

**RSU 54/MSAD 54**

**Meeting of Board of Directors  
March 16, 2017, 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 March 16, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Heidi Chartrand\*, Karyn Curran\* and Jennifer Poirier\* were absent.

\*excused

1. Call to Order

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

The Chair welcomed newly elected board members, Robert Gardner (Mercer) and Desiree Libby (Norridgewock).

2. Good News and Recognitions

There were no presentations scheduled for this meeting.

The Skowhegan Area High School Drama students were recognized for winning the one-act play regional competition. Skowhegan will compete at the State Drama Festival at Falmouth High School on March 24-25.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 3/2/17

**ON A MOTION BY Richard Irwin, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 3/2/17. (817 yes)**

4. Communications

a. Letters – There were no letters shared.

b. School Personnel – No School Personnel wished to speak.

c. Visitors – No visitors wished to speak.

5. Committee Reports – There were no committee reports.

6. Superintendent’s Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

**ON A MOTION BY Goff French, seconded by Maryellen Charles, the Board voted to approve nominations page one into the public record. (817 yes)**

b. Update on Assessment Payments from Towns

The Superintendent shared that as of March 16, 2017, Mercer and Smithfield were current on monthly assessment. Canaan, Cornville and Norridgewock were outstanding for March, which is due on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Skowhegan was outstanding for February and March.

c. Update on Status Quo Budget Draft FY18

The Superintendent shared budget information based on the Governor’s proposed budget initiatives for 2017-2018 and their effects on EPS funding.

The Status Quo Budget Draft currently reflects a 2.42% increase, but does not include health insurance and salary changes. There are many unknowns still to be determined before a final budget can be developed.

Maine School Superintendents Assoc. recently held a School Funding Drive-In Workshop in Augusta. Topics of discussion included High School Regionalization and School Construction Grants.

d. Approval of 2017-2018 School Calendar

The Superintendent requested the Board’s approval to adopt the proposed 2017-2018 School Calendar, pending approval of the SCTC sending schools.

**ON A MOTION BY Amy Rouse, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to approve the 2017-2018 School Calendar, pending approval of the SCTC sending schools. (817 yes)**

e. Other

i. Enrollment Report

Enrollment Report as of 3/16/17 was 2,496 (2,492 last report).

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent shared the following with the Board:

- The March 13<sup>th</sup> Teacher Workshop Day including all instructional staff at the high school. The agenda included focus on poverty, developing scoring criteria and assessment development connected to the Graduation Standards, as well as Safety Care and CPR Training. Received positive feedback from staff about the workshop.
- There is now a link on the District's website to Proficiency Based Education in RSU 54/MSAD 54.
- The Evaluation Committee are in the process of revising and resubmitting proposals to the state by June.

The Support Services Manager shared that support staff attended a mandatory reporting training.

Diesel fuel has been locked in at \$1.93 and is currently working on bids for propane as well as quotes on electricity and #2 heating oil.

8. Old and Unfinished Business

No old and unfinished business was discussed.

9. Introduction of New Business not listed on the Agenda

The Chair asked the Board to nominate a member and a Chair to the Finance Committee to fill the vacancy as a result of Jerry Redlevske's resignation.

Jean Franklin nominated Maryellen Charles to the Finance Committee and Theresa Howard seconded the nomination. There being no other nominations, the Chair declared the nominations closed.

**Maryellen Charles was elected to the Finance Committee.**

Lynda Quinn nominated Jean Franklin as Chair of the Finance Committee. Jeannie Conley seconded the nomination. There being no other nominations, the Chair declared the nominations closed.

**Jean Franklin was elected Chair of the Finance Committee.**

10. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools