

**Minutes**  
**OMS/OHS Library**  
**Remote access for public participation through Zoom Link**  
**March 20, 2024, 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 10.a - Consider date change for the Annual Budget Meeting from May 21st to May 20th
  - ii. Add 8.d.i - New Course Approval Request - OHS JMG - Extended Learning Opportunities (.5 credit)

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

**Vote:** *Jacob Eckert- aye*

*Mark Brewer- aye*

*Kevin Roberge- aye*

*Brian McGill- aye*

*Noah Charney- aye*

**Vote 5-0**

2. Consideration of the Minutes

- a. March 12, 2024

**Motion:** *Brian McGill moved to approve the March 12, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Mark*

**Vote:** *Jacob Eckert- aye*

*Mark Brewer- aye*

*Kevin Roberge- aye*

*Brian McGill- aye*

*Noah Charney- aye*

**Vote 5-0**

3. Approval of Warrants

- a. Warrant - 19
- b. Payroll - 19
- c. Capital Improvement Reserve - 7

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

**Vote:** *Jacob Eckert- aye*

*Mark Brewer- aye*

*Kevin Roberge- aye*

*Brian McGill- aye*

*Noah Charney- aye*

**Vote 5-0**

4. Public Comment

5. Acknowledgments

- a. Noah Charney acknowledged Lisa Erhardt and the Asa Adams ambassador program and the outreach that the program provides to new families.
- b. Meredith Higgins thanks Susan Smith for the effort she put into organizing the professional development opportunities available to RSU 26 staff over the week of March 11.

6. Reports

a. Director Reports

i. Lisa Smith, Director of Special Services

1. Rose Pompey, MLL teacher, has resigned from the district.
2. RSU 26 Special Services has completed 87 evaluations during the 23-24 school year and is in the process of completing an additional 31.

ii. Susan Smith, Director of Learning

1. Thanks to the NEASC team at OHS.
2. The Curriculum Committee discussed Extended Learning Opportunities (ELOs) as a .5 elective credit class at Orono High School at the March meeting.
3. The Curriculum Committee reviewed the Draft Priority Standards for Health as well as the corresponding health curriculum stakeholder feedback.

b. Student Board Report

i. Marissa McLaughlin and Dorsa Tajvidi, Student Board Representatives

1. OHS Winter Carnival was a great success! Congratulations to the junior class on their win.
2. All three RSU 26 schools recently had dances that were enjoyed by everyone.
3. Congratulations to the OHS jazz band on their gold win at States!

c. Superintendent Report

i. Meredith Higgins, Superintendent

1. A representative from the Board is needed for the MLL hiring committee. Kevin Roberge volunteered.
2. Eclipse safety glasses have been purchased for all RSU 26 students and staff to safely view the April 8 eclipse.
3. Superintendent Higgins is serving on the hiring advisory council for the new Orono Town Manager.

7. Discussion Items

a. FY25 Budget Discussion

- i. Superintendent Higgins gave an overview of the current proposed budget for FY 25, highlighting changes and possible budget cuts from the previous meeting.
  1. Potential budget cuts were divided into 3 categories, with “tier 1” cuts having the least impact and “tier 3” having the most.
- ii. The Board discussed the proposed FY 25 budget and potential budget cuts.
- iii. The Board reached a consensus on cutting proposed budget items labeled tier 1 and tier 2, as well as one-time purchases.
- iv. The Board asks for an analysis of whether the part-time Central Office position can pay for itself, and if there are any other le

8. Action Items

a. Staff Nominations

i. Co-Curricular Nominations

**Motion:** *Brian McGill moved to approve the slate of co-curricular nominations as presented. Mark Brewer seconded.*

**Vote:** *Jacob Eckert- aye*

*Kevin Roberge- aye*

*Noah Charney- aye*

*Mark Brewer- aye*

*Brian McGill- aye*

**Vote 5-0**

b. Policies

i. Revision

1. JFABD - Admission of Homeless Students

**Motion:** Brian McGill moved to change the wording of section 7.B.7 to state “the law” instead of “this law.”

Mark Brewer seconded. **Vote 5-0.**

**Vote:** Jacob Eckert- aye

Kevin Roberge- aye

Noah Charney- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Brian McGill- aye

**Vote 5-0**

**Motion:** Brian McGill moved to adopt policy JFABD - Admission of Homeless Students as a revision. Mark Brewer seconded. **Vote 5-0.**

**Vote:** Jacob Eckert- aye

Kevin Roberge- aye

Noah Charney- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Brian McGill- aye

**Vote 5-0**

ii. First Read

1. IJOA - field trips (water safety section)

**Motion:** Brian McGill moved to recognize a first read on policy IJOA - Field Trips. Mark Brewer seconded.

**Vote 5-0.**

**Vote:** Jacob Eckert- aye

Kevin Roberge- aye

Noah Charney- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Brian McGill- aye

**Vote 5-0**

c. OMS Construction Application Consulting Contract

**Motion:** Brian McGill moved to authorize the superintendent to execute a contract with Haley Ward for middle school construction application services not to exceed \$50,000. Mark Brewer seconded. **Vote 5-0.**

**Vote:** Jacob Eckert- aye

Kevin Roberge- aye

Noah Charney- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Brian McGill- aye

**Vote 5-0**

d. New Course Approval Request

i. OHS JMG - Extended Learning Opportunities (.5 credit)

**Motion:** Brian McGill moved to approve the new course OHS JMG - Extended Learning Opportunities. Mark Brewer seconded.

**Vote:** Jacob Eckert- aye

Kevin Roberge- aye

Noah Charney- aye

Mark Brewer- aye

Brian McGill- aye

**Vote 5-0**

9. Subcommittee Reports

a. Policy Subcommittee

i. Next meeting will focus on finishing up Policy IJOA and working on Policy FF.

b. United Technology Center

c. SPRPCE

i. Next meeting is scheduled for March 28.

d. Curriculum Subcommittee

i. Worked on ELO class and Health curriculum.

- e. Wellness Committee
- f. DEI Leadership Team
- g. Strategic Plan Team
  - i. A draft version of the plan will be available in April.

10. Other Business

- a. Consider date change for Annual Budget Meeting from May 21st to May 20th

**Motion:** *Brian McGill moved to move the Annual Budget Meeting to May 20th at 7:00. Mark Brewer seconded.*

**Vote:** *Jacob Eckert- aye*

*Mark Brewer- aye*

*Kevin Roberge- aye*

*Brian McGill- aye*

*Noah Charney- aye*

**Vote 5-0**

11. Future Agenda Items

12. Public Comment

13. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

- a. April 9, 2024, 6:00, OHS/OMS Library

14. Request for Information and Follow-up

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

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

16. Adjournment

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

*Meeting Adjourned.*

*Approved April 9, 2024*