

## Approved Minutes

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September 6, 2022, 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. August 23, 2022

**Motion:** *Brian McGill moved to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2022 meeting as presented. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 5-0*

3. Approval of Warrants
  - a. Warrant -5
  - b. Payroll -5
  - c. BAN -26
  - d. ME PERS -August

**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 entire school community– staff, students, and families– for a great first week of school.

6. Reports

- a. Principal Reports

- i. Kerri Wyman, Asa Adams

1. Pre-K and Kindergarten open house was a great success.
2. Smooth start of the school year, students are getting used to new routines.
3. Enrollment is up, with 306 students enrolled at Asa.

- ii. Sam Runco and Meredith Diamond, OHS

1. The environmental Club has begun a compost system for the cafeteria.
2. Ninth grade open house allowed students and parents to see the new spaces at OHS.
3. Parent advisory group will be teaming up with OMS parent group. Topic of the first meeting will be the DEI Action Plan.
4. Thanks to the IT and office staff for getting the laptops distributed to students.
5. Thanks to Ben Jacobson and staff for all that they have done to get the school year off to a good start.
6. WIN/WYN (What I Need/What You Need) block is off to a successful start.

- iii. Richard Glencross, OMS

1. Thanks to everyone for a smooth rollout of the school year.
2. Thanks to Deb White for organizing and planning the 6th grade Step-Up day.
3. OMS students will get the opportunity to meet with author Morgan Talty on September 8.
4. Twelve OMS students enrolled at OMS are new to the district this year.

- b. Superintendent Report
  - i. Meredith Higgins
    - 1. A full updated enrollment summary will be brought to the Board after October 1.
    - 2. The Free Lunch For All program requires that students use a number to purchase a school lunch. This is so that the State of Maine can recoup some costs through the federal free and reduced lunch program.
    - 3. Family are asked to return their free and reduced lunch forms to ensure that RSU 26 is getting the correct amount of federal subsidies.
    - 4. Nurse Karen Martin is in talks with Bangor Public Health to schedule flu and COVID bivalent vaccine clinics.
    - 5. An alternate plan is in the development stage to move the storage shed that is causing controversy.
    - 6. The Board will begin discussing bargaining with the teacher's union, and asked that the Board reads the current contract before the next meeting.

7. Discussion Items

- a. Schedule for fall Board discussions
  - i. Board Chair Brian McGill and Superintendent Higgins met to map out the direction of the Board for the fall semester while taking into consideration Board goals.

8. Action Items

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

***Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the slate of Co-Curricular nominations as presented, with the removal of the Asa Adams Ed Tech certification renewal. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 5-0***

- b. Approve new Ed Tech II position (Special Education) for Pre-K to be funded by CDS

***Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the new ED Tech II position for Pre-K to be funded primarily by CDS. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 5-0***

9. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Policy Subcommittee
  - i. Will be bringing a slate of policies for small changes to the next meeting
- b. United Technology Center
  - i. Enrollment is at a record high.
- c. SPRPCE
- d. Curriculum Subcommittee
  - i. Next meeting will be Thursday, September 8.
- e. Facilities/Building committee
  - i. Progress has been made concerning the football field. The contractor is willing to begin as soon as possible.
- f. Wellness Committee
  - i. Discussed outdoor education.
- g. DEI Leadership Team
  - i. DEI Leadership team will be bringing the action plan to the October 18 Board Meeting.
  - ii. An open survey of the plan will be posted on the RSU 26 website.

iii. Staff development days will be centered around cultural competence.

10. Other Business

- a. Mark Brewer asked for information about the crossing guard at the corner of Westwood and Main Streets.

11. Future Agenda Items

12. Public Comment

13. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

- a. September 20, 2022 - 6:00PM 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: October 18, 2022***