

Approved Minutes

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January 10, 2023, 6:00 pm

× Brian McGill
× Jake Eckert
× Mark Brewer

× Noah Charney
× Kevin Roberge

1. Opening
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance
 - c. Agenda Adjustment

2. Consideration of the Minutes
 - a. December 6, 2022

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2022 meeting as presented. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 5-0

3. Approval of Warrants
 - a. Warrant - 12, 13, 14
 - b. Payroll - 12, 13, 14
 - c. ME PERS - November 2022, December 2022
 - d. BAN - 20

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

4. Public Comment

5. Acknowledgments
 - a. Meredith Higgins acknowledged the hard work that students across the district dedicated to presenting Winter concerts.
 - b. \$200 Donation to the OMS cheering program from Havasu Pines Mobile Home Park for bows and pompons.

6. Reports

- a. Principal Reports
 - i. Kerri Wyman, Asa Adams
 1. Congratulations to the students who participated in the winter concert in the new Performing Arts Center.
 2. The Asa craft fair was a huge success, allowing students to select holiday gifts for friends and family.
 3. January staff meetings will be focusing on DEI work.
 - ii. Richard Glencross, Orono Middle School
 1. OMS is taking part in the 2023 Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey on January 18th.
 2. Teachers have been working to review and update our curriculum documents in health and math. This work will help to develop curriculum maps and is ensuring that our documents are up to date and inline with classroom practices.
 3. All OMS students have completed a Student Support Plan.
 - iii. Sam Runco and Meredith Diamond, Orono High School
 1. Congratulations to Ruth White on her 17th place finish at the Champs National Cross Country Championships in San Diego
 2. Kelsi Whelden and our JMG students for organizing a Virtual Angel Tree for students in RSU 26. Also thanks to our School Counselors—Holly Gunn, Troy Wagstaff, Peter Buehner and Lisa Erhardt—for helping to distribute holiday food

baskets to families this season. Thanks to the Orono Masonic Lodge for once again donating the food.

3. Recruitment for the 2023-24 school year is underway, and representatives from OHS are beginning to visit area middle schools. This year, a Co-Principal Meredith Diamond is joining School Counselors Holly Gunn and Troy Wagstaff for informational sessions for potential students and their families. Step-Up Day is scheduled for February 13th.

b. Superintendent Report

- i. Welcome new SRO Dan Patterson who started officially in the position as of January. Officer Leskey has moved into a non-law enforcement role with the town. Appreciation expressed for Officer Leskey's contributions to the district!
- ii. Personnel Updates
 1. Rose Schiedt, OHS Special Education, has notified us of intention to retire at the end of this school year. Appreciation expressed for Rose's contributions to the district during her 21.5 years of service.
 2. Maria Johnson, OHS English teacher (part time), has submitted her resignation effective at the end of the school year.
- iii. Winter Professional Development calendar was shared for the upcoming early release days and teacher workshop day.
- iv. Calendar work is beginning. Coordination with the UTC region is required and the region has been out of compliance with the requirement for no more than 5 dissimilar days. We will likely have to make some changes to contribute to better alignment.
- v. Audit Presentation will be at our next Board meeting. The audit report will be shared with everyone this week.
- vi. Budget work is well underway. We plan to bring you information about larger budget impact areas at February 7th meeting, followed by a more detailed budget picture at the Feb 28th meeting. We expect to receive our preliminary state allocation info (ED 279) from the DOE by Feb 1st.

7. Discussion Items

- a. Student Growth and Achievement review
 - i. The Strategic Planning & Vision of a Graduate document was presented to the Board.
 - ii. The Board discussed the plan and provided feedback on the topic.
 - iii. Meredith Higgins will present the Board's feedback to district administration and return to the Board with a more detailed plan that reflects their views.
- b. Construction
 - i. Superintendent Higgins presented more detailed construction estimates from Hailey Ward for capital improvement projects.
 - ii. The Board discussed the projects that estimates provided for, and provided feedback.
 - iii. The Board agreed that Superintendent Higgins should proceed with the projects recommended.

8. Action Items

- a. Staff Nominations
 - i. Hiring Recommendations
 1. Co-Curricular Nominations

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the co-curricular nomination as presented. Mark Brewer seconded.

Vote 5-0

b. Policies

- i. Revisions
 1. JFABA - Admission of non-resident tuition students

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the revisions to policy JFABA - Admission of non-resident tuition students. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-0-1

2. JAFBD - Education of Homeless Students

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the revisions to policy JAFBD - Education of Homeless Students. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 5-0

3. JHB - Truancy

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the revisions to policy JHB - Truancy. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 5-0

4. JICH - Drug & Alcohol Use by Students

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the revisions to policy JICH - Drug & Alcohol Use by Students. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 5-0

5. JICIA - Weapons, Violence, and School Safety

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the revisions to policy JICIA - Weapons, Violence, and School Safety. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 5-0

c. Approve MOU for ESP Wage Scale Adjustment due to Minimum Wage Change

Motion: Brian McGill moved to authorize the approval of the MOU as presented. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 5-0

d. Approve \$1,000 donation from Van Syckle Kia for OHS Softball

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the acceptance of the donation from Van Syckle Kia for OHS Softball with gratitude. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 5-0

9. Subcommittee Reports

a. Policy Subcommittee

i. Working through J policies

b. United Technology Center

i. Kevin Roberge attended the annual dinner and meeting.

c. SPRPCE

i. Christy Babin as been appointed the interim director.

d. Curriculum Subcommittee

i. Updating math and health curriculum.

e. Facilities/Building committee

f. Wellness Committee

i. Working on an outdoor classroom and negotiating with the Town on space use.

g. DEI Leadership Team

i. Subcommittees have been meeting

10. Other Business

11. Future Agenda Items

12. Public Comment

13. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

a. January 24, 2023 - 6:00 PM Board meeting

14. Request for Information and Follow-up

15. Adjournment

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

Approved January 24, 2023.