the week of May 15.
 - ii. The data committee is releasing a staff survey on May 10.

10. Other Business

11. Future Agenda Items

12. Public Comment

13. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

- a. May 23, 2023- 6:00 Annual Budget Meeting (in Performing Arts Center)
- b. May 30, 2023 - 6:00 PM Board meeting

14. Request for Information and Follow-up

15. Executive Session under 1 MRSA 405 6(b) - confidential student matters - suspension of student

16. Executive Session under 1 MRSA 405 6(a) - confidential personnel matters - evaluation of superintendent

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to go into executive session under 1 MRSA 405 6(b) - confidential student matters - suspension of student and 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) - Appointment of officials/appointees/employees.* Mark Brewer seconded.

Vote: Noah Charney- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Kevin Roberge- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Vote 5-0

17. 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 May 30, 2023.