

Minutes
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June 6, 2023, 6:00 pm

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| × Brian McGill | × Kevin Roberge |
| × Jake Eckert | × Marissa McLaughlin |
| × Mark Brewer | × Dorsa Tajvidi |
| × Noah Charney | |

1. Opening
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance
 - c. Agenda Adjustments
 - i. Add item 8.b Approve roof bid
 - ii. Add item 8.c Approve revised truck purchase

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to approve the agenda adjustments as presented. Mark Brewer seconded.*

<i>Vote:</i> Noah Charney- aye	<i>Mark Brewer- aye</i>
<i>Jacob Eckert- aye</i>	<i>Brian McGill- aye</i>
<i>Kevin Roberge- aye</i>	<i>Vote 5-0</i>

2. Consideration of the Minutes
 - a. May 30, 2023

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to approve the minutes of the May 30, 2023 meeting as presented. Mark Brewer seconded.*

<i>Vote:</i> Noah Charney- aye	<i>Mark Brewer- aye</i>
<i>Jacob Eckert- aye</i>	<i>Brian McGill- aye</i>
<i>Kevin Roberge- aye</i>	<i>Vote 5-0</i>

3. Approval of Warrants
 - a. None

4. Public Comment

5. Acknowledgments
 - a. Kevin Roberge wishes everyone a Happy Pride Month!
 - b. Meredith Higgins congratulates the Class of 2023, who will graduate on June 11, 2023. Superintendent Higgins thanks the staff of RSU 26 for all their hard work and investment in the students throughout the school year.
 - c. Bill Cody thanks all of the custodial staff, especially Ethan Washington and Erik Paulsen who are working long shifts to ensure Asa is clean.
 - d. Dorsa Tajvidi sends best wishes to all students as they embark upon finals week.
 - e. Marissa McLaughlin thanks Cami Carter and Jon Hawley for getting the Pride Zoo displayed throughout the community.
 - f. Noah Charney thanks the “Asa Got Talent” team for all of their work putting the show together.

6. Reports
 - a. Principal Reports
 - i. Kerri Wyman, Asa Adams
 1. The music and art showcases at Asa have been hugely successful. Thanks to all who contributed their talents to the performances.
 2. Best wishes to the Asa staff members who are leaving the district at the end of the school year: Nick Butler, Jo Cressey, Tammy Cyr, Eliza Ford, and Ashley Satre.

3. The spring bookfair was “buy one, get one”, allowing all Asa students to receive a book regardless of their ability to pay.
4. Teachers are wrapping up end of year assessments in math and language arts. This data will provide insight into the support students need.

ii. Richard Glencross, OMS

1. Congratulations to OMS Teacher Jessica Archer who was named the Penobscot County Teacher of the Year!
2. OMS held its first Culture Festival, which highlighted eight families who shared their unique culture through food, art, traditions, language, pictures and conversation. Plans are already underway to expand the festival for next year.
3. Spring assessments were completed successfully.
4. Congratulations to the OMS boy “A” baseball team for advancing to the PVML final.

iii. Sam Runco and Meredith Diamond, OHS

1. Congratulations to the OHS Dirigo State Delegates– Graham Higgins, Kelsey McCrum, Maria Porter, and Cooper Sawyer– who will be representing OHS at Dirigo State this summer at Colby College.
2. Both OHS girls and boys track teams became State Champions! Both OHS teams also won the Sportsmanship awards. Also congratulations to Coach Chris Libby for being recognized as the PVC Boys Coach of the Year.
3. Kudos to the undefeated boys tennis team who are the Northern Reginal tennis champions and will compete for the State championship.
4. Everyone at OHS is looking forward to celebrating our Graduates' success with their family and friends at Baccalaureate on June 7, in the OPAC and at Graduation on June 11, at the University of Maine. Graduates are starting a new annual tradition who will dress in their cap and gown visit the elementary schools in Greenbush, Veazie, Indian Island, Glenburn, Veazie and Asa.
5. Students have received their schedules for the 23-24 school year. This will help the school year get off to a smoother start. Thanks to the guidance department for their diligence in getting the schedule ready.
6. Assessment testing will be run differently next year to avoid assessment fatigue in students and staffing issues with the multitude of tests being given in the spring.

b. Superintendent Report

i. Meredith Higgins, Superintendent

1. Cami Carter, OHS alternative education teacher, has announced that she is resigning effective at the end of the school year.
2. The topsoil in the football field has been examined for large stones. Finding none, sod has been put down on the field, and the contractor will monitor the field for thirty days.
3. Thanks to all of the staff who have worked hard to facilitate all of the end of year celebrations, and helping to send students to summer vacation with many positive memories.

7. Discussion Items

a. Instructional Technology Framework

- i. Susan Smith, Director of Learning, presented the culmination of the work of the RSU 26 Instructional Technology Committee, who have been researching, developing, refining, seeking feedback, and incorporating that feedback into draft Technology Use Statements

& Expectations and Technology Skills by Grade Level.

1. These documents will be used to build age appropriate digital literacy, well-being, and citizenship skills.
- ii. The Board discussed the documents presented and gave feedback to the committee.
- iii. The statements will be brought to the Board for a vote on June 20, 2023.

8. Action Items

a. Staff Nominations

i. Hiring Recommendations

1. Asa Art Teacher

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to go into executive session under 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) - Appointment of officials/appointees/employees. Mark Brewer seconded.*

Vote: Noah Charney- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Kevin Roberge- aye

Vote 5-0

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to authorize the superintendent to enter into a contract with Sofia Rivera as Asa Adams Art teacher. Mark Brewer seconded.*

Vote: Noah Charney- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Kevin Roberge- aye

Vote 5-0

ii. Co-Curricular Nominations

1. None

b. Approve roof bid

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to authorize the superintendent to enter into a contract with Roof Systems of Maine for work repairs as presented. Mark Brewer seconded.*

Vote: Noah Charney- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Kevin Roberge- aye

Vote 5-0

c. Approve revised truck purchase

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to authorize the superintendent or designee to purchase a truck up to \$45,000 that meets specifications. Mark Brewer seconded.*

Vote: Noah Charney- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Kevin Roberge- aye

Vote 5-0

9. Subcommittee Reports

a. Policy Subcommittee

- i. JLF and BEDH policies will be brought to the Board for a vote at the June 20, 2023 meeting.

b. United Technology Center

- i. UTC has been developing satellite campus for students to have a “UTC experience” for students that can’t fit UTC into their schedules.
- ii. RSU 26 is considering how it might be able to participate in the UTC satellite program.

c. SPRPCE

- i. Next meeting will be June 8, 2023.

- d. Curriculum Subcommittee
 - i. Next meeting will be June 8, 2023.
- e. Facilities/Building Committee
 - i. Sod has been put down on the football field. The contractor will monitor the sod to make sure it roots appropriately.
- f. Wellness Committee
 - i. Chalkboard has been installed in the outdoor classroom.
- g. DEI Leadership Team

10. Other Business

11. Future Agenda Items

12. Public Comment

13. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

- a. June 20, 2023 - Data Workshop, 4:30 pm
- b. June 20, 2023 - Board Meeting, 6 pm

14. Request for Information and Follow-up

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

16. Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 6(D) Discussion of labor negotiations

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to go into executive session under 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) and 1 MRSA 405 6(D).*
Mark Brewer seconded.

Vote: *Noah Charney- aye*

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Kevin Roberge- aye

Vote 5-0

17. Adjournment

Motion: *Brian McGill moved to adjourn the meeting.* *Mark Brewer seconded.*

Vote: *Noah Charney- aye*

Mark Brewer- aye

Jacob Eckert- aye

Brian McGill- aye

Kevin Roberge- aye

Vote 5-0

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes approved June 20, 2023.