

**Meeting of Board of Directors
June 21, 2018, 7:00 PM
Skowhegan Area Middle School**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Maine School Administrative District No. 54 was held on June 21, 2017, at 7:00 PM at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Mark Bedard arrived after Item 2.

*excused

1. Call to Order

The Chair, Dixie Ring, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Flag Salute followed.

The Chair turned the meeting over to the Superintendent of Schools to allow for the Election of a Board Chair.

2. Annual Reorganization meeting

a. Election of Chair

Jean Franklin nominated Dixie Ring and Lynda Quinn seconded the nomination.

Todd Smith nominated Jennifer Poirier and Brandy Morgan seconded the nomination.

There being no other nominations, the Secretary declared nominations closed.
Dixie Ring was elected Chair of the Board by a vote of 516 to 430.

b. Election of Vice-Chair

Jean Franklin nominated Maryellen Charles and Theresa Howard seconded the nomination.

Richard Irwin nominated Amy Rouse and Lynda Quinn seconded the nomination.

There being no other nominations, the Chair declared the nominations closed.
Maryellen Charles was elected Vice-Chair of the Board by a vote of 523 to 423.

c. **Election of Finance Committee Chair and Finance Committee**

Lynda Quinn recommended the Finance Committee stay with current members with Jean Franklin as Chair and Maryellen Charles, Jennifer Poirier and Lynda Quinn as Committee Members.

Harold Bigelow seconded the recommendation.

There being no other nominations, the Chair declared nominations closed.
Jean Franklin was elected Chair of the Finance Committee, and Maryellen Charles, Jennifer Poirier and Lynda Quinn were elected to the Finance Committee. (999 yes)

3. Approval of the Minutes – 6/7/18

ON A MOTION BY Lynda Quinn, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors’ meeting of 6/7/17. (999 yes)

4. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Debra Sterling, Title I Ed Tech III at Margaret Chase Smith School.

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Lyn Govoni, Speech/Language Therapist.

b. School Personnel

The Superintendent acknowledged Anita Hopkins, Principal of North Elementary and Margaret Chase Smith Schools, for her dedicated service to RSU 54 and wished her well in her new position.

c. Visitors - No Visitors wished to speak.

5. Committee Reports

a. Personnel Committee – 6/7/18

ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board vote to accept the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of 6/7/18 into the public record. (999 yes)

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

b. Educational Policy/Program Committee – 6/12/18

ON A MOTION BY Goff French, seconded by Richard Irwin, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Educational Policy/Program Committee meeting of 6/12/18 into the public record. (999 yes)

Amy Rouse, Committee Chair, reviewed the minutes and asked the Board to vote on the following recommendations:

ON A MOTION BY Jeannie Conley, seconded by Peggy Lovejoy, the Board voted to support and adopt revised Policy JFCK, Student Use of Privately-Owned Electronic Devices at School, and the associated rules (JFCKR), as written. (999 yes)

ON A MOTION BY Lynda Quinn, seconded by Goff French, the Board voted to support and adopt the graduation curriculum standards for the content areas of Health and Physical Education, Visual and Performing Arts, World Languages and Career Education. (999 yes)

c. Support Services Committee – 6/19/18

ON A MOTION BY Amy Rouse, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Support Services Committee meeting of 6/19/18 into the public record. (999 yes)

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

ON A MOTION BY Jeannie Conley, seconded by Todd Smith, the Board voted to approve completing the list of projects from the current budget. (999 yes)

ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Peggy Lovejoy, the Board voted to accept a \$6,500 donation from the Blaisdell Family Trust to the Canaan Elementary Food Cupboard; and \$300 from Pleasant River Lumber Company for field day t-shirts for Canaan Elementary students. (999 yes)

6. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Mark Bedard, the Board voted to approve nomination pages one and two. (999 yes)

b. Update on Assessment Payments from Towns

The Superintendent shared that as of June 21st the towns of Cornville and Skowhegan were current with June assessments paid. Canaan, Mercer, Norridgewock and Smithfield were outstanding for June; and Mercer was outstanding for June and a portion of May. Assessments are due on the 20th of each month.

c. Ratification of Support Services Contract

With the recent approval by Support Services to approve the new contract agreement, the Board voted to ratify the contract.

ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board voted to ratify the Support Services Contract. (999 yes)

d. Computation and Declaration of Votes

The Superintendent shared the Computation and Declaration of Votes of the District Budget Validation Referendum held June 12, 2018. A total of 2,079 affirmative and 768 negative votes were declared on Question 1, relating to the adoption of the District's 2018-2019 budget.

ON A MOTION BY Maryellen Charles, seconded by Jeannie Conley, the Board voted that the Computation and Declaration of Votes dated June 21, 2018, and attached hereto be approved.

FURTHER VOTED that the Computation and Declaration of Votes be entered upon the records of RSU 54/MSAD 54.

FURTHER VOTED that a certified copy of the Computation and Declaration of Votes be sent to each of the Municipal Clerks within the District.

(999 yes)

Following the vote, the Board of Directors signed the Computation and Declaration of Votes.

e. Approval and Signing of Assessments Warrants

ON A MOTION BY Lynda Quinn, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to approve and sign the Assessment Warrants for the District's six towns, as presented. (999 yes)

Following the vote, the Board of Directors signed Assessment Warrants.

f. Other

The Superintendent suggested the Personnel Committee meet on Monday, July 2nd to conduct final interviews for the principal position at North El and Margaret Chase Smith Schools, and the Board hold its next meeting on Thursday, July 5th to approve the new nominations. The majority of the Board is available on these dates and in agreement with the schedule.

The Chair distributed sign-up sheets for Board members to sign-up for the committee they wished to be assigned to. The Chair will assign board members to the committees. The new committee assignments will be shared at the next Board meeting.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Business Administrator

The Assistant Superintendent shared the various end of school activities taking place in the schools.

The Support Services Manager reported that all projects are moving along great.

8. Old and Unfinished Business – Nothing was shared.

9. New Business not listed on the Agenda – No new business was discussed.

10. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools