

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
November 15, 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 15, 2018, at 7:00 PM at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Heidi Chartrand*, Jeannie Conley*, Lynda Quinn*, Karen Smith* and Todd Smith* 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

Bloomfield Elementary Principal, Jean Pillsbury, introduced teachers Sara Colburn, Janice Malek, Laurie Swenson, Elizabeth Clark, Karyn Bigelow and Jamie Leo. Information on the various after school programs each teacher coordinates was shared with the Board. Some of the programs include the Garden Club, 100 Mile Club, Civil Rights Team, Science Club and the Big Brother/Big Sister Program.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 11/1/18

ON A MOTION BY Richard Irwin, seconded by Amy Rouse, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 11/1/18, into the public record. (741 yes)

4. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged a letter from Somerset Public Health, thanking high school staff and students for hosting the Somerset County Community Health Needs Assessment Forum held in October.

The Superintendent acknowledged Patti Champagne, Grade 1 Teacher at Bloomfield Elementary, who was chosen Somerset County Teacher of the Year.

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Eleanor McClay, effective November 16, 2018.

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

c. Visitors

Visitors shared comments surrounding the Indian mascot/nickname discussion.

5. Committee Reports

a. Support Services Committee Meeting – 11/8/18

ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Jennifer Poirier, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Support Services Committee meeting of 11/8/18 into the public record. (741 yes)

Jennifer Poirier reviewed the minutes and asked the Board to vote on the following recommendation.

ON A MOTION BY Goff French, seconded by Hal Bigelow, the Board voted to accept the lowest bid of \$28,700 from Whittemore & Sons for the purchase of new tractor. (741 yes)

The next meeting of the Support Services Committee is scheduled for December 6, 2018, at 6pm at the Skowhegan Area Middle School.

6. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Mark Bedard, the Board voted to approve nomination pages 1 and 2. (741 yes)

b. Update on Assessment Payments from Towns

The Superintendent shared that as of November 15th Mercer paid November assessment; the towns of Canaan, Cornville, Norridgewock, Skowhegan and Smithfield were current, with November assessments due on the 20th.

c. MSMA Workers' Compensation Member Resolution Approval

The Superintendent shared a Member Resolution to Amend Declarations of Trust and Indemnity Agreement received by Maine School Management Association, and asked the Board to vote to authorize the amendments as follows:

ON A MOTION BY Maryellen Charles, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board voted to adopt and authorize Amendments to MSMA Workers' Compensation Insurance Declaration of Trust and Indemnity Agreement in form presented to this meeting and that a copy of said Vote to be filed with the minutes of this meeting. (741 yes)

d. Other

Current enrollment report was shared – 2,443 (2,434 last report).

The Superintendent shared that he participated in Margaret Chase Smith School's walking school bus and joined students in their walk to school down North Ave.

\$100,000 grant has been received by New Balance Foundation for the track renovation project. The funds will have been placed in escrow pending additional grant and/or bond funding to complete the project. Further discussions with New Balance will take place regarding naming recognition and signage on the track.

The Board was reminded to complete and return their performance assessment evaluations for the Superintendent to Theresa Howard at their earliest convenience.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent thanked New Balance for its support of the track restoration project. He also acknowledged and thanked Jim Fortunato who volunteered many hours to write the grant, as well as area business, including the Redington Fairview General Hospital, Skowhegan Chamber of Commerce and the District towns for their letters of support.

The Assistant Superintendent also reported on the following:

- The MEA's have been released and will be reported on at the next board meeting.
- The Service Animal Policy will be reviewed for updating at the next Educational Policy/Program Committee meeting scheduled for November 27th.
- The newly revised elementary report cards have been distributed.
- Teacher Workshop days are scheduled for November 19th and 20th.

The Support Services Manager reported that the pellet boiler has been fired up and is heating the high school complex.

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.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools