

**RSU 54/MSAD 54**

**Meeting of Board of Directors  
November 1, 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 November 1, 2018, at 7:00 PM at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Lynda Quinn\* was 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

There were no scheduled presentations for this meeting.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 10/18/18

**ON A MOTION BY Richard Irwin, seconded by Amy Rouse, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 10/18/18, into the public record. (946 yes)**

4. Communications

a. Letters – No letters were shared.

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

c. Visitors

Maulian Dana, Ambassador of Penobscot Nation, read a letter asking the School Board to reconsider removing the Indian mascot. Community members Roger Renfrew and Cecil Gray also asked the Board to reconsider the request.

5. Committee Reports

a. Personnel Committee Meeting – 10/18/18

**ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Peggy Lovejoy, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of 10/18/18 into the public record. (946 yes)**

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

b. Educational Policy/Program Committee Meeting – 10/23/18

**ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Educational Policy/Program Committee meeting of 10/23/18 into the public record. (946 yes)**

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

**ON A MOTION BY Richard Irwin, seconded by Jean Franklin, a recommendation that the Board support and adopt revised policy IMGA, Service Animals in Schools, as written, was tabled for additional review and clarification by the Educational Policy/Program Committee. (946 yes)**

The next meeting of the Educational Policy/Program Committee is scheduled for 11/27/18.

6. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

**ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board voted to approve nomination pages 1 and 2. (893 yes, 53 abstain)**

b. Update on Assessment Payments from Towns

The Superintendent shared that as of November 1<sup>st</sup> the towns of Canaan, Cornville, Mercer, Norridgewock and Smithfield were current, with November assessments due on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Skowhegan is outstanding for October and November. Assessments are due on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

c. MSMA Fall Conference Updates

The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and several Board members shared information on the various clinics attended at the MSMA Fall Conference.

d. Other

The Superintendent shared that he will be a presenter at an upcoming Collective Bargaining Workshop exclusively for Superintendents hosted by the law office of Drummond Woodsum.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent shared information on various news and activities taking place in the schools.

The Support Services Manager reported that with a recent hiring, all regular bus driver positions are now full.

8. Old and Unfinished Business

There was no old or unfinished business discussed.

9. Introduction of New Business

Peggy Lovejoy shared that she attended the recent Vocabulary Museum at Margaret Chase Smith School.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools