

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
February 7, 2019, 7:00 PM
Skowhegan Area Middle School**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Maine School Administrative District No. 54 was held on February 7, 2019, at 7:00 PM at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Heidi Chartrand* and Darcy Surette* were absent.

*excused

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
Flag Salute followed.

2. Good News and Recognitions

There was no scheduled presentation.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 1/3/19 and 1/8/19

**ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Richard Irwin,
the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors’
meetings of 1/3/19 and 1/8/19, into the public record. (923 yes)**

4. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Barry Sites, Marti Stevens Learning Center Director/Teacher, effective June 2019.

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Ralph (Kevin) Jackson, Skowhegan Area Middle School Teacher, effective June 2019.

b. School Personnel

Iver Lofving, Teacher at Skowhegan Area High School, shared that many students interested in taking a digital photography class are not able to due to scheduling.

c. Visitors

A Cornville parent shared transportation concerns.

5. Committee Reports

a. Support Services Committee – 1/3/19

ON A MOTION BY Goff French, seconded by Amy Rouse, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Support Services Committee meeting of 1/3/19 into the public record. (923 yes)

Jennifer Poirier, Committee Chair, reviewed the minutes and asked the Board to vote on the following recommendations:

ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to approve a plan for the Field Hockey Boosters to replace the current booth as long as 75% of the funding is in place. (923 yes)

ON A MOTION BY Amy Rouse, seconded by Mark Bedard, the Board voted to accept the following donations: \$100 to Canaan Elementary Food Cupboard from Michelle Lessard; \$350 to Mill Stream Elementary School from the Brothers of Lebanon Masonic Lodge #336 for the purchase of a fit bike; \$500 to High School Physical Education Dept. from the Maine Bow Assoc. for the Archery Program. (923 yes)

b. Educational Policy/Program Committee – 1/15/19

ON A MOTION BY Amy Rouse, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Educational Policy/Program Committee meeting of 1/15/19 into the public record. (923 yes)

Amy Rouse, Committee Chair, reviewed the minutes and asked the Board to vote on the following recommendation

ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Peggy Lovejoy, the Board voted to support and adopt revised Policy IKF, Graduation Requirements, as written. (923 yes)

The next meeting of the Educational Policy/Program Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Superintendent's Office.

6. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Mark Bedard, the Board voted to approve nomination pages 1 and 2. (870 yes, 53 abstain)

b. Update on Assessment Payments from Towns

The Superintendent shared that as of February 7th, Canaan, Cornville, Mercer, Norridgewock, Skowhegan and Smithfield were current on their monthly assessment payments, with February assessments due on the 20th.

c. Update on Budget Development Process

The Superintendent shared an updated proposed Budget Schedule. Subsidy information for 2019-2020 should be released by mid-February, and thus the first draft of the 2019-2020 Status Quo Budget will be presented to the Board on February 28th. Committees will review each portion of their respective budgets through the month of March.

d. Other

With only one available snow day remaining of the five figured into the school calendar, the Superintendent requested the Board's

consideration to amend the 2018-2019 Calendar to move the March 11th Teacher Workshop Day to the end of the school year and add a student day on March 11th.

ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Jeannie Conley, the Board voted to amend the 2018-2019 school calendar to reflect a student day on March 11 and move the scheduled Teacher Workshop for March 11 to the end of the school year. (923 yes)

The Superintendent shared that the draft calendar for 2019-2020 is being reviewed by the Somerset Career and Technical Center's surrounding districts.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent shared various activities taking place on our schools. The SAHS Speech Team was recognized for their State Championship Win in the statewide speech tournament sponsored by the Maine Forensic Association. Five students from grades 6-8 will represent MSAD 54 in the Somerset County Spelling Bee after February break. SCTC Culinary Arts Program students will be competing in the ProStart Competition in Portland, where they drew up a business plan for a restaurant and will present it at the competition.

The Support Services Manager shared that he due to the government shutdown, the track grant is on hold. The boiler at the Canaan Elementary School is being worked on.

8. Old and Unfinished Business

Jennifer Poirier suggested that consideration for next year's budget include funds for bullying prevention programs.

9. Introduction of New Business

There was no introduction of new business.

10. Executive Session to for Consultation between the District and its Attorney per Title 1, M.R.S.A., §405(6)(E)

ON A MOTION BY Peggy Lovejoy, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board voted to enter into executive session at 7:35 pm to consult with its attorney. (923 yes)

The Board returned to regular session at 8:56 p.m.

11. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools