

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
February 15, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
Skowhegan Area Middle School**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Maine School Administrative District No. 54 was held on February 15, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Harold Bigelow, Heidi Chartrand* and Haley Fleming* were absent.

*excused

1. Call to Order

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

2. Good News and Recognitions

Kevin Jackson, Alternative Education Teacher at Skowhegan Area Middle School, presented to the Board on the dog sled project students have been working on. With a strong focus on leadership, students designed and built dog sleds, which were on display for Board members to see. Students have been tracking the Iditarod Sled Dog Race with various activities, which integrates multiple subject areas.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 1/25/18

ON A MOTION BY Richard Irwin, seconded by Jennifer Poirier, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meetings of 1/25/18. (854 yes)

4. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted letters of intent to retire in June 2018 from the following:

- Paul LeBrun, Business and Fine Arts Teacher at Skowhegan Area High School

- Karen Rowbottom, Special Education Ed Tech at Mill Stream Elementary School

b. School Personnel

There were no School Personnel who wished to speak.

c. Visitors

There were no visitors who wished to speak.

5. Committee Reports

a. Support Services Committee – 1/25/18

ON A MOTION BY Goff French, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Support Services Committee meeting of 1/25/18 into the public record. (854 yes)

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

ON A MOTION BY Peggy Lovejoy, seconded by Goff French, the Board voted to authorize the reduced payment from the Trustees of Bloomfield Academy from \$4,000 to \$1,000 annually. (854 yes)

The next meeting of the Support Services Committee is scheduled for February 27, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Superintendent's Office.

b. Personnel Committee – 2/8/18

ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of 2/8/18 into the public record. (854 yes)

Theresa Howard, Committee Chair, reviewed the minutes. There were no recommendations.

The next meeting of the Personnel Committee is scheduled for March 15, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Skowhegan Area Middle School.

c. Educational Policy/Program Committee – 2/13/18

ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Maryellen Charles, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Educational Policy/Program Committee meeting of 2/13/18 into the public record. (854 yes)

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

ON A MOTION BY Richard Irwin, seconded by Karen Smith, the Board voted to remove policies JLCCA and JLCCA-R and adopt policy JLCC, Communicable/Infectious Diseases, as presented. (854 yes)

6. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board voted to approve nomination pages one and two. (854 yes)

b. Report on Assessment Payments to Date

The Superintendent shared that as of February 15, 2018, Canaan, Cornville, Mercer, Norridgewock and Smithfield were current with February assessments due on the 20th. Skowhegan assessments were outstanding for January and February.

c. 2018-2019 Draft School Calendar

The Superintendent shared the first draft of the 2018-2019 School Calendar, which is being reviewed for recommendation by the Education Association and Somerset Career and Technical Center's Advisory Board. A final draft will be presented to the Board for final approval at a later date.

d. Review of Preliminary 2018-2019 Status Quo Budget Draft

The Superintendent reviewed the Preliminary 2018-2019 Status Quo Budget Draft which was distributed to the Board. The Committees will begin their review of the budget throughout the months of March and April, with the final budget review and adoption by the Board tentatively scheduled for May 3.

e. Other

The Superintendent also reported on the following:

- The District enrollment as of 2/15/18 was 2,478 (last report-2,478)
- Upcoming Unified Basketball home games are scheduled for 2/28 and 3/2 at 3:30 pm at the high school

The Superintendent shared that the Education Association voted to ratify the negotiated 2017-2020 Comprehensive Contract for Teacher/Ed Techs. The Superintendent requested the Board's approval to ratify.

ON A MOTION BY Lynda Quinn, seconded by Jeannie Conley, the Board voted to ratify the 2017-2020 Comprehensive Contract between MSAD 54 and the MSAD 54 Education Association for the period September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2020. (854 yes)

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent updated the Board on various activities taking place in our schools.

The Support Services Manager reported that the DOE is proposing to repeal Chapter 82 School Bus Driver Fitness Determination. The repeal supports local school districts in the selection and hiring of school bus drivers.

8. Old and Unfinished Business

No old and unfinished business was discussed.

9. Introduction of New Business not listed on the Agenda

No new business was discussed.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools