

**Minutes**  
**OMS/OHS Library**  
**Remote access for public participation through Zoom Link**  
**March 12, 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 7.b.ii: UTC 9/10 Satellite Program at OHS
  - ii. Add 9.f.i - Policies - Revision GAI Guidelines
  - iii. Move Item 9.e (Stipend Adjustment MOU - OHS Tennis) to before 9.a
  - iv. Remove 9.d OMS construction applicaiton

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

2. Organizational meeting/election of officers

a. Chair

***Motion: Jacob Eckert nominated Brian McGill to serve as RSU 26 Board of Directors chair, Mark Brewer seconded, 4-0-1***

b. Vice-Chair

***Motion: Brian McGill nominated Jacob Eckert to serve as RSU 26 Board of Directors vice-chair, Mark Brewer seconded, 4-0-1***

c. Policy Subcommittee (2)

***Motion: Jacob Eckert nominated Brian McGill and Mark Brewer to serve as Board representatives to the policy committee, Kevin Roberge seconded, 3-0-2***

d. Curriculum (2)

***Motion: Jacob Eckert nominated Mark Brewer and Brian McGill to serve as Board representatives to the curriculum committee, Kevin Roberge seconded, 3-0-2***

e. JPDC (2)

***Motion: Brian McGill nominated Kevin Roberge and Jacob Eckert to serve as Board representatives to the JPDC committee, Mark Brewer seconded, 3-0-2***

f. UTC (1)

***Motion: Jacob Eckert nominated Kevin Roberge to serve as Board representative to UTC, Mark Brewer seconded, 4-0-1***

g. SPRCE (1)

***Motion: Brian McGill nominated Jacob Eckert to serve as Board representative to SPRCE, Mark Brewer seconded, 4-0-1***

~~h. Building (2)~~

i. Wellness (1)

***Motion: Kevin Roberge nominated Noah Charney to serve as Board representative of the Wellness Committee, Mark Brewer seconded, 4-0-1***

j. DEI (2)

**Motion:** Mark Brewer **nominated Brian McGill and Kevin Roberge to serve on the DEI Committee**, Jacob Eckert seconded, **3-0-2**

k. Stipend (1)

**Motion:** Brian McGill **nominated Noah Charney to serve on the Stipend Committee**, Mark Brewer seconded, **4-0-1**

3. Consideration of the Minutes

a. February 27, 2024

**Motion:** Brian McGill **moved to approve the February 27, 2024, minutes as presented**. Mark Brewer seconded. **Vote 5-0**

4. Approval of Warrants

a. Warrant - 18

b. Payroll 18

c. ME PERS- February

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

5. Public Comment

6. Acknowledgments

- a. Brian McGill acknowledged the OMS and OHS Show Choirs and the OMS Chess team for their recent successes.
- b. Noah Charney recognized teachers across the district for their creativity.
- c. Marissa McLaughlin and Dorsa Tajvidi acknowledged the OHS One Act Team and the new inductees to the National Art Honor Society.
- d. Meredith Higgins congratulated the OHS Boys' Basketball team on their State Championship win, as well as Peirce Walston for being named the Max Prep Maine State Player of the Year. Ms. Higgins also thanked OHS Principal Meredith Diamond for her work in securing a grant for an outdoor summer step-up program for incoming 9th grade students.

7. Reports

a. Principal Reports

i. Kerri Wyman, Asa Adams

1. On March 2, over fifty Asa families enjoyed a "family dance."
2. A Kindergarten and PreK registration event will be held on 14.
3. A literacy night, centered around the book *Our Table* by Peter H. Reynolds, will take place on March 26.
4. Asa PTO is looking into purchasing a new play structure to replace the current playground equipment which is thirty years old.

ii. Richard Glencross, OMS

1. Unified Basketball season is full swing.
2. UMaine Women Athletes visited OMS to participate in morning intramural program. OMS girls and UMaine athletes joined forces to play frisbee football.
3. OMS students attended the Penobscot Theater in Bangor on March 6, to see *My Story is Gluskabe*.

- iii. Sam Runco and Meredith Diamond, OHS
      - 1. Thanks to all who helped with Step Up Day! The next recruitment event is Registration Night on March 27, from 5:30-7:30 PM in the OHS cafeteria.
      - 2. Members of NEASC accreditation team will be visiting OHS March 18-20. Thanks to Jen Branchflower and Margie Innis for their hard work in preparation for their visit.
      - 3. OHS won a grant of \$53,300 from the Maine Department of Education's Outdoor Learning Initiative. This award will fund "New Roots, Shared Ground: a Welcome-Home Camp for Orono High School's Rising Ninth Graders," a project that will offer students the opportunity to build new roots as a community during a one-week immersion at Orono's Caribou Bog Outdoor Learning Center.
  - b. Superintendent Report
    - i. Rose Pompey, RSU 26 MLL teacher, has resigned.
    - ii. 9th Grade Tuition Student Data
      - 1. Superintendent Higgins shared historic information on the percentage of 9th graders who were tuition students.
      - 2. 23 tuition students are included in the FY 25 budget.
      - 3. There will be a more concrete idea of how many incoming 9th grade tuition students have registered after the March 27th registration event.
    - iii. UTC 9/10 Satellite Program at OHS
      - 1. UTC is promoting its Satellite Program which features an "elective wheel," giving students an introduction to different CTE programs. The school selects the programming that best suits its students and UTC will then train an instructor and provide supplies in perpetuity. The school just has to provide a space.
      - 2. OHS is eligible for the program for the 24-25 academic year.
      - 3. OHS is interested in the following programs:
        - a. Carpentry
        - b. Small engines
        - c. EMS
        - d. Culinary
- 8. Discussion Items
  - a. Board Survey Results
    - i. The Board members discussed the findings of the Board survey.
  - b. Superintendent 360 survey questions
    - i. The Board members discussed the questions that would be included on the Superintendent survey.
      - 1. The survey will include the ISLLC (Interstate School Leaders Licensure Consortium) standard questions as well as open-ended questions on student support and well-being.
  - c. Updated CDC Guidance/New COVID Guidelines
    - i. The CDC has updated guidelines for COVID, and RSU 26 has updated their guidelines to align with CDC standards for multiple respiratory viruses, including COVID-19, influenza, and more.

***Motion: Brian McGill moved to adopt the RSU 26 COVID and Other Respiratory Viral Illness Guidelines. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 5-0***

9. Action Items

a. Stipend Adjustment MOU - OHS Tennis

***Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the MOU between the OEA and the RSU 26 Board of Directors related to coaching stipends. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 5-0***

b. 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***

c. FY25 School Calendar Adoption

***Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve FY25 School Calendar as presented. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-1.***

d. Penobscot River Educational Partnership Interlocal Agreement for Education Service Center Approval

***Motion: Brian McGill moved that the “Penobscot River Educational Partnership Interlocal Agreement for Education Service Center” be approved substantially in form presented to this meeting and that RSU 26 enter into said Agreement and become an Initial Member of the Penobscot River Educational Partnership established by said Agreement, subject to approval of said Agreement by the Commissioner of the Department of Education. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 5-0***

~~e. OMS Construction Application Consulting Contract~~

f. Policies

i. Revision - GAI Guidelines

***Motion: Brian McGill moved to adopt the revisions to GAI Generative AI Guidelines. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-1.***

10. Subcommittee Reports

a. Policy Subcommittee

- i. Homeless student and field trip policies will be discussed at the march 7 Policy Committee meeting.

b. United Technology Center

- i. Applications are being accepted now through a new registration process. UTC hopes that the new registration system will improve student retention.

c. SPRPCE

- i. Next meeting March 28.

d. Curriculum Subcommittee

- i. Next meeting is March 14.  
ii. Health curriculum and extended learning opportunities will be on the agenda.

~~e. Facilities/Building Committee~~

f. Wellness Committee

- i. The outdoor classroom and the Wellness policy was updated.

g. DEI Leadership Team

- i. A data analyst will be soon be hired to process longitudinal data.

h. Strategic Plan Team

- i. Administrators are working to take the six identified goals and make action steps.

11. Other Business

12. Future Agenda Items

13. Public Comment

14. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

a. March 20, 2024, 6:00, OHS/OMS Library (NOTE day change to a Wednesday)

15. Request for Information and Follow-up

16. Adjournment

***Motion: Brian McGill moved to adjourn the meeting. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 5-0.***

*Meeting Adjourned.*

*Minutes approved March 20, 2024.*