

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
April 5, 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 April 5, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Harold Bigelow, Derek Ellis*, Jean Franklin* 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.

Introductions were made to newly elected board member from Smithfield, Janet Anderson.

2. Good News and Recognitions

There was no scheduled presentations.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 3/15/18

**ON A MOTION BY Amy Rouse, seconded by Theresa Howard,
the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors’
meetings of 3/15/18. (797 yes)**

4. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted letters of intent to retire in June 2018 from Linda Pooler, School Nutrition at Bloomfield Elementary School.

- b. School Personnel – No School Personnel who wished to speak.
- c. Visitors – No visitors who wished to speak.

5. Committee Reports

- a. Personnel Committee – 3/15/18

ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Goff French, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of 3/15/18 into the public record. (797 yes)

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

- b. Educational Policy/Program Committee – 3/6/18, 3/20/18 and 3/27/18

ON A MOTION BY Maryellen Charles, seconded by Mark Bedard, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Educational Policy/Program Committee meetings of 3/6/18, 3/20/18 and 3/27/18 into the public record. (797 yes)

Amy Rouse, Committee Chair, reviewed the minutes. There were no recommendations. The next meeting of the Educational Policy/Program Committee is scheduled for April 10th at 6pm at the Superintendent's Office.

- c. Support Services Committee – 3/22/18 and 3/29/19

ON A MOTION BY Goff French, seconded by Mark Bedard, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Support Services Committee meetings of 3/22/18 and 3/29/18 into the public record. (797 yes)

Goff French, Committee member, reviewed the minutes and asked the Board to vote on the following recommendation:

ON A MOTION BY Goff French, seconded by Lynda Quinn, the Board voted to approve the five-year contract negotiated with Mosher Busing of Smithfield. (797 yes)

ON A MOTION BY Goff French, seconded by Jeannie Conley, the Board voted to accept the list of donated funds for Margaret Chase Smith School fieldtrip, as presented. (797 yes)

The next meeting of the Support Services Committee is scheduled for April 24th at 6pm at the Superintendent's Office.

6. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

ON A MOTION BY Peggy Lovejoy, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to approve nomination pages one and two. (797 yes)

b. Report on Assessment Payments to Date

The Superintendent shared that as of April 5, 2018, Canaan, Cornville, Mercer, Norridgewock, Skowhegan and Smithfield were current on their monthly assessments, with April assessments due on the 20th.

c. 2018-2019 Budget Updates

The Superintendent reviewed updated information on the FY19 Status Quo Draft Budget, which includes health insurance increases (7.54%). The draft budget is currently at \$35,649,434, which is an increase of 2.42% over the current budget. Information was distributed on draft Local appropriations, which currently show an overall decrease of (-\$38,597).

The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 26th, at which time a final proposed draft budget will be presented for consideration by the board.

i. Action on Termination of Position to be Eliminated for the 2018-2019 School Year

ON A MOTION BY Goff French, seconded by Jeannie Conley, the Board voted that pursuant to M.R.S.A. §13201, to eliminate the following teaching position for the 2018-2019 school year due to changes in local conditions:

- **.5 SCTC Residential Construction Teacher position**
(797 yes)

ON A MOTION BY Amy Rouse, seconded by Maryellen Charles, the Board voted that pursuant to 20-A, M.R.S.A. §13201, to terminate the teacher contract of the following teacher as indicated, as a result of the elimination of teacher by .5 position and pursuant to teacher contract, effective as of the day immediately preceding the first day of the 2018-2019 work year:

- **Andrew Soule - .5 position**
SCTC Residential Construction Teacher
(797 yes)

d. Other

The Superintendent also reported on the following:

- The District enrollment as of 4/5/18 was 2,463 (last report-2,473)
- The Support Services Contract Negotiations Teams will hold their first meeting on April 16th.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent reported on the following:

- A public hearing on LD1898 will be held next week in Augusta to discuss the proposed diploma bill.
- Professional Development committee work continue. Following feedback from staff, planning for the last workshop day on May 16th will include extending the day to 5pm.
- As part of the 21st Century Grant a proposal for after school program for grades 3-8 is being reviewed.

The Support Services Manager reported that the new generator will be installed at the Mill Stream Elementary School during the April break. A walk thru is scheduled with flooring contractors at the high school on April 17th.

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 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools