

Minutes
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February 28, 2023, 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 Adjustments

2. Consideration of the Minutes
 - a. February 7, 2023

Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2023 meeting as presented. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 5-0

3. Approval of Warrants
 - a. Warrant - 17
 - b. Payroll - 17
 - c. BAN - 33

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 congratulated all of the sports teams finishing up the winter season. Mr. McGill also acknowledged all of the staff of RSU 26 for all of their hard work though the current teaching challenges.
- b. Kevin Roberge acknowledged Asa Principal Kerri Wyman for her attendance at the women and gender studies event on the UMaine campus. He also acknowledged Meredith Diamond, who traveled to Asa Adams and read to students.
- c. Meredith Higgins reported that the OMS basketball teams both made it to the PVML playoffs, with the girls' team making it to the championships. The OHS nordic ski team competed at Fort Kent, with Ruth White finishing as State champion. The boys varsity basketball team won the Northern Maine championship, and will be playing for the State title on Saturday, March 4. The OHS Performing Arts competition teams will be performing at their respective competitions in March. Best of luck to all!

6. Reports

- a. Director Reports

- i. Lisa Smith, Director of Special Services

1. Special Services continues to get referrals for new students potentially needing services.
 - a. Testing for referred students continues weekly.
 - b. Students referred for social workers are being added to a waitlist.
2. Working on end of year local entitlement reporting with a new system.

- ii. Susan Smith, Director of Learning

1. Staff and administrators have worked hard to bring forth the slate of new courses for approval of the Board. The courses come from staff reflecting on the needs of the students, and developing courses to meet those needs.
2. The staff will be participating in professional development workshops on March 8 and 17th. Staff will be learning about culturally competent curriculum, as well

as Wabanaki studies, DEI topics, and staff wellness.

- b. Superintendent Report
 - i. Meredith Higgins, Superintendent
 - 1. Superintendent Higgins presented the criteria being used to develop the strategic planning committee. Plans are being made for the initial meeting of the group to take place in late March or early April, highlighting the state of the district.

7. Discussion Items

- a. FY 24 Budget
 - i. Superintendent Higgins shared FY 24 budget documents with the Board, and highlighted the areas where there were noted changes in cost centers.
 - ii. The Board discussed the effects of the budget on the tax rates and the amount of the budget increases that was out of the district's control.
 - iii. The Board asked the administration to revisit the proposed budget and see where spending can be reduced for the FY 24 budget.
- b. 2023-23 School Calendar
 - i. Meredith Higgins presented a draft school calendar to the Board. She then outlines changes that had been made since the last time the calendar was brought to the Board, and how it now is in alignment with the UTC calendar as required.

8. Action Items

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

Motion: Brian McGill moved to the slate of cocurricular nominations as presented. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 5-0

- b. New Course Approval Requests
 - i. Grade 6 & 7 Accelerated ELA - OMS
 - ii. Literature of Migration - OHS English Dept
 - iii. Poetry, Song, and Social Change - OHS English Dept
 - iv. Fundamentals of Acting - OHS Visual & Performing Arts Dept
 - v. AP PreCalculus - OHS Math Dept
 - vi. Introduction to Statistics - OHS Math Dept
 - vii. Technical Math I/MAT 110 (Dual Enrollment w/EMCC) - OHS Math Dept
 - viii. College Algebra/MAT 116 (Dual Enrollment w/EMCC) - OHS Math Dept
 - ix. Healthy Bodies & Wellness - OHS Health/Physical Education Dept
 - x. Healthy Relationships & Identity - OHS Health/Physical Education Dept
 - xi. African American Studies - OHS Social Studies Dept
 - xii. AP Research - OHS Interdisciplinary

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

9. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Policy Subcommittee
 - i. Next meeting Thursday, March 2. More J policies, as well as the policy on gate receipts will be discussed.
- b. United Technology Center
- c. SPRPCE
 - i. Next meeting Thursday, March 2.

- d. Curriculum Subcommittee
 - i. Next meeting Thursday, March 9.
- e. Facilities/Building committee
 - i. Discussions are ongoing with the contractor to finish building projects.
 - ii. Next meeting will be March 1.
- f. Wellness Committee
- g. DEI Leadership Team
 - i. Subcommittees are continuing to meet.
 - ii. March 17 will be a DEI focused workshop day for teachers.

10. Other Business

11. Future Agenda Items

12. Public Comment

13. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

- a. March 14, 2023 - 6:00 PM Board meeting

14. Request for Information and Follow-up

15. Executive Session - 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D) Labor Negotiations

Motion: Brian McGill moved to enter executive session under 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D) Labor Negotiations. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 5-0

16. Adjournment

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

Approved 3.28.23