

Minutes

RSU #26 Board of Directors Meeting
Orono Town Council Chambers
Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

- x Brian McGill, chairperson
- x Jacob Eckert, vice-chair
- x Mark Brewer
- x Michelle Smith
- x Erin Ellis
- x Becca Gallandt, Student Advisor
- Ben Allan-Rahill, Student Advisor (excused)

1. Opening

- A. Call to Order

Brian McGill called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

- B. Pledge of Allegiance

- C. Agenda Adjustments

- i. Move Principals report to 6.A.
- ii. Add 7.B. Executive Session 1MRSA 405 (6)(F) public records
- iii. 8.C. to be addressed within Principal Reports

Motion: Brian McGill moved **to approve the agenda adjustments as presented**, and Jake Eckert seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0

2. Consideration of the Minutes

- A. February 6

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve the February 6th board minutes as presented**, and Erin Ellis seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0

3. Approval of Warrants - none

4. Acknowledgements

- Congratulations to the OMS and OHS Show Choirs for doing a fantastic job.
- Congratulations to the Hockey Team
- Acknowledgment and thanks to the principals Saw both principals for their attendance at often late night events.
- Supt. Higgins recognized and congratulated the following people-
 - Congratulations to OHS students Kellen Doyle, who was named Co-Male swimmer of the Year in the PVC's, and to Nordic skiers Liza Gallandt and Sam Holt who qualified and were selected to represent the Maine Eastern High School Ski team in the Eastern High School Championships. Great job!
 - Deb White has become our defacto Professional Development Guru who, through social media feeds, is doing a great job of putting out updates of all the good things happening in our school. Thanks for her efforts!!
 - Recognition to all the individuals who helped make the community forum happen last week. It was a true group collaboration and a great evening.

- Thanks to the Show Choir for their hard work helping to make the facilities forum a success.
- The BDN Op-Ed in BDN - Claire Moriarty collaborating with UMaine. Three students who wrote letters to the editor.
- Deb White for her hard work and efforts on the fundraiser to help a needy family. The town & Mitch stone for working on this fundraiser as well.

5. **Public Comment**

6. **Presentations**

A. Principals

Principal Ruhlin gave his report to the board and presented the newest OHS course offerings for the coming year.

i. OHS New Course Offerings

These additions are dependent upon enrollment and will determine if any other courses are dropped. Decisions will be made with guidance staff and dept. heads. Robotics and Python courses are contingent upon a ½ STEM teacher. These courses are simply up for approval but does not require any of the classes being implemented.

Motion: Brian McGill moved **to approve the new course offerings**, and Mark Brewer seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0

Principal Ruhlin was dismissed.

6.A. *Principal Reports continued*

Principal Kennie and Principal Fournier each gave their reports to the board.

B. Superintendent

- Supt. Higgins updated the board on the following items:
 - Student Representatives- We hope to have new student representatives in place by the March 27th board meeting.
 - Facilities Update - Supt. Higgins gave the board a list of issues as a quick overview of issues that were that were most loudly voiced at the Facilities Forum. While the list covers many things, more information will be gathered over time including input from different groups who hold different perspectives. There are some topics that could/should be combined i.e. traffic, driveways, pedestrian issues.

C. Student Advisors - Becca Gallandt gave herreport to the board.

7. **Discussion Items**

A. FY 19 Budget

The board moved to the back table at 6:40 pm to discuss budget priorities

B. Executive Session to discuss the Walkout per 1 MRSA. 405(6)(F)

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Motion: Brian McGill moved to **go into executive session in conjunction with the prevention of terrorist acts per 1 MRSA (6)(F)** at 7:21 pm, and Jake Eckert seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0

The board came out of executive session at 8:07 pm.

8. Action Items

A. Staff Nominations

- i. Co-curricular nominations
 1. Drama, One Act Play tech director - Alekzander Sayers, OHS
 2. JV Baseball – Tomo Ebihara, OHS

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve the nominations as presented**, and Jake Eckert seconded. Vote: 4-0

B. SPRPCE (part II) – School Management and Leadership Center Application Approval

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve “That the Board authorizes and approves the participation of RSU 26 in the Southern Penobscot Regional Program for Children with Exceptionalities’ Part II application to be approved as a School Management and Leadership Center pursuant to 20-A M.R.S. Chapter 123, with the intent that upon the Commissioner of Education’s approval of the Part II application that the Board shall vote to approve an interlocal agreement and cooperative agreement that are consistent with the interlocal agreement submitted with the Part II application.” Erin Ellis seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0

C. Policies

i. **Second Reading**

1. *ACAA-A: Transgender Student Guidelines*

Discussion: One board member pointed out that this policy does not address a traditional gender conforming student’s privacy, only that of a student who identifies as gender nonconforming. Historically, this hasn’t been an issue and the board hopes administration would give the same consideration to traditional students’ concerns of privacy.

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve changes to policy ACAA-A as presented**, and Erin Ellis seconded the motion. Vote: 3-1

2. *IKE: Promotion, Retention, Acceleration of Students*

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **approve policy IKE as presented**, and Erin Ellis seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0

9. Subcommittee Reports

- A. Policy Subcommittee - Next meeting is March 15
- B. United Technology Center - Next meeting is March 18
- C. SPRPCE - Next meeting is March 21
- D. Curriculum Subcommittee - Met March 8. The next meeting will be April 12.
- E. Facilities - Met last week to review priorities.

10. Other Business

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11. Future Agenda Items

12. Public Comment

13. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

A. March 27, 2018 - @ 6:00 p.m., Orono Town Chambers

14. Request for Information and Follow-up

15. Adjournment

Motion: Brian McGill moved **to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.**, and Erin Ellis seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Higgins