

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
August 24, 2017, 6:00 p.m.
Skowhegan Area High School**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Maine School Administrative District No. 54 was held on August 24, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area High School. Harold Bigelow*, Jeannie Conley*, Haley Fleming* and Lynda Quinn* 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

There was no scheduled presentation for this meeting.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 8/24/17

ON A MOTION BY Richard Irwin, seconded by Jennifer Poirier, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meetings of 8/24/17. (764 yes)

4. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Nathan Purrington, Social Studies Teacher at Skowhegan Area High School.

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Michael Robertson, Bus Driver.

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

c. Visitors – No visitors wished to speak.

5. Committee Reports

a. Support Services Committee – 8/22/17

ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Goff French, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Support Services Committee meeting of 8/22/17 into the public record. (764 yes)

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

ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Heidi Chartrand, the Board voted to approve the Lease Purchase of three buses approved by the Department of Education and financed with Skowhegan Savings Bank at an interest rate of 2.70%. (764 yes)

ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Goff French, the Board voted that the resolution entitled “Resolution to Authorize Lease Purchase of School Buses in the Principal Amount of \$252,000”, be adopted in the form presented to this meeting and that a copy of said Resolution be filed with the minutes of this meeting. (764 yes)

ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Maryellen Charles, the Board accept donations as follows: \$177.05 from Hannaford Dollars to Bloomfield Elementary for School Program; \$10.85 from The Kula Foundation’s Red Robin Donation to Mill Stream Elementary for loyalty program; Technology equipment with a value of \$474 from Vincent Sorrentino to the Technology Department. (764 yes)

6. Superintendent’s Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Jennifer Poirier, the Board voted to approve nomination pages one, two and three. (764 yes)

b. Report on Assessment Payments to Date

The Superintendent shared that as of August 24, 2017, the towns of Cornville, Mercer, Norridgewock and Smithfield were current on their monthly assessments. Canaan was outstanding for August and Skowhegan was outstanding for July and August. Assessment are due on the 20th of each month.

c. Budget Update

The Superintendent updated the Board on the Major Capital School Construction process. The Department of Education will be making visits to all district school who applied to assess and rank by order of priority; they are scheduled to visit RSU 54 schools for two days at the end of October. Development of Proposed Priority List and notification of all applicants is expected sometime in March thru April 2018.

d. Other

New Teacher Orientation was held August 23 and 24. As part of the second day's agenda, new staff boarded a school bus for a tour of all District schools.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent reported on the various summer workshop training taking place this summer, including a two day training workshop on Affirmative Assessment and Grading. PBE Leadership Team met on August 23rd and will be creating a Professional Development Committee.

The Assistant Superintendent also commented on the first Summer Edition of the District's Newsletter, which was sent to all District residents.

He also distributed an article on "Wobbling Practice" that he is also sharing with staff.

The Support Services Manager updated the Board on the various summer projects. The Support Services Committee took a bus tour of some of the school projects at their meeting on 8/22/17.

Custodial and maintenance crews have worked really hard this summer to prepare the schools for the opening.

8. Old and Unfinished Business

No old and unfinished business was discussed.

9. Introduction of New Business not listed on the Agenda

Upcoming committee meetings were reviewed.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools