

## Approved Minutes

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October 18, 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

**Motion:** *Brian McGill moved to drop agenda item 15. Board Professional Development from the agenda. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-0*

### 2. Consideration of the Minutes

- a. September 6, 2022

**Motion:** *Brian McGill moved to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2022 meeting as presented. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-0*

- b. September 20, 2022

**Motion:** *Brian McGill moved to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2022 meeting as presented. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-0*

### 3. Approval of Warrants

- a. Warrant - 8, 9
- b. Payroll - 8, 9
- c. ME PERS - September
- d. BAN - 28

**Motion:** *Brian McGill moved to approve the slate of warrants as presented. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-0*

### 4. Public Comment

### 5. Acknowledgments

- a. Kevin Roberge thanks everyone at Asa Adams Elementary for a great Open House.
- b. Meredith Higgins acknowledged a Donors Choose donation to Cami Carter and the CORE students that will fund a supply of chess boards. She also acknowledged the great job Susan Smith, Director of Learning, did organizing and implementing the October 7 personal development day. Finally, Superintendent Higgins thanked the Town of Orono, the Orono Police Department, Cyr Bus, and everyone who were flexible and helped to changed the bus traffic patterns.

### 6. Reports

#### a. Principal Reports

##### i. Kerri Wyman, Asa Adams

1. Asa Adams open house was a huge success with the great majority of Asa families attending.
2. Jessica Moore, music teacher, planned a school-wide field trip to the Step Afrika! performance at the Collins Center.
3. International students from the University of Maine will be visiting to share information about their homes to Asa students.
4. Learning about the Habits of Mind philosophy has been a large part of staff development this fall.

##### ii. Richard Glencross, OMS

1. The Outing Club will be taking its annual hiking trip this month over the October

- 29-30 weekend.
  - 2. Katie Quirk has organized visits from scientists, who are then interviewed by OMS students.
  - 3. Thanks to Jessica Archer for organizing another year of Riot Cookery, which brings together students who might not normally interact, enjoying a meal after working together to prepare the food.
  - 4. The Director of Diversity and Inclusion from UMaine, Anila Karunakar, spoke to the 7th and 8th grade students about ways to build community.
  - 5. Fall NWEA assessment is wrapping up, with just a few make-ups left to complete.
- iii. Sam Runco and Meredith Diamond, OHS
    - 1. Homecoming week felt like pre-COVID celebration. There were hallway decorations, games, themed dress-up days, a bonfire, and an all-school pep rally.
    - 2. The Awards Committee has been meeting to discuss the traditions and reasons for each award.
    - 3. Thanks to school nurse Karen Martin for organizing vaccination clinics.
    - 4. Work has begun to use the Student Success Plan to develop the “Vision of a Graduate.”
- b. Superintendent Report
    - i. Meredith Higgins
      - 1. There have been continued conversations throughout the schools about the distribution of awards- both academic and sports related. A list was compiled and distributed to the Board of known awards presented in the district.
      - 2. Traffic congestion has continued to cause trouble at the intersection of Main Street and Westwood. The new crossing guard is now able to direct traffic when traffic is already stopped for pedestrians, and the buses have changed the direction they exit Goodridge Drive, which will hopefully help the traffic problem.
      - 3. Preparation work is continuing to repair the field. Current work is being conducted to get the correct fill mix. Work should begin soon.
      - 4. COVID bivalent vaccination clinic will be held October 28, and is open to staff and students 12 and over.
      - 5. The October 7 professional development day was a great success. The first half of the day was centered around trauma informed practices, and the second half was about DEI work. Thanks to Ben Jacobson and the kitchen staff for making a delicious lunch for the entire staff.

7. Discussion Items

a. MSBA Resolutions

- i. The slate of resolutions from the Maine School Board Association was presented and discussed to gauge the opinions of the members of the RSU 26 School Board.

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. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-0***

b. Approve Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Action Plan

***Motion: Brian McGill moved to adopt the RSU 26 the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Action Plan as presented with the full enthusiasm and participation of the Board. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-0***

- c. Approve donation from Classes of 1970, 1971 & 1972 for OHS Football in the amount of \$1,972.00

**Motion: Brian McGill moved to authorize the acceptance of the gift from Classes of 1970, 1971 & 1972 for OHS Football with gratitude. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-0**

- d. Policies

- i. Revisions

- 1. IHA- District Curriculum

**Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve revisions to policy IHA as presented. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-0**

- 2. IKFC - Alternative Education

**Motion: Brian McGill moved to recognize the revisions to policy IKFC as presented. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-0**

- 3. JEA - Compulsory Attendance

**Motion: Brian McGill moved to adopt the revisions to policy JEA as presented. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-0**

- 4. JLCD - Administration of medications to students

**Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve revisions to policy JLCD as presented. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-0**

- 9. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Policy Subcommittee

- i. Caught up with Sate law changes and are working through the review process.
    - ii. Next meeting is November 3.

- b. United Technology Center

- c. SPRPCE

- d. Curriculum Subcommittee

- i. Beginning the work of expanding curriculum maps.
      - 1. Template for the maps has been developed.
    - ii. Next meeting will be November 10.

- e. Facilities/Building committee

- i. Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 25, 2022, and will discuss future renovations.

- f. Wellness Committee

- g. DEI Leadership Team

- 10. Other Business

- 11. Future Agenda Items

- a. Fall data workshop on November 15, 2022

- i. Data Workshop at 5:00, with regularly scheduled meeting at 6:30.

- 12. Public Comment

- 13. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

- a. November 1, 2022 - 6:00PM Board meeting

- i. There will be a public comment period dedicated to the topic of awards.

- 14. Request for Information and Follow-up

a. NEAS

~~15. Discussion – Board Professional Development~~

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

***Motion:*** *Brian McGill moved to enter into executive session under 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D) Labor Negotiations. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-0*

17. Adjournment

***Motion:*** *Brian McGill moved to adjourn the meeting. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 4-0*

***Approved November 1, 2022***