

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
March 1, 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 March 1, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Bob Gardner* was 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

The scheduled presentation was rescheduled due to a conflict.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 2/15/18

ON A MOTION BY Richard Irwin, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meetings of 2/15/18. (983 yes)

4. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted letters of intent to retire in June 2018 from the following:

- Barbara Toner, Science Teacher at Skowhegan Area High School
- John Soifer, Special Education Teacher at Skowhegan Area High School

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Ronald Lawlor, Special Education Ed Tech at Bloomfield Elementary School.

b. School Personnel

There were no School Personnel who wished to speak.

c. Visitors

A community member/parent spoke in regard to the cancellation of the last scheduled Unified Basketball home game (due to the school threat closing), and hopes it is possible to reschedule.

Mercer resident/selectman Gerry Redlevske, inquired about the 2018-2019 budget process in regard to anticipated increases on the communities.

5. Committee Reports

a. Finance Committee – 2/15/18

ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Amy Rouse, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of 2/15/18 into the public record. (983 yes)

Jean Franklin, Committee Chair, reviewed the minutes. There were no recommendations.

b. Support Services Committee – 2/27/18

ON A MOTION BY Goff French, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of 2/27/18 into the public record. (983 yes)

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

ON A MOTION BY Peggy Lovejoy, seconded by Todd Smith, the Board voted to accept the following donations: \$7,500 from Skowhegan Savings Bank to the Skowhegan Area Middle School After School Program; \$500 from Rand Group for Skowhegan Area Middle School Restorative Practices; Mig Wire from Sappi North America for Skowhegan Area High School Metals

Program; Lumber from Hammond Lumber to Skowhegan Area Middle School. (983 yes)

6. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

There were no nominations to approve.

b. Report on Assessment Payments to Date

The Superintendent shared that as of March 1, 2018, Mercer and Norridgewock were current with March assessment due on the 20th. Canaan, Cornville, Skowhegan and Smithfield were outstanding for February and March. Assessments are due on the 20th of each month.

c. 2018-2019 School Calendar

The Superintendent requested the Board's approval of the final draft of the 2018-2019 School Calendar, which has been reviewed by the Education Association and Somerset Career and Technical Center's Advisory Board.

ON A MOTION BY Maryellen Charles, seconded by Lynda Quinn, the Board voted to approve the 2018-2019 School Calendar as submitted. (983 yes)

d. 2018-2019 Budget Updates

The Superintendent reviewed the budget review meeting schedule for the Educational Policy/Program and Support Services Committees, which will take place throughout the month of March.

e. Other

The Superintendent also reported on the following:

- The District enrollment as of 3/1/18 was 2,479 (last report-2,478)
- Staff, Crisis Team and Law Enforcement were acknowledged and recognized for how the school threat was handled. Review of the District's Emergency Management Plan will continue.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent expressed his appreciation to all involved in the handling of week's school threat.

The Support Services Manager reported that the new generator for the middle school has arrived and will be installed during April vacation.

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 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools