

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
March 2, 2017, 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 2, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Jeannie Conley*, Valerie Coulombe*, Theresa Howard*, Ken Hogate and Karen Smith* 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

Margaret Chase Smith School Principal, Kathleen Harvey, introduced Grade 4 Teacher Morgan Pullen to the Board. Morgan shared numerous examples of engaging and involving students, including seven engagement factors, which empower students to succeed.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 2/16/17

ON A MOTION BY Richard Irwin, seconded by Peggy Lovejoy, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 2/16/17. (840 yes)

4. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of intent to retire from Leanne Stevens, Grade 2 Teacher at Bloomfield Elementary School, effective June 2017.

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of intent to retire from Kathleen Harvey, Principal of Margaret Chase Smith School, effective June 2017.

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

5. Committee Reports

- a. Support Services Committee – 2/28/17

ON A MOTION BY Goff French, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Support Services Committee meeting of 2/28/17 into the public record. (840 yes)

Jean Franklin, Committee Chair, reviewed the minutes and asked the Board to vote on the following recommendations:

ON A MOTION BY Richard Irwin, seconded by Amy Rouse, the Board voted to grant permission to Gage Morgan to construct a shed/greenhouse at Skowhegan Area Middle School, as part of his Eagle Scout Project. (840 yes)

ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Jerry Redleveske, the Board voted to award Roof Systems of Maine the contract for the Skowhegan Area High School Roof Project, with a low bid of \$1,261,035.70. (840 yes)

ON A MOTION BY Goff French, seconded by Paula Beach, the Board voted to award Indoor Air Technologies the contract for the Skowhegan Area Middle School Roof Project, with a low bid of \$84,790, subject to Indoor Air Technologies achieving Certain Teed Installer certification. (840 yes)

ON A MOTION BY Paula Beach, seconded by Amy Rouse, the Board voted to approve the District Administration to submit Capital Improvement applications for Canaan Elementary, Bloomfield

Elementary, Margaret Chase Smith, North Elementary and School Area High Schools. (840 yes)

ON A MOTION BY Goff French, seconded by Amy Rouse, the Board voted that the submittal to name the Skowhegan Area High School gymnasium after Don Finley be moved onto the Educational Policy/Program Committee for approval, and to follow the process as outlined in Policy FF – Naming School Buildings or Facilities. (840 yes)

ON A MOTION BY Amy Rouse, seconded by Jane Arthur, the Board voted to accept donations for Bloomfield Elementary totaling \$1,155.60; and donations for the Skowhegan Area High School Drama and Speech Teams totaling \$250.00. (840 yes)

The next meeting of the Support Services Committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at the Superintendent's Office.

6. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Jane Arthur, the Board voted to approve nominations page one into the public record. (840 yes)

b. Update on Assessment Payments from Towns

The Superintendent shared that as of March 2, 2017, Canaan, Cornville, Mercer, Norridgewock and Smithfield were outstanding for March, which is due on the 20th. Skowhegan outstanding for February, which is due on the 20th. Skowhegan was outstanding for February and March.

c. Review of Preliminary Status Quo Budget Draft FY18

The Superintendent shared potential cost sharing budget information sheets based on various percentage increases in local appropriations.

The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent will attend tomorrow's legislative public hearing on K-12 budget funding sections of the Governor's Biennial Budget, L.D. 390, including 48 proposed changes to EPS funding formula.

The Superintendent shared that the new application process for the 21st Century Grant's After School Program will be available in the next couple of months.

In the Support Services Manager's absence, the Superintendent reviewed the bids received for the Roof Project (see Support Services minutes of 2/28/17 for additional information).

d. Draft 2017-2018 School Calendar

The Superintendent updated the Board on the status of the draft calendar for 2017-2018, which will be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting with the Somerset Career and Technical Center's Advisory Board, as well as the Education Association. The final draft will be presented to the Board for approval on March 16th.

e. Other

The Superintendent shared that the first negotiations meeting with the Education Association is scheduled for March 9th.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent shared the following with the Board:

- Attended the 8th Grade Informational Night for parents and guardians. Information was shared about Proficiency-Based Education, which is also now posted on the District's website and will be updated on a regular basis.
- The Educational Efficiencies and Opportunities Grant has been submitted to the Department of Education. This grant, which is a collaboration effort with five other school districts, will create resources for kids to earn college credits and could result in a \$600,000 savings over five years.
- Discussions with KVCAP are ongoing in an effort to explore ways to extend before and after care for students.

8. Old and Unfinished Business

No old and unfinished business was discussed.

9. Introduction of New Business not listed on the Agenda

The Board acknowledged Jerry Redlevske (Mercer) and thanked him for his eight years of service on the Board of Directors.

10. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools