

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
April 4, 2019, 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 April 4 2019, at 7:00 PM at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Derek Ellis*, Haley Fleming*, Christy Johnson* and Darcy Surette*

1. Call to Order

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

The Chair outlined the agenda for the meeting and the rules of conduct were addressed.

2. Brief Executive Session for Consultation between the District and its Attorney per *Title 1, M.R.S.A., §405(6)(E)*

ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to enter into executive session at 7:03 pm for consultation with its Attorney, per Title 1, M.R.S.A., §405(6)(E) (843 yes)

ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Sarah Bunker, the Board voted to return to regular session at 7:33 pm. (843 yes)

3. Good News and Recognitions – JMG Program

Skowhegan Area High School Principal, Bruce Mochamer, introduced JMG Instructor Matthew Clark to the Board. Mr. Clark shared an overview of the program, which has grown in the past four years from 22 to 62 students. He introduced students/advisors, Devon, Sadie, Haley, Breanna and Jessica, who shared their experiences, goals and career pathways with the Board.

4. Approval of the Minutes – 3/21/19

ON A MOTION BY Richard Irwin, seconded by Jennifer Poirier, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 3/21/19, into the public record. (843 yes)

5. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Shawn McPhee, Social Studies Teacher at Skowhegan Area High School, effective June 2019.

b. School Personnel

There were no school personnel who wished to speak.

c. Visitors

- Visitors spoke in regard to the Nickname/Mascot Issue.
- A visitor shared a proposal for a possible semi-pro football team.

6. Board Discussion on Referendum Petition Request

The Chair opened the floor up for Board discussion on the Referendum Petition Request. The School Board's attorney was present to clarify legal process in regard to school referendums and how schools are governed. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to add a possible vote for referendum on the agenda for the next meeting on 4/25/19. The wording on the motion will be drafted and reviewed by the Board prior to the meeting.

There was a five minute recess before reconvening the meeting.

7. Committee Reports

ON A MOTION BY Lynda Quinn, seconded by Jeannie Conley, the Board voted to dispense the reading of the committee meeting minutes, with the exception of the recommendations. (843 yes)

a. Personnel Committee – 3/21/19

ON A MOTION BY Peggy Lovejoy, seconded by Amy Rouse, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of 3/21/19 into the public record. (843 yes)

There were no recommendations.

b. Educational Policy/Program Committee – 3/5/19, 3/12/19 and 3/19/19

ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Goff French, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Educational Policy/Program Committee meetings of 3/5/19, 3/12/19 and 3/19/19 into the public record. (843 yes)

There were no recommendations.

c. Support Services Committee – 3/28/19

ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Goff French, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Support Services Committee meeting of 3/28/19 into the public record. (843 yes)

The Board voted on the following recommendations:

ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Amy Rouse, the Board voted to approve the installation of COPsync 911 throughout the District. (843 yes)

ON A MOTION BY Jeannie Conley, seconded by Peggy Lovejoy, the Board voted to approve recertification of the Community Eligibility Program for the entire District for another five years. (843 yes)

8. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

There were no nominations or recommendations to consider.

c. Update on Assessment Payments from Towns

The Superintendent shared that as of April 4th, Canaan, Cornville, Mercer, Norridgewock, Skowhegan and Smithfield were current on their assessment payments. Monthly assessments are due on the 20th of each month.

d. 2019-2020 Status Quo Budget Updates

Health Insurance rates were received and there will be no increase for 2019-2020. Workers Compensation rates should be released in the next few weeks. It is anticipated that the draft 2019-2020 budget will be presented at the April 25th Board meeting.

e. Other

The Superintendent reminded the Board that the Educational Policy/Program Committee will meet at 6 pm and the Personnel Committee will meet at 7pm on April 9th, at the Superintendent's Office.

9. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent shared that the 21st Century Grant was submitted. 32 partners have signed on to take part in the grant. An estimated 178 students will be served in K-8 after school programming.

The Educational Policy/Program Committee will review the Rachel's Challenge proposal at its next meeting.

The Support Services Manager shared that maintenance crews are preparing for spring sports season.

10. Old and Unfinished Business

Todd Smith shared that he attended the Somerset Career and Technical Center's Open House held this week. He commended David Dorr and the phenomenal programs and resources offered to our students.

11. Introduction of New Business

There was no introduction of new business.

12. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools