

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
November 16, 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 November 16, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Heidi Chartrand*, Karen Smith* and Todd Smith* were absent.

*excused

1. Call to Order

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

2. Good News and Recognitions

There were no presentations scheduled for this meeting.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 11/2/17

**ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Peggy Lovejoy, the
Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meetings of
11/2/17. (847 yes)**

4. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Angela Moody, Special Education Ed Tech III at Bloomfield Elementary School.

b. School Personnel

Somerset Career and Technical Center Director, David Dorr, acknowledged the recent nomination of Bill Houston, Outdoor Resources Instructor, as Chair of the Board of the National Wildlife Federation.

c. Visitors

A group of concerned citizens addressed the Board through the reading of a letter that requests the Board to discontinue the use of the term “Indian”, and requested that the District enhance the course of study in our schools regarding the history and culture of our local Native Americans.

Other citizens addressed the Board asking the Board not to change the current practice as it relates to the use of the term “Indian”.

No action was taken.

5. Committee Reports

a. Educational Policy/Program Committee – 11/14/17

ON A MOTION BY Goff French, seconded by Richard Irwin, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Educational Policy/Program Committee meeting of 11/14/17 into the public record. (847 yes)

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

ON A MOTION BY Peggy Lovejoy, seconded by Jennifer Poirier, the Board voted to support the grant through the establishment of a no cost after-school program at Skowhegan Area High School in collaboration with the Somerset Economic Development Corporation. (847 yes)

ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board voted to support and adopt revised policy JLC, Student Health Services and Requirements, as written. (847 yes)

The next meeting of the Educational Policy/Program Committee is scheduled for December 12, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

6. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Amy Rouse, the Board voted to approve nominations page one. (847 yes)

b. Report on Assessment Payments to Date

The Superintendent shared that as of November 16, 2017, Canaan, Cornville, Mercer, Norridgewock and Smithfield were current on their monthly assessments, with November due on the 20th. Skowhegan was outstanding for September, October and November.

c. MSMA/MSBA Fall Conference Updates

Board members Goff French and Richard Irwin shared information on various clinics attended at the recent Maine School Boards Assoc. Fall Conference.

d. Healthy Kid Pack Program

The Superintendent announced that a grant of \$78,900 was once again approved by the New Balance Foundation, which will fully fund the Healthy Kid Pack Program for the 2017-2018 school year. The Superintendent recommended that the Board accept the funds for the program.

ON A MOTION BY Peggy Lovejoy, seconded by Maryellen Charles, the Board voted to accept \$78,900 from the New Balance Foundation to support the District's Healthy Kid Pack Program. (847 yes)

e. Other

The Superintendent shared the following information:

- The district enrollment as of 11/16/17 was 2,478 (last report-2,497)
- The DOE's Evaluation Team for Major Capital Improvement Projects began their site visits this week. Site walks were done at the high school, career center, North Elementary and Canaan Elementary. Margaret Chase Smith and Bloomfield site visits are scheduled for 12/13/17.
- The Kennebec Valley Superintendents Association's Legislative Showcase event was held at Cony High School on 11/9/17. Student-led presentations

included Bloomfield Elementary School's Connect, Create, Move Program, as well as Somerset Career and Technical Center's Outdoor Resources.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent shared the following:

- District Leadership Team recently met and continue to focus instruction
- Title I grants recently submitted have been accepted and approved
- The After School Programs are up and running. Recognition to Kelley Greenleaf and other for their hard work and efforts.
- Substitute Teacher availability continues to improve with ongoing new hires.
- The District's Mission Statement is being reviewed.
- As part of the NCLB's Every Student Succeeds Act, Community Needs Assessment Teams will be created at the school-level as well as district-based to include community members and board members.

The Support Services Manager shared the following:

- Winter preparation is underway
- Wood pellet burner was fired up this week
- There continues to be a shortage of four bus drivers
- Support Services Committee will meet on Tuesday, 11/21/17

8. Old and Unfinished Business

No old and unfinished business was discussed.

9. Introduction of New Business not listed on the Agenda

The Chair recognized the Varsity Football for an outstanding season and best of luck in the Class B State Championship game this weekend.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools