

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
April 26, 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 26, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Heidi Chartrand*, Jean Franklin* and Lynda Quinn* 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

There was no scheduled presentations.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 4/5/18

**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. (857 yes)**

4. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Meredith Brown, Grade 5 Teacher at Margaret Chase Smith School, effective June 2018.

b. School Personnel

Jean Pillsbury, Principal of Bloomfield Elementary School, acknowledged her appreciation to the school community for its support during this week’s tragic events surrounding the manhunt in Norridgewock. Jean is extremely proud of the community.

c. Visitors – No visitors who wished to speak.

5. Committee Reports

a. Personnel Committee – 4/5/18

ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Goff French, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of 4/5/18 into the public record. (857 yes)

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

b. Educational Policy/Program Committee – 4/10/18

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 4/10/18 into the public record. (857 yes)

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Amy Rouse, seconded by Goff French, to support Skowhegan Area High School pursuing re-accreditation at this time.

Following discussion and clarification, **the motion passed. (751 yes, 106 no)**

c. Support Services Committee – 4/24/18

ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Support Services Committee meeting of 4/24/18 into the public record. (857 yes)

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

ON A MOTION BY Amy Rouse, seconded by Peggy Lovejoy, the Board voted to accept the Hannaford Helps School donations to Mill Stream Elementary School (\$486), and Skowhegan Area Middle School (\$606). (857 yes)

The next meeting of the Support Services Committee will be scheduled for a date to be determined.

6. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Maryellen Charles, the Board voted to approve nominations page one. (857 yes)

b. Report on Assessment Payments to Date

The Superintendent shared that as of April 26, 2018, Canaan, Cornville, Mercer and Skowhegan were outstanding for April; Norridgewock and Smithfield were current on their monthly assessments. Assessments are due on the 20th of each month.

c. 2018-2019 Budget Updates

The Superintendent reviewed the 2018-2019 Draft Budget, which totals \$35,697,583, a 2.56% increase from last year.

The Local Appropriations required is \$14,204,601, which is (-\$95,944) less than the current year.

The Superintendent asked the Board for a recommendation to adopt the proposed budget:

ON A MOTION BY Maryellen Charles, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to approve the 2018-2019 proposed budget as presented. (857 yes)

The Superintendent will attend the various Selectmen's Meetings to share budget information. An updated Budget Schedule will be shared with the Board once the various dates have been set.

d. Approval of Authorization to Transfer Between Warrant Articles

The Superintendent asked the Board to vote on the annual authorization to transfer between warrant articles:

**ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Maryellen Charles, the Board voted that pursuant to section 1485(4) of Title 20-A, the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to transfer not more than 5% of the total appropriation for any cost center in the current fiscal year operating budget [*and not more than \$1,740,328 in the aggregate*] to another cost center or among other cost centers, provided that the total current fiscal year operating budget shall not be increased by such transfers.
(857 yes)**

e. Other

The Superintendent also reported on the following:

- The District enrollment as of 4/26/18 was 2,460 (last report-2,463)
- The Personnel Committee will meet on May 4th to conduct interviews for the Mill Stream Elementary School Principal position.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent extended his appreciation to the Chief of Police, State Police and all Law Enforcement for the high level of communication during this week's manhunt situation.

Both the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent thanked school administrators, faculty, parents and community for their support as well. The schools will remain in under the same "lock-in" conditions as we have the past two days. Thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Corporal Cole and the many community members impacted by this horrible tragedy.

The Support Services Manager was unable to attend the meeting.

8. Old and Unfinished Business

No old and unfinished business was discussed.

9. Introduction of New Business not listed on the Agenda

Board members extended their appreciation to the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for their professionalism in dealing with this week's horrible tragedy and for their continued communication with parents and staff.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools