

**Meeting of Board of Directors
October 17, 2019, 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 October 17, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Mark Bedard* 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

Skowhegan Area High School's Eco Team presented to the Board and shared information on the club's activities, goals and initiatives. Advisors Kathleen Drummond and Kevin McFadden introduced team leaders Lyla and Grace, who shared various projects the team is working on to cut down waste each day in the school. Their goal is make the school as eco-friendly as possible.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 10/3/19

ON A MOTION BY Dixie Ring, seconded by Goff French, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 10/3/19, into the public record. (870 yes)

4. Communications

- a. Letters – There were no letters to acknowledge.
- b. School Personnel – There were no school personnel who wished to speak.
- c. Visitors – There were no visitors who wished to speak.

5. Committee Reports

a. Support Services Committee – 10/4/19

ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Todd Smith, the Board vote to accept the minutes of the Support Services Committee meeting of 10/4/19 into the public record. (870 yes)

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

ON A MOTION BY Amy Rouse, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to accept the \$53 donation from Hannaford Fight Hunger Bag Program to the School Nutrition Program. (870 yes)

The next meeting of the Support Services Committee is scheduled for November 7, 2019, at 6pm at the Skowhegan Area Middle School.

b. Educational Policy/Program Committee – 10/8/19

ON A MOTION BY Dixie Ring, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board voted to accept the minutes of Educational Policy/Program Committee meeting of 10/8/19, into the public record. (870 yes)

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

ON A MOTION BY Goff French, seconded by Dixie Ring, the Board voted to support and adopt Policy BEB, Board Member Use of Social Media, as written. (870 yes)

6. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Todd Smith, the Board voted to approve nominations page 1. (870 yes)

b. Report on Assessments Payments to Date

The Superintendent shared that as of October 17, 2019, Canaan and Mercer paid October assessments, Cornville, Norridgewock and Smithfield were outstanding for October and Skowhegan was outstanding for September and October. Assessments are due on the 20th of each month.

c. MSMS Fall Conference Reminder – Oct. 24-25

The Superintendent shared that eleven Board members are attending this year's MSMA Fall Conference on October 24-25. Board members will report on the various clinics attended at a future meeting.

d. Update on Draft Nickname/Mascot Selection Protocol

The Superintendent shared and reviewed a 2nd Draft MSAD 54 Nickname/Mascot Transition Plan Summary and a summary of feedback from Board Members on protocol.

The Superintendent suggested that the Board continue its review of the protocol at the next Educational Policy/Program and Support Services Committee meetings and bring consensus to the full Board as a final document.

Following questions and comments, the following recommendation was made: Bring forth to committees for review comments and bring consensus to full board

ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Harold Bigelow, the Board voted to approve moving forward with continued review of the Draft Nickname/Mascot Selection Protocol at the next Educational Policy/Program and Support Services Committee meetings and bring forth consensus to full Board at the November 21 meeting. (870 yes)

e. Update of New School Construction Approval

As a result of the State Board of Education moving the District's new school project up on the priority list, the process will begin to hire an Architectural and Engineering firm to analyze the comprehensive needs of the District's schools. The Superintendent shared and reviewed the guideline on the School Construction and Review Process.

Board members wanting interested in being on the Building Committee were asked to add their name to the sign-up sheet available at the meeting.

f. Other

The current PreK-12 enrollment as of 10/17/19 is 2,352 (2,354 last report).

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent was not present.

The Support Services Manager reported all is going well. Working on writing VW Emissions Grant for a couple of new school buses.

8. Old and Unfinished Business

There was no old or unfinished business discussed.

9. Introduction of New Business

There was no new business discussed.

10. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools