

## Minutes

### Remote access for public participation through Zoom Link December 6, 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. November 15, 2022

***Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2022 meeting as presented. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 5-0***

- b. November 15, 2022 Data Workshop

***Motion: Brian McGill moved to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2022 data workshop as presented. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 5-0***

3. Approval of Warrants
  - a. Warrant - 11
  - b. Payroll - 11

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

4. Public Comment

5. Acknowledgments

- a. Meredith Higgins wishes good luck to OHS student Ruth White as she travels to San Diego to participate in the National Crosscountry Championship.

6. Reports

- a. Director Reports

- i. Lisa Smith, Special Services Director

1. Staff has begun to set goals. Ms Smith encourages teachers to work together and develop goals that are practical and achievable.
      2. Work has begun in each school to meet the improvements set by the State.
      3. Staff remains positive despite staffing shortages.

- ii. Susan Smith, Director of Learning

1. RSU 26 was approved for a Homeless Children and Youth grant of \$6,618.77 from the State of Maine.
      2. Work has begun on curriculum development in the areas of health and technology. Work will soon begin on the RSU 26 math curriculum. Wabanaki Studies are also being added across the curriculum.

- b. Superintendent Report

- i. Meredith Higgins, Superintendent

1. A long-term vacancy in the Maintenance department has finally been filled. Food Services still has a long term vacancy to be filled, in addition to support staff needs.
      2. Bargaining has begun for the teacher's contract. An update will be brought to the Board when there is a substantial update.
      3. The administration is working to bring a "big picture" budget to the Board at the

beginning of February.

4. Work on the field had to be paused due to weather conditions. Work will continue in the spring, and scheduled to optimize usage of the track.
5. Precise cost estimations for the next construction projects are being formulated. Initial estimates are coming in for significantly less than earlier estimates.

## 7. Discussion Items

### a. Technology Committee Presentation on Instructional Technology

- i. Susan Smith, on behalf of the Technology Committee, shared a presentation on technology use in the district, outlining technology use and instruction.
- ii. Expectations for both staff and the district as to the use of technology in the classroom were outlined.
- iii. The main goal of Instructional Technology is “to help students build age appropriate digital literacy and citizenship skills”.

### b. NEASC Report Presentation

- i. Members of the NEASC Collaborative Conference Visiting Team visited Orono High School ahead of the 2024 reaccreditation.
- ii. The staff of OHS provided a self-reflection to the NEASC Team, who then judged whether the self-reflection seemed accurate on their visit.
- iii. Priority areas have been identified to help OHS achieve all goals.

## 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 5-0*

### b. Donation Approval

- i. Donors Choose Grant - OHS Art Stools - \$1,573.14

**Motion:** *Brian McGill moved to approve the acceptance of the grant from the Donors Choose program to purchase stools. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 5-0*

- ii. LaBelle Electric - OHS Girls Basketball - \$1,145.00

**Motion:** *Brian McGill moved to approve the acceptance of the donation LaBelle Electric for the OHS girls basketball team to gear for the students. Mark Brewer seconded. Vote 5-0*

## 9. Subcommittee Reports

### a. Policy Subcommittee

- i. Working through “J” policies.
- ii. A slate of policies will be brought to the January 10 meeting.

### b. United Technology Center

- i. Next meeting will be held December 8.

### c. SPRPCE

- i. Next meeting will be held December 8.
- ii. A name is being brought forward to be an interim director of SPRPCE.

### d. Curriculum Subcommittee

- i. Next meeting will be December 8.

- e. Facilities/Building committee
- f. Wellness Committee
  - i. Meeting December 12.
- g. DEI Leadership Team
  - i. Subcommittee have been meeting before the core group reconvenes in January.

10. Other Business

11. Future Agenda Items

12. Public Comment

13. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

- a. January 10, 2023 - 6:00 PM Board meeting

14. Request for Information and Follow-up

15. Adjournment

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

*Approved January 10, 2023*