

Minutes
OMS/OHS Library
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October 10, 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

Motion: Brian McGill moved to remove item 2. Consideration of Minutes and item 8(d)i. 7. Policies JLCD and JLCD-E - Administration of Medication to Students as well as item 2. Consideration of Minutes. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 5-0

2. Consideration of the Minutes
 - a. ~~September 19, 2023~~

3. Approval of Warrants
 - a. Warrant- 7
 - b. Payroll- 7
 - c. BAN- 43
 - d. Bullet Bond- 2

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

4. Public Comment
 - a. none

5. Acknowledgments
 - a. Jacob Eckert recognized the DonorsChoose Grant of \$165 to BJ Bowden for the Yellow Tulip Project.
 - b. Kevin Roberge thanked all of the Asa Adams staff for the fantastic open house.
 - c. Brian McGill acknowledged the the “Dine and Discuss” meeting about math and technology curriculum development.
 - d. Meredith Higgins congratulated OHS senior Ruth White for running a 5K race in less than 17 mintes. Ruth is the first female high school runner to acheive this feat. Superintendent Higgins thanked Susan Smith and everyone else who assisted in making the October 6 professional development day a success.
 - e. Marissa McLaughlin added that Ruth White broke her own 5K record by 20 seconds to achieve her less than 17 minute 5K. Marissa also thanks the OHS Student Council for all of their hard work planning for Homecoming.

6. Reports
 - a. Principal Reports
 - i. Kerri Wyman, Asa Adams
 1. The Asa Adams open house was held on September 21. The PTO arranged to have the Darling’s ice cream truck to be on site so that families could have a treat before and after the Open House.
 2. Thanks to all Asa staff for helping students with all their social/emotional needs as they become adjusted to the new school year.
 3. NWEA assessment will begin the second week of October.

- ii. Richard Glencross, OMS
 - 1. Progress reports were distributed the week of October 2.
 - 2. Deb Soderberg is heading up the Tier II math support team which has screened 6th grade students for learning gaps and begun remedial support interventions with students.
 - 3. Dr Glencross recognized custodians Mike Babcock and Beth Babcek for their hard work at OMS this year.
 - 4. NWEA testing will begin on October 11. OMS staff has been working hard to ensure students will be prepared to take the test and do their best by notifying students in advance, providing breaks and snacks, and notifying students of the importance of the NWEA test results for both in individual students, as well as the entire school.

- iii. Meredith Diamond, OHS
 - 1. The “Riot Buddies” program, which brings together middle and high school students traveled to Conant Apple Orchard on September 27.
 - 2. Two OHS students are serving as teacher assistants at Asa Adams.
 - 3. On October 5th, OHS piloted a revised assessment plan for grades 9-11. Ninth graders completed the NWEA, 10th graders completed the fall version of the Maine Through-Year assessment, and 11th graders completed the PSAT/NMSQT. Thank you to Susan Smith, Holly Gunn, and Shana Goodall for organizing assessment at each grade level.
 - 4. OHS was named to the 2023 AP School Honor Roll. The AP School Honor Roll recognizes schools whose AP programs are delivering results for students while broadening access to the AP testing program.

- b. Superintendent Report
 - i. Meredith Higgins, Superintendent
 - 1. Kim Emerson, OHS Administrative Assistant, has resigned.
 - 2. October 6 was a productive inservice day for RSU 26 staff. Topics covered included curriculum development, copyright laws, across district book studies, as well as information and resources about Robert Shetterly’s “Americans Who Tell the Truth” project in anticipation of his November visit.
 - 3. The district is developing a “well-being workgroup” to address and support the well-being needs of students and staff. This will be a cross-stakeholder group, with representatives from the RSU staff, students, and parents as well as representatives from the Board.
 - 4. OHS Canoe Team Update
 - a. A candidate has been found who meets all requirements to lead the canoe team.
 - b. The canoe team was not budgeted for, but contingency funds could be used to fund the stipend position.
 - c. The Board gave Superintendent Higgins the go-ahead to further explore the reinstatement of a canoe team.
 - 5. Class Size Data - October 2nd update
 - a. Despite slight changes in a couple of grade levels, overall enrollment has held steady. All grade levels have an appropriate student/teacher ratio.
 - 6. MSMA Fall Conference (Oct 27-28) registration
 - a. Superintendent Higgins polled the Board for members who would like to attend the 2023 MSMA Fall Conference.

7. Discussion Items

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. OHS International Trip to France April 2024

i. Jae Hubbard, OHS French teacher, presented plans for a Spring 2024 trip to Paris and the Loire Valley.

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to authorize the OHS trip to France as presented. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 5-0*

c. Grant Approval

i. MAITC Grant - \$1,700 for School Garden - Jess Archer

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to approve the MAITC Grant of \$1,700 for the Orono School Community Garden. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 5-0*

d. Policies

i. Revisions

1. AC - Non-discrimination

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to approve the revisions to policy AC- Non-discrimination. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 5-0*

2. ACAA and ACAA-R - Harassment of students

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to approve the revisions to policy ACAA and ACAA-R- Harassment of students. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 5-0*

3. ACAA-A - Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Student Guidelines

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to approve the revisions to policy ACAA-A - Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Student Guidelines. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-1*

4. ACAB and ACAB-R - Harassment of Employees

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to approve the revisions to policy ACAB and ACAB-R- Harassment of Employees. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 5-0*

5. BEDA - Board Meeting Notification

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to approve the revisions to policy BEDA - Board Meeting Notification. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 5-0*

6. JHB - Truancy

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to approve the revisions to policy JHB - Truancy. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-0-1*

~~7. JLCD and JLCD-E - Administration of Medication to Students~~

9. Subcommittee Reports

a. Policy Subcommittee

i. The Policy Committee is working on policies affected by legislature change, which will be brought to the November meeting for approval.

b. United Technology Center

i. Next meeting will be held in November.

- c. SPRPCE
 - i. The first meeting for SPRPCE will be held on October 19.
- d. Curriculum Subcommittee
 - i. Discussed goals at September meeting.
 - ii. Feedback on Math and Technology curriculum polls will be the topic of the October meeting.
- e. Facilities/Building Committee
 - i. Central Office project is underway.
 - ii. RSU 26 was granted an extension on the revolving renovation award, so the HVAC project will be paid for by the State.
- f. Wellness Committee
 - i. Next meeting will be held in November.
- g. DEI Leadership Team
- h. Strategic Plan Team
 - i. The survey sent to the RSU 26 community received a good response, with over 500 replies to the survey.
 - ii. Next Strategic Plan Team meeting will take place October 17 in which the results of the survey will be discussed.

10. Other Business

11. Future Agenda Items

12. Public Comment

13. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

- a. October 24, 2023, 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 October 24, 2023