

Approved Minutes

Remote access for public participation through Zoom Link:
Tuesday, June 7, 2022, 6:00 pm

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| × Brian McGill | × Noah Charney |
| × Jake Eckert | × Kevin Roberge |
| × Mark Brewer | |

1. Opening

- a. Call to Order
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Agenda Adjustment
 - i. Add 8.a.i.1 - Approve RSU 26 Speech Language Pathologist - Full-time
 - ii. Add 8.b.i - Policies - Revision - BEDH - Public Participation at Board Meetings
 - iii. Add 8.c - Approve addition of OHS Art Teacher for 2022-23 (.22 FTE)

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

2. Consideration of the Minutes

- a. May 31, 2022

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **adopt the minutes of May 31, 2022, as presented**, Mark Brewer seconded. **Vote 5-0**

3. Approval of Warrants- none

4. Public Comment

5. Acknowledgments

- a. Brian McGill is grateful for the RSU 26 Union and how they worked with, communicated with, and trusted the Board and administration throughout the past year.
- b. Noah Charney thanks the Board and Meredith Higgins for their leadership and willingness to engage.
- c. Meredith Higgins congratulated everyone on a successful year. Students have been resilient and the staff has hung in and given it their all. Superintendent Higgins also thanks the parents and the community for their support and trust in the administration through uncertain times.

6. Reports

a. Principal Reports

i. Kristin Briggs, Asa Adams

1. Principal Briggs thanks Superintendent Higgins and the Board for all of their support over the past two years.
2. Lots of end of the year celebrations: Asa Talent Show, water slides, fifth-grade celebration and slideshow, field day, lip sync battle.
3. Thanks to all the musicians that performed at Asa Adams, brought to the school by Mr. Henry and Mr. Caballero.
4. The school-wide reading of *Charlotte's Web* finished up. Each Asa Adams family received a copy of the book to take home.

ii. Richard Glencross, OMS

1. 8th Grade celebration will be held June 13th in the new Performing Arts Center.
2. A successful 5th-grade step-up night was held in the OMS Gym.
3. OMS is planning on expanding science fair participation for the 2022-20223 school year.
4. Continuing to offer Art workshops through the next school year.
5. Spring testing is complete.

6. OMS Athletics wraps up soon.
 - a. Softball, Baseball, and track helped contribute to a successful spring sports season.
 - b. The Baseball team won the Sportsmanship Award.

- iii. Sam Runco and Meredith Diamond, OHS
 1. The First Annual Cornhole tournament was held by the Class of 2024.
 2. Congratulations to the students that represented OHS at the All-State Orchestra Festival.
 3. Spring Sports were a huge success.
 - a. Congratulations to Chris Libby for being named PVAA Track Coach of the Year.
 4. Meredith Diamond acknowledged the joy she has had being co-principal with Sam Runco. She is grateful to the leadership of RSU 26 for their support of the leadership model.

- b. Superintendent Report
 - i. Girls' Hockey cooperative team.
 1. 5-6 schools in the area are looking to join and form a team
 2. The schools in the co-op need RSU 26's decision on whether to join the cooperative team.
 3. 2 OHS girls are definitely interested in joining the team.
 4. Money is in the budget for the Old Town swim cooperative, but we will not be participating for the 22-23 school year.
 5. The decision as to whether to join the co-op will be brought to the next meeting.
 - ii. Lead Testing Update
 1. The abatement plan will begin on June 28.
 2. Subsequent testing results are not yet in.
 3. A portable water cooler has been provided at Asa Adams to allow for water bottle filling throughout the school.
 - iii. Facilities Update
 1. Asa siding replacement project will begin shortly after school is out.
 2. OHS/OMS kitchen-cafeteria, a transition point at Asa Adams, and the 2 story section of the high school will have roof repairs over the summer.
 3. Currently working with architects for the OHS/OMS Library, concession stand, the old kitchen at Asa, and Central Office projects.
 4. Working with Honeywell on ventilation project at Asa.
 5. Keeping one of the temporary classrooms at Asa for an additional year for added instructional space while the old kitchen space is being renovated.

7. Discussion Items
 - a. COVID Discussion
 - i. COVID SOP will be retired at the end of the 21-22 school year.
 - ii. The State is moving toward following long-standing State protocols for infectious disease protocols and Federal CDC guidance for COVID.
 - iii. Developing a framework moving forward to provide a plan for how the school year reopens in the fall.

 - b. Goals discussion
 - i. The Board discussed the Goals that were developed at the Goals Workshop held earlier in the day.
 - ii. Goals brought to the meeting:
 1. Continued recovery and advancement from COVID
 2. Finalize major construction, update capital improvement plan, and develop

- continuous processes.
- 3. Implement DEI action plan for the district and develop ongoing practices
- 4. Awards intentionality
- 5. Challenging and stretching all students
- 6. District-wide math instruction
- 7. Sports goals and purpose
- 8. Curriculum
- 9. Technology and community
- 10. Outdoor education
- 11. High school- monitoring and continued assessment of OHS schedule
- iii. After deliberation, the Board came to a consensus on the following:
 - 1. Goals
 - a. Continued recovery and advancement from COVID
 - b. Implement DEI action plan for district and develop ongoing practices
 - i. Board improvement
 - c. Finalize major construction, update capital improvement plan, and develop continuous processes
 - d. Establish and implement a regular curriculum review process and publish written curriculum
 - e. Building a shared understanding of the purpose of and appropriate amount of student awards
 - f. Challenging and stretching all students
 - 2. Committees
 - a. Outdoor Education
 - i. Farm to Food
 - b. Districtwide math instruction
 - 3. Board Comment Period
 - a. Technology plan
 - b. Student Award
 - c. Student growth and achievement as part of DEI
 - 4. Ongoing Monitoring
 - a. OHS- monitoring and continued assessment of the OHS schedule

8. Action Items

a. Staff Nominations

i. Hiring Recommendations

1. Approve RSU 26 Speech Language Pathologist - Full-time

- a. Superintendent Higgins recommended Jennifer Mahoney as a full-time speech-language pathologist.

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 hire of, and for the Superintendent to enter into a contract with, Jennifer Mahoney as a speech-language pathologist, Mark Brewer seconded, Vote 5-0

ii. Co-Curricular nominations-none

b. Policies

i. Revision - BEDH - Public Participation at Board Meetings

Brian McGill moved to approve the revisions to Policy BEDH - Public Participation at Board Meetings, Mark Brewer seconded, Vote 5-0

c. Approve addition of OHS Art Teacher for 2022-23 (.22 FTE)

- i. Adding a .22 FTE position at OHS will fill the art needs of the high school and provide an art class every block. The additional .22 FTE will be covered by the OMS Art teacher and no additional staff will need to be hired.

*Brian McGill moved to **authorize the addition of .22 FTE to the OHS art teaching**, Mark Brewer seconded, **Vote 5-0***

9. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Policy Subcommittee
 - i. Finished the “I” policies
 - ii. Two policies will be brought to the next regular Board meeting
- b. United Technology Center
- c. SPRPCE
- d. Curriculum Subcommittee
- e. Facilities/Building committee
 - i. Met with architects and the construction management team about the field and ponds.
- f. DEI Leadership Team
 - i. Framework for the action plan is in place, action plan will be brought to the next Board meeting.

10. Other Business

11. Future Agenda Items

12. Public Comment

13. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

- a. June 15, 2022 - 4:30 PM - Data Workshop
- b. June 21, 2022 - 6:00 PM Board meeting

14. Request for Information and Follow-up

15. Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 6(A) - Discussion of appointment of personnel - Administrators

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

16. Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 6(A) - Discussion of appointment of personnel - Superintendent

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

17. Adjournment

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