

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
September 7, 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 September 7, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Mark Bedard* and Derek Ellis* were absent.

*excused

1. Call to Order

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

The Chair welcomed Darcy Surette, Cornville, who was newly appointed to the Board. Introductions from Board members were made.

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 Amy Rouse, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meetings of 8/24/17. (893 yes)

4. Communications

a. Letters

There were no letters to share.

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

c. Visitors – No visitors wished to speak.

5. Committee Reports

a. Personnel Committee – 8/24/17

ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of 8/24/17 into the public record. (893 yes)

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

6. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

ON A MOTION BY Goff French, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to approve nominations page one. (893 yes)

b. Report on Assessment Payments to Date

The Superintendent shared that as of September 7, 2017, the towns of Canaan, Cornville, Mercer, Norridgewock and Smithfield were current on their monthly assessments with September payment due on the 20th. Skowhegan was outstanding for July, August and September.

c. Report on Opening of School

The Superintendent reported that opening day for staff and students went well. All staff gathered in the high school auditorium for a welcoming meeting. With a shortage of bus drivers, maintenance crews who hold licenses have been driving until additional drivers are hired.

d. Other

The Superintendent shared the following:

- The new gym bleachers have been installed in the high school gymnasium.
- The technology department are in the process of formatting and distributing new laptops as part of the recent computer lease purchase.
- Contract negotiations continue with the Education Association. The first proposal on wages and benefits from the Association is being reviewed.

- School Management and Leadership Centers was one of the topics at a recent Drummond Woodsum workshop attended. Other topics included reflections on the 2017 Legislative Session, New Proficiency Based Diploma Rules, Developments in Special Education Law and Key Changes in Certification Law. The Department of Education has given a one year extension for teachers whose certification expires in 2017, while the transition to on-line renewal system for certification.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent shared information from each school on opening day of school.

The Assistant Superintendent also shared that Testimony on Chapter 134 – Regulations for Awarding a High School Diploma, will be submitted to the Department of Education on September 8th.

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 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools