

DRAFT Minutes DRAFT

**Remote access for public participation through Zoom Link:
Tuesday, April 26, 2022, 6:00 pm**

× Brian McGill
× Jake Eckert
× Mark Brewer

× Noah Charney
× Kevin Roberge

1. Opening

a. Call to Order

Brian McGill called the meeting to order.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

c. Agenda Adjustment

2. Consideration of the Minutes

a. ~~April 5, 2022~~

3. Approval of Warrants

a. Payroll - 21

b. Warrant - 21

c. BAN - 16

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

4. Public Comment

5. Acknowledgments

6. Reports

a. Director Reports

i. Lisa Smith, Director of Special Services

1. Staff evaluations have been completed and Ms Smith is meeting with Ed Techs
2. Ed Tech training is being planned for the summer

ii. Meredith Diamond, Curriculum Coordinator

1. The Equity Leadership Team will be meeting in a day-long workshop on Friday, April 29, and will continue with weekly meeting through the end of the school year.
2. Working with Katie Quirk and Ruth Lyons to develop ways to work with Chapter 104 services and accelerated learners

b. Superintendent Report

i. Meredith Higgins, Superintendent

1. The Equity Leadership Team plans to bring an action plan to the Board at the final meeting of the school year.
2. Probationary teacher recommendations will be brought to the Board at the May 10 meeting.
3. Representatives from RSU 26 will go to the UMaine job fair to attract candidates to our district.
4. Schools from the area are hoping to form a cooperative girl's ice hockey team, with Orono having the largest number of girls interested in joining the team.
5. The tennis coach has resigned midway through the season.
6. Special Ed hiring committees are being formed, and are looking for Board representatives to the committees
 - a. Kevin Roberge volunteered to serve on the committee, with Brian McGill as backup

7. Maine recently adopted LD1874, a law clarifying the COVID leave policy giving employees 15 sick days for COVID. The new law clarifies that those with over 60 days of leave time will use their sick leave, but those without will get the 15 extra days. RSU 26 will begin enforcing the law as clarified.

7. Discussion Items

a. COVID Discussion

- i. Pooled testing will close before the end of the school year. The last week of pooled testing will be the week of May 9th.
- ii. RSU 26 has ordered at-home testing kits for all district staff and students.

b. FY 23 Budget

- i. Determine final budget for warrant preparation
- ii. Superintendent Higgins distributed a handout with detailed budget information for FY23
- iii. Two changes since the last meeting:
 1. Insurance came in at 0%, where the previous budget sheets had budgeted a 9% increase.
 2. The Asa art teacher position has been moved to a full time position.
- iv. If approved, the budget would raise taxes by \$272,763.
- v. It is recommended that the budget takes \$50,000 from the unassigned fund balance to replenish the fuel stabilization reserve, and \$100,000 to the capital reserve fund.

c. Superintendent evaluation survey

- i. Each year, the Board surveys the RSU 26 community on the leadership of the superintendent.
- ii. The Board will continue with the using the ISLLC standard and the Board goals for the superintendent survey. In addition to questions surrounding COVID and facilities, the survey will also question the effectiveness of the superintendent surrounding work on DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion)

8. Action Items

a. Staff Nominations

- i. Co-curricular nominations
 1. Tennis - OHS

Motion: Brian McGill moved to enter executive session under 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) - Discussion of confidential personnel matters, Mark Brewer seconded, Vote 5-0

Brian McGill moved to approve the slate of co-curricular nominations as presented, Mark Brewer seconded, Vote 5-0

ii. Hiring recommendations

1. Asa Adams Principal - Kerri Wyman

Motion: Brian McGill moved to enter executive session under 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) - Appointment of officials /appointees /employees, Mark Brewer seconded, Vote 5-0

Brian McGill moved to authorize the approval, and for the superintendent to enter into a contract with, Kerri Wyman as the Asa Adams Principal, Kevin Roberge seconded, Vote 5-0

b. Policies

i. Revisions

1. IKE - retention and promotion

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the revision to policy IKE - retention and promotion, as presented, Mark Brewer seconded, **Vote 5-0**

2. IKEB - high school credit for middle school students

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the revision to policy IKEB - high school credit for middle school students, as presented, Mark Brewer seconded, **Vote 5-0**

3. IKF - graduation requirements

Motion: Brian McGill moved to adopt the revision to policy IKF - graduation requirements, as presented, Mark Brewer seconded, **Vote 5-0**

c. New Course Approval Requests

i. Accelerated Grade 8 ELA - OMS

Motion: Brian McGill moved to authorize the creation of the course Accelerated Grade 8 ELA at OMS, Mark Brewer seconded, **Vote 5-0**

9. Subcommittee Reports

a. Policy Subcommittee

i. May meeting is cancelled.

b. United Technology Center

c. SPRPCE

i. Next meeting will be held April 28, where they will approve the remaining budgets

d. Curriculum Subcommittee

i. The Accelerated Grade 8 ELA course was discussed

e. Facilities/Building committee

i. Continuing to meet with architects and contractors

ii. Auditorium is nearly complete, but there is a hold up on the lights

1. Still some other punch list items.

2. Hoping to be read for the 3rd week in May.

iii. Paving in back parking lot still needs to be completed

iv. Retention ponds need to be repaired

f. DEI Leadership Team

i.

10. Other Business

11. Future Agenda Items

12. Public Comment

13. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

a. Tuesday, May 10, 2022 - Regular Meeting, in-person and via Zoom, 6 pm

14. Request for Information and Follow-up

15. Adjournment

Motion: Brian McGill moved to adjourn the meeting, Kevin Roberge seconded, **Vote 5-0**