

**RSU 54/MSAD 54**

**Meeting of Board of Directors  
May 16, 2019, 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 May 16, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Harold Bigelow, Haley Fleming\*, Desiree Libby\*, Karen Smith\*, Todd Smith\*, Darcy Surette\* and Kathy Wilder\* 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

Canaan Elementary School 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade students and Teachers, Lauren Taylor and Jessica Fitzgerald, along with Music Teacher Becky Eldridge and Art Teacher Karen LaForgia, presented to the Board on their Puppet Show project. The project incorporated various standards, including literacy, art and music.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 5/2/19

**ON A MOTION BY Richard Irwin, seconded by Theresa Howard my Rouse, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 5/2/19, into the public record. (672 yes)**

4. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Rose Staton, Grade 6 Teacher at Skowhegan Area Middle School, effective June 2019.

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Sara Nadeau, Spanish Teacher at Skowhegan Area High School, effective June 2019.

b. School Personnel

There were no school personnel who wished to speak.

c. Visitors

Two visitors shared their views on various district-related matters.

5. Committee Reports

There were no committee meeting minutes to report on.

6. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

**ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board voted to approve nominations page 1, 2 and 3. (672 yes)**

b. Report on Assessments Payments to Date

The Superintendent shared that as of May 16, 2019, the towns of Canaan, Norridgewock, Skowhegan and Smithfield paid April assessments. Mercer and Cornville were outstanding for April and May. May assessments are due on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

c. 2019-2020 Budget Updates

The Superintendent reported on the following:

- Attended the Skowhegan Selectmen's meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup> to share information on the 2019-2020 proposed budget. Will meet with Smithfield Selectmen on May 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Current projections are on track for this year's budget.
- Workers' Comp rates have been set and although they were 1.56 above the state average comp rate, it has dropped to 1.33 this past year. This will result in a reduced Workers Comp bill this coming year. Work to reduce these rates continue.

d. Other

- Enrollment report was shared. Current enrollment as of 5/16/19 was 2,444 (2,444 last report).
- District Budget Meeting is set for May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at High School.

- Academic Awards Assembly is set for May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm
- Military Recognitions Assembly is set for May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:45 am
- SCTC Final Awards Assembly is set for May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm
- Support Services Committee will meet on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Superintendent's Office.
- Educational Policy/Program Committee will meet on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Superintendent's Office.
- Graduation is set for 9<sup>th</sup> at 1pm
- District Budget Validation Referendum will be held in each town on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

8. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent shared the following:

- District average for ELA, Math and Science is up 2.2 overall from last year. SAT's comparable with area schools.
- Shared various activities taking place in schools, including the High School and SCTC receiving a \$60,000 grant through the John T. Gorman Foundation to provide new options for kids, CDL course and onsite opportunities to participate in welding program off-site.

The Support Services Manager shared that oil and diesel prices are locked in for next year, with heating oil up 3¢ per gallon and diesel down 2¢ per gallon.

9. Old and Unfinished Business

There was no discussion.

10. Introduction of New Business

There was no discussion.

11. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools