

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
May 18, 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 18, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Jane Arthur*, Maryellen Charles*, Tim Downing*, Theresa Howard*, Peggy Lovejoy* and Karen Smith* were absent.

*excused

1. Call to Order

The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Flag Salute followed.

2. Good News and Recognitions

Antoine Morin is a Special Ed Teacher at Skowhegan Area High School, as well as the advisor/coach for the Unified Basketball Team. Mr. Morin shared with Board the history of the program, which is in its first year at Skowhegan Area High School. Special Olympics Maine funds the program for the first two years. The program has made real positive changes to the lives of student with and without disabilities proven to be very instrumental not only for the players/students but faculty and the community as well. Principal Monique Poulin commended Mr. Morin for the success of the program and the positive impact it has had on the high school.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 5/4/17 and 5/11/17

ON A MOTION BY Lynda Quinn, seconded by Richard Irwin, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meetings of 5/4/17 and 5/11/17. (664 yes)

4. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Allyson Hoyt, Reading Recovery Teacher at Bloomfield Elementary School, effective June 2017.

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Kelsey Laplume, Grade 2 Teacher at Bloomfield Elementary School, effective June 2017.

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Jessica Crowell, Grade 4 Teacher at Canaan Elementary School, effective June 2017.

b. School Personnel – No School Personnel wished to speak.

c. Visitors – No visitors wished to speak.

5. Committee Reports - There were no committee minutes to report on.

6. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Amy Rouse, the Board voted to approve nomination pages one and two into the public record. (664 yes)

ON A MOTION BY Karyn Curran, seconded by Heidi Chartrand, the Board voted to approve nomination pages one and two, which include 2nd and 3rd Year Probationary Teachers, and 4th Year Continuing Contract Teachers, into the public record. (664 yes)

b. Tentative Approval of Asbestos Abatement Bids and Floor Tile Installation Bids

A spreadsheet was shared that included a breakdown of bids received for the asbestos abatement and the flooring installation. County Abatement

Inc. was the lowest bidder for the flooring abatement at \$68,302; Institutional Interiors was lowest bidder for the flooring installation at \$162,398. The Superintendent asked for the Board's approval to approve the lowest bids, as submitted.

ON A MOTION BY Amy Rouse, seconded by Jennifer Poirier, the Board voted to accept the low bids for flooring abatement to Atlantic Environmental and to Institutional Interiors for flooring installation, contingent upon the passing of the School Revolving Renovation Fund Referendum on June 13, 2017.

c. Review of Budget Updates

The Superintendent shared that there is nothing new to report on subsidy.

The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent have met with Norridgewock Selectmen and Smithfield Selectmen to share information on the proposed budget. The Superintendent and School Board members will be meeting with Skowhegan Selectmen on Wednesday, May 24th at 5:30, prior to the District Budget Meetings scheduled for 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area High School, and with Mercer and Canaan Selectmen as well.

d. Other

- i. The latest enrollment report was shared. Enrollment as of 5/18/17 was 2,492 (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, including the May 17th half-day workshop for teaching staff.

The Support Services Manager reported that work is underway for snowplow bids for and transportation contracts.

8. Old and Unfinished Business

No old and unfinished business was discussed.

9. Introduction of New Business not listed on the Agenda

Retiring teachers were recognized by Board members.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools