

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
May 4, 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 May 4, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Harold Bigelow* 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

There was no scheduled good news for this meeting.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 4/6/17

ON A MOTION BY Richard Irwin, seconded by Jane Arthur, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 4/6/17. (870 yes)

4. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Morgan Lowe, Social Studies Teacher at Skowhegan Area High School, effective June 2017.

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Nancy Marandola, Ed Tech at Skowhegan Area Middle School, effective June 2017.

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Paula Beach, Norridgewock School Board Member, effective immediately.

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Jane Arthur, Skowhegan School Board Member, effective June 2017.

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

5. Committee Reports

- a. Personnel Committee – 4/6/17

ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of 4/6/17 into the public record. (870 yes)

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

- b. Support Services Committee – 4/13/17 and 4/27/17

ON A MOTION BY Dixie Ring, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Support Services Committee meetings of 4/13/17 and 4/27/17 into the public record. (870 yes)

Jennifer Poirier, Committee Chair, reviewed the minutes of the 4/13/17 and 4/27/17 meetings. There were no recommendations.

- c. Educational Policy/Program Committee – 3/7, 3/21,4/11 and 5/2/17

ON A MOTION BY Karyn Curran, seconded by Goff French, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Educational Policy/Program Committee meetings of 3/7/17, 3/21/17, 4/11/17 and 5/2/17 into the public record. (870 yes)

Karyn Curran, Committee Chair, reviewed the minutes of 3/7/17, 3/21/17 and 4/11/17 meetings. There were no recommendations.

The Committee Chair reviewed the minutes of the 5/2/17 meeting and asked the Board to vote on the following recommendation:

ON A MOTION BY Karyn Curran, seconded by Amy Rouse, the Board voted to approve the revised District Wellness Policy as presented. (870 yes)

6. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to approve nominations page one into the public record. (870 yes)

b. Update on Assessment Payments from Towns

The Superintendent shared that as of May 4, 2017, all six towns (Canaan, Cornville, Mercer, Norridgewock, Skowhegan and Smithfield) were current on monthly assessment, with May assessments due on the 20th.

c. Review of Budget Draft FY18

The Superintendent reviewed information on the FY18 budget draft, including percentage of local share and appropriation comparisons, summary of budget increase/losses and budget reductions and adjustments. The proposed draft budget for 2017-2018 totals \$33,750,864, which is a decrease of (-\$223,930) or (-0.66) from the current budget.

The Superintendent also reviewed two draft local share revenue sheets, one with one including the addition of one teacher, which results in a total budget of **\$33,800,864** for 2017-2018, a decrease of (**-\$173,930**) or (**-.51%**).

Following discussion, the Superintendent asked the Board for a recommendation to adopt the 2017-2018 proposed budget as presented:

ON A MOTION BY Dixie Ring, seconded by Maryellen Charles, the Board voted to approve the 2017-2018 Draft Budget proposal in the amount of \$33,800,864. (771 yes, 99 no)

The Superintendent asked the Board for a recommendation to add an Article to the Warrant that asks Voters to authorize the School Board to use all or part of additional state subsidy received, as follows:

ON A MOTION BY Goff French, seconded by Jennifer Poirier, the Board voted to include an Article in the Warrant that asks voters to authorize the School Board to use all or part of additional state subsidy received, if any, to increase expenditures for school purposes in cost center categories approved by the School Board, increase the allocation of finances in a reserve fund approved by the School Board, and/or decrease the local cost share expectation, as defined in Title 20-A, section 15671-A(1)(B), for local property taxpayers for funding public education as approved by the School Board. (870 yes)

d. Approval of Authorization to Transfer Between Warrant Articles

The Superintendent requested the Board's approval to allow for the transfer of money between articles, if necessary:

ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Theresa Howard, 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 \$1,698,740 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. (870 yes)

e. Other

The Superintendent shared a schedule of upcoming meetings, including meeting with town selectmen to review the proposed budget.

The Marti Stevens Learning Center Graduation is scheduled for Friday, June 9th at 6:30 pm at Bloomfield Elementary School.

In regard to the naming of the gym at the high school after Donald Finley, as per Board policy, notices have been posted on the district's website and an ad will run for one day in the Morning Sentinel to seek any input there may be regarding the naming of the gym.

The latest enrollment report was shared. Enrollment as of 5/4/17 was 2,491 (2,491 last report).

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent updated the Board on various activities taking place in the schools.

The Support Services Manager updated the Board on the various bids taking place for the asbestos abatement and flooring.

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. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools