

Approved Minutes

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Tuesday, May 31, 2022, 6:00 pm

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

1. Opening

a. Call to Order

Brian McGill called the meeting to order.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

c. Agenda Adjustment

- i. Add 8.c. Approve LAU Plan
- ii. Add 8.b.4 Approve hire of PK-12 Social Worker
- iii. 7.b Discussion of Choir position

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

2. Consideration of the Minutes

a. April 19, 2022

b. May 10, 2022

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to approve the April 19, 2022 minutes as presented, Mark Brewer seconded, Vote 5-0*

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to approve the May 10, 2022 minutes as presented, Mark Brewer seconded, Vote 5-0*

3. Approval of Warrants

- a. Payroll - 23, 24
- b. Warrant - 23, 24
- c. ME PERS - April
- d. BAN - 20
- e. Bond 57

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

4. Public Comment

5. Acknowledgments

- a. Brian McGill appreciates the teachers for
- b. Mark Brewer acknowledged Chris Crocker for successfully taking a group of students to Ecuador despite planning difficulties.
- c. Superintendent Higgins acknowledged the end-of-year activities happening at all the schools. She is particularly excited about the graduation celebrations at all levels.

6. Reports

a. Director Reports

- i. Lisa Smith, Director of Special Services
 1. Wrapping up 110 evaluations of Special Services staff
 2. Anticipated growth in the number of students receiving special services for the 22-23 school year.
- ii. Meredith Diamond, Curriculum Coordinator
 1. RSU 26 Equity Leadership team has continued their work to develop a draft Equity Action Plan

2. Katie Quirk as been working with faculty to develop the application process for students interested in Writing Across the Disciplines, an advanced 8th grade ELA class.
3. OMS students had a strong showing at the Maine Middle School Science and Engineering Fair. Reid Quirk won 4th place Grand Award, which qualifies him to apply for nationals
4. Wrapping up state assessments across the district.

b. Superintendent Report

i. Meredith Higgins, Superintendent

1. Not certain that the equity action plan will be finalized by the June 21st meeting. The DEI will bring the work that has been completed to the Board at the final June meeting regardless of completion.

7. Discussion Items

a. COVID Discussion

- i. Updating the numbers on the website's dashboard as they are received. RSU 26 cases appear to mirror the at large numbers.
- ii. Pooled testing has ended.
- iii. A survey was sent to families of students under 11 gauging the interest in a COVID vaccination booster. There was great response, and Nurse Karen Martin is working with PCHC to schedule a clinic for the boosters, hopefully before the end of school.

b. Discussion of Choir Position

- i. Community members attended the annual budget meeting and voted to add \$40,000 to the budget to allow administration to hire a fulltime choir teacher.
- ii. Superintendent Higgins shared data with the Board that outlined courses and enrollment in classes across the school.
- iii. There are currently 2 applicants for the combined choir director/auditorium manager position, and 5 for the auditorium manager alone. The administration feels ready to move ahead with the formation of a hiring committee to review the applicants.
- iv. Consensus of the Board was to proceed with flexible thinking and to begin looking at the applications that have been received.
- v. Brian McGill is interested in serving on the hiring committee.

8. Action Items

a. Staff Nominations

i. Hiring Recommendations

1. Asa Assistant Principal (.50)- Madeline Mellor
2. Asa Special Education Teacher- Sierra Towers
3. OHS Special Education Teacher- Alec McGaw
4. PK-12 Social Worker- BJ Bowman

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

Motion: Brian McGill moved to authorize the approval, and for the superintendent to proceed with the hiring of Madeline Mellor, as the Asa Adams Assistant Principal, Mark Brewer seconded, Vote 5-0

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

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **authorize the approval, and for the superintendent to hire Sierra Towers, Alec McGaw, and BJ Bowman as nominated, Mark Brewer seconded, Vote 5-0**

- ii. Co-Curricular nominations
- b. Approve LAU Plan
 - i. LAU plan is a Federally required to serve students that are English language learners.
 - ii. Plan is inline with what is recommended by the State, while incorporating the “Orono Spirit” into the document.
 - iii. Language in the LAU plan has shifted to “Multilingual Learners,” which moves away from the English centric “English Language Learners,” and is more in line with DEI work around the district.

Motion: Brian McGill moved to **authorize the approval if the LAU Plan as presented, Kevin Roberge seconded, Vote 5-0**

9. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Policy Subcommittee
 - i. Last meeting of the year will be held June 6.
- b. United Technology Center
- c. SPRPCE
- d. Curriculum Subcommittee
 - i. Last meeting of the year will be held June 2
- e. Facilities/Building committee
 - i. Meeting with the contractors to finish up construction projects
 - ii. Paving has begun on the back parking lot
 - iii. HVAC issues are being addressed
 - iv. Working with firms for library, concession stand, Asa kitchen, and Central Office planning
 - v. Mark Brewer acknowledged all of the staff members who worked around construction projects for a successful PVA track championship.
- f. DEI Leadership Team
 - i. Working on the draft Equity Action Plan.

10. Other Business

11. Future Agenda Items

12. Public Comment

13. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

- a. June 7, 2022 - 5:00PM Goals workshop, OHS/OMS Library and on Zoom
- b. June 7, 2022 - 6:00PM Board meeting, OHS/OMS Library and on Zoom
- c. June 15, 2022 - 4:30 Data workshop, OHS/OMS Library and on Zoom

14. Request for Information and Follow-up

15. 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) - Appointment of officials /appointees /employees related to the Superintendent, Mark Brewer seconded, Vote 5-0**

16. Adjournment

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