

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
October 18, 2018, 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 October 18, 2018, at 7:00 PM at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Mark Bedard* and Haley Fleming* 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

Steve Swindells shared information on the Canaan Elementary School Food Cupboard. He introduced Leigh and Samantha Paine, who organize the back pack program for children, who are food insecure, sending home easy to prepare foods in kids back packs. The program began last year serving 12 children with funds from a community donation as well as local fundraising. Currently they service 17 children and would like to expand.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 10/4/18

ON A MOTION BY Richard Irwin, seconded by Goff French, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 10/4/18, into the public record. (900 yes)

4. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and welcomed the new board member from Smithfield, Christy Johnson. Three letters were shared. First, a letter from Norridgewock Town Manager thanking MSAD 54 for use of Mill Stream Elementary School and support from staff and the community for this family fundraiser. Second, a

letter from MSMA announcing that New Balance Corp. has been selected as the recipient of the 2018 MSBA Business Friend of Education Award. They will be recognized at the MSMA Fall Conference on October 25th. Lastly, a letter from KVCAP Board of Directors naming Brent Colbry as the recipient of this year's Children's Advocacy Award, for improving the health and wellbeing of children in our community and beyond.

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

There were no Committee Reports

The Personnel Committee met on October 18, 2018 at 6pm.
The next meeting of Educational Policy/Program Committee is scheduled for October 23, 2018 at 6pm in the Superintendent's Office Conference Room.
The next meeting of Support Services Committee is scheduled for October, 30, 2018 at 6pm in the Superintendent's Office Conference Room.

6. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board voted to approve nominations page 1. (900 yes)

b. Update on Assessment Payments from Towns

The Superintendent shared that as of October 18th the town of Canaan, Cornville, Mercer, Norridgewock and Smithfield were current on their monthly assessments. Skowhegan is outstanding for September/October. Assessments are due on the 20th of each month.

c. MSMA Fall Conference Reminder

The Superintendent shared a reminder about the upcoming MSMA Annual Fall Conference on October 25 and 26. Thirteen board members are currently signed up. Members are welcome to attend either/both day(s). Please let the central office know if they would like to attend.

d. Update on SAHS Track Grants

Track project grant request going before New Balance corporate committee today. The Land and Water Conservation Fund application is due 11/17.

e. Other

The Superintendent reported on the following:

- Mill Stream Elementary School lost power on Monday as well as Thursday. The generator, that was recently rebuilt, ran the entire school without interruption.
- Updated list of Board of Directors/Committee Assignments with the addition of Christy Johnson, Smithfield.
- **Amy Rouse** was the elected voting delegate for next Thursday's MSBA Annual Delegate Assembly. A proposed resolution increasing starting pay for new teachers to \$40,000 as well as increasing the length of the school year from 175 to 180 days was discussed. The board could support this resolution with state resources to pay for all incurred costs.
- Superintendent evaluation documents will be sent out soon. Please fill out and return to Theresa Howard.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent reported on the following:

- Administrators have begun school walk-throughs as well as classroom observations. They have also involved in a book talk, discussing *Hacking Leadership*.
- K-5 Report Card Committee will be reporting out to teachers as well as parents over the next couple of weeks.
- Upcoming professional development will be tailored to teacher requests, per surveys that sent out to staff. Scoring and reporting consistently grades K-12 to provide similar expectations and offer pathways for student success
- Record keeping – updating 600 staff members regarding required certification and fingerprinting is under way.

The Support Services Manager, reported on the following:

- Track project grant request going before New Balance corporate committee today. Awaiting status. Land and Water Conservation Fund application due 11/17.
- Mill Stream Elementary School lost power on Monday as well as Thursday. The generator, that was recently rebuilt, ran the entire school without interruption.

8. Old and Unfinished Business

There was no old or unfinished business discussed.

9. Introduction of New Business

Upcoming committee meetings were reviewed

10. Adjournment –

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools