

**DRAFT Minutes**

**Remote access for public participation through Zoom Link  
November 1, 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. October 18, 2022

***Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2022 meeting as presented. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 5-0***

3. Approval of Warrants
  - a. Warrant - 7, 9
  - b. Payroll - 7, 9
  - c. BAN 20 - 29

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

4. Public Comment
  - a. General Public Comment
  - b. Public Comment on student awards in the schools

5. Acknowledgments
  - a. Brian McGill acknowledged the successes of the sports teams and the Mamma Mia production.
  - b. Kevin Roberge mentioned that he had received a behind the scenes look at Mamma Mia and it promises to be a great show.
  - c. Superintendent Higgins congratulated all of the OMS and OHS sports teams for their accomplishments during the fall season. Ms Higgins also thanked the school administrative assistants and Lynn Gray for their hard work in getting then October 1 State reporting completed.

6. Reports
  - a. Director Reports
    - i. Lisa Smith- Director of Special Services
      1. Thanks to Rose Bikes for the donation of a bicycle for therapy purposes.
      2. It's been a busy fall for the Special Education Department
        - a. More than 9 referrals, 35 evaluations
        - b. 3 Ed Tech vacancies
        - c. Special Olympics has returned to RSU 26, with 7 students participating in the most recent events.
    - ii. Susan Smith- Director of Learning
      1. Excited to receive grants for mobile computer units as well as for students facing home insecurity
      2. Began conversation around Health curriculum work, and have a concrete action plan.
      3. The DEI Leadership team has met to begin developing subcommittees to put the DEI Action Plan to work.
  - b. Superintendent Report
    - i. Meredith Higgins- Superintendent

1. Bangor Saving Bank donated food collected in a food drive to the RSU 26 Backpack program.
  2. Enrollment update
    - a. Superintendent Higgins gave an overview of the October 1 enrollment data.
    - b. Enrollment is on track with the estimations.
    - c. Data is strong for subsidies.
  3. Student awards update
    - a. School reports of current practice
      - i. Richard Glencross and Sam Runco gave an overview of the awards currently presented at OMS and OHS and the reasoning behind continuing those award.
    - b. Survey Data
      - i. Brain McGill gave an overview of the award survey data.
        1. Survey data indicates that the RSU 26 community is strongly in favor of keeping student awards.
7. Discussion Items
- a. Next steps on student awards
    - i. The members of the Board gave their thoughts on student awards.
    - ii. The schools will report back in 6 months to a year with an update on awards and any modifications that have been made to the practice of award distribution.
  - b. Construction - self-managed project priorities and next steps
    - i. Superintendent Higgins reported on the balances of construction and capital improvement accounts, as well as the construction and repair projects remaining.
    - ii. Estimates on price of the 4 self managed projects have grown significantly.
    - iii. The Building committee prioritized the self managed projects in the following order:
      1. Central Office
      2. Asa Old Kitchen
      3. OHS/OMS Library
      4. Concession Stand/Restroom Building
    - iv. Haley Ward, local engineering firm, is going to bring more precise cost estimates to the Building committee
8. Action Items
- a. Staff Nominations
    - i. Hiring Recommendations
      1. Co-Curricular nominations
9. Subcommittee Reports
- a. Policy Subcommittee
    - i. Brian McGill reported on the outcome of the MSBA conference and the policies addressed there.
  - b. United Technology Center
    - i. Next meeting on November 3
  - c. SPRPCE
    - i. Next meeting in November 10
  - d. Curriculum Subcommittee
    - i. Next meeting November 10
  - e. Facilities/Building committee

- i. Contractor has begun resurfacing the field
- f. Wellness Committee
  - i. Discussed spaces available for an outdoor classroom.
  - ii. Food service and its challenges were discussed.
- g. DEI Leadership Team

10. Other Business

11. Future Agenda Items

12. Public Comment

13. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

- a. November 15, 2022 - 5-6:30 PM Data workshop
- b. November 15, 2022 - 6:30 PM Board meeting (note later starting time)

14. Request for Information and Follow-up

15. Discussion - Board Professional Development

16. Adjournment

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