

**Meeting of Board of Directors  
January 23, 2020, 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 January 23, 2020, at 7:00 pm at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Jeannie Conley\*, Derek Ellis\*, Gary Sinclair\* and Kathy Wilder\* were absent.

\*excused

1. Call to Order

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

2. Good News and Recognitions

The Board heard a presentation from JMG Instructor Matt Clark and students who shared their experiences in the program.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 1/9/20

**ON A MOTION BY Dixie Ring, seconded by Amy Rouse, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 1/9/20, into the public record. (817 yes)**

4. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Sarah Lambert, Ed Tech at Bloomfield Elementary School.

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Gloria Gordon, substitute/tutor.

b. School Personnel

There were no school personnel who wished to speak.

c. Visitors

Margaret, community member and on behalf of the LGBTQ+ Somerset Social Group read a letter regarding the status of the gender-neutral bathrooms.

5. Committee Reports

a. Educational Policy/Program Committee – 1/14/20

**ON A MOTION BY Goff French, seconded by Jennifer Poirier, the Board vote to accept the minutes of the Educational Policy/Program Committee meeting of 1/14/20 into the public record. (817 yes)**

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

**ON A MOTION BY Amy Rouse, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to support and adopt revised policy IHBA, Individualized Educational Programs, as written, (817 yes)**

**ON A MOTION BY Peggy Lovejoy, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board voted to support and adopt revised policy IHBAL, Grievance Procedure for Persons with Disabilities, as written. (817 yes)**

The next meeting of the Educational Policy/Program Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the Skowhegan Area Middle School Library.

6. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

**ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Amy Rouse, the Board voted to approve nomination pages 1 and 2. (817 yes)**

b. Report on Assessments Payments to Date

The Superintendent shared that as of January 23, 2020, Canaan, Cornville and Norridgewock were current on their monthly assessments, with

January assessment outstanding for Mercer, Skowhegan and Smithfield. Assessments are due on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

c. Update on New School Construction Project

The Superintendent shared that the Building Committee will meet on Monday, January 27, 2020, to review rating sheets and narrow the number of architect candidates down to three (3). The Committee will interview the three finalists on February 3, 2020.

A meeting with the Commissioner of Education and School Construction Programs Director from the DOE is scheduled in February to continue discussions regarding PreK.

d. Other

The Superintendent shared the current enrollment report for PreK-12 – 2,376.

The Superintendent shared that the Nickname/Mascot & Related Imagery Feedback form have been distributed in town offices, libraries, schools etc., as well as posted on the web and in the newspaper. To date, there have been over 450 submissions to the online survey.

EPS funding information should be available by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent shared information on the ongoing efforts in the District to impact School Culture.

The Support Services Manager requested the Board's approval to monitor and lock in fuel/oil prices.

**ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Goff French, the Board voted to authorize the Support Services Manager to monitor fuel/oil prices and lock-in when appropriate. (817 yes)**

8. Old and Unfinished Business

There was no old or unfinished business discussed.

9. Introduction of New Business

There was no introduction of new business discussed.

10. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools