

Minutes
OMS/OHS Library
Remote access for public participation through Zoom Link
September 5, 2023, 6:00 pm

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| × Brian McGill | × Kevin Roberge |
| × Jake Eckert | × Marissa McLaughlin |
| × Mark Brewer | × Dorsa Tajvidi |
| × Noah Charney | |

1. 5: Opening

- a. Call to Order
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Agenda Adjustments
 - i. Add 8.c Approve Natural Resources Council of Maine Grant (Amount of \$2,000) for the Orono School Community Garden (J. Archer grant applicant)

Motion: Brian McGill moved to add item 8.c Approve Natural Resources Council of Maine Grant (Amount of \$2,000) for the Orono School Community Garden (J. Archer grant applicant). Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 5-0

2. Consideration of the Minutes

- a. August 22, 2023

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the August 22, 2023 minutes as presented. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 5-0

3. Approval of Warrants

- a. Warrant- 26E, 26F, 4, 5
- b. Payroll- 4, 5
- c. ME PERS- August
- d. BAN 20- 39A, 40, 41

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

4. Public Comment

5. Acknowledgments

- a. Jacob Eckert acknowledged the RSU 26 community for all of their hard work getting the school year off to a good start.
- b. Brian McGill and Kevin Roberge heartily second and third Jacob Eckert's sentiments.
- c. Noah Charney congratulated Asa Adams on a smooth first day of school. Mr. Charney also complimented Ben Jacobson and the Asa staff for improvements to the elementary lunch experience.
- d. Marissa McLaughlin compliments all students who are attending school despite the hot temperatures and beginning of school year mix-ups.
- e. Meredith Higgins congratulated the RSU 26 community on getting the school year off to a smooth start.

6. Reports

a. Principal Reports

- i. Kerri Wyman, Asa Adams Principal
 1. The school year got off to a great start. Thank you to the Asa Adams community for all they do to make students feel welcome at school.
 2. Kudos to Ben Jacobson for bringing back the salad bar to the cafeteria. Students are enjoying the variety of food offered.

3. The Asa Adams Open House will be held on Thursday, September 21 at 6pm. Families will have a chance to visit with teachers, then visit the Darlings Ice Cream truck for a snack.
- ii. Richard Glencross, OMS Principal
 1. OMS began the school year with a step up day to orient 6th graders with school routines and procedures. Thanks to Deb White and all OMS staff for helping to get the year started on the right track.
 2. OMS has updated its cell phone policy, restricting student access to their phones during learning time day. The cell phone policy has been updated in the parent/student handbook for 2023-24.
 3. This school year, teachers will be focusing on Tier II support to identify learning gaps in students before they develop into a larger problem.
 - iii. Sam Runco and Meredith Diamond, OHS CoPrincipals
 1. Student ambassadors did a marvelous job greeting new students on the first day of school.
 2. The football team had their first “home” game in years on September 1. Coach Kristen Espling was celebrated during halftime for her 100th win as a softball coach.
 3. OHS held their open house on Wednesday, August 30. This evening gave an opportunity for families to tour the school and meet with teachers.
 4. Heather Holmes has worked to bring a math honor society– Mu Alpha Theta– to Orono high school.
 5. Advanced Placement teachers have met to discuss common goals for an “AP Community of Practice” at OHS. Meetings will be held throughout the year during professional development time and the focus will be revising the “OHS AP Philosophy.”
 - iv. Superintendent Report
 1. Meredith Higgins, Superintendent
 - a. The Strategic Planning Chili Supper will be held on September 18, at 5:30.
 - b. A data workshop will be held before the next Board meeting, September 19, at 5:00. The Board meeting will be shifted to start at 6:30.
 - c. Superintendent Higgins distributed a packet to the Board which summarizes RSU 26’s recent bond transaction.
 - d. RSU 26 has been working with Old Town to form a swimming co-op team. Foxcroft Academy will be joining the co-op, and the cost will be split between the participating schools, with more districts considering joining the cooperative team. The name of the team will be the Penobscot River Rats, and the colors will be University of Maine blues and white.

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. Approve Central Office Bid and authorize contract.

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to authorize the superintendent to enter into a contract with Nickerson O’Day. for the base bid & Bid Alt 1 (bathroom) an amount not to exceed \$735,000. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 5-0*

- c. Approve Natural Resources Council of Maine Grant (Amount of \$2,000) for the Orono School Community Garden (J. Archer grant applicant)

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to approve the Natural Resources Council of Maine Grant of \$2,000 for the Orono School Community Garden. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 5-0*

9. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Policy Subcommittee

- i. The first meeting will be held September 7, at 3:30.

- b. United Technology Center

- c. SPRPCE

- d. Curriculum Subcommittee

- i. The first meeting will be held September 14, at 3:30.

- e. Facilities/Building Committee

- f. Wellness Committee

- g. DEI Leadership Team

- i. First meeting will be held on September 21.

- h. Strategic Plan Team

- i. A Chili Supper and planning meeting will be held September 18 at 5:30.

10. Other Business

11. Future Agenda Items

12. Public Comment

13. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

- a. September 19, 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 9/15/23