

**RSU 54/MSAD 54**

**Meeting of Board of Directors  
August 23, 2018, 7:00 p.m.  
Skowhegan Area High School**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Maine School Administrative District No. 54 was held on August 23, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area High School. Sarah Bunker\*, Jean Franklin\*, Jennifer Poirier\*, Lynda Quinn\*, Todd Smith\* and Karen 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

Somerset Career and Technical Center’s Director, David Dorr introduced staff Ann Thiboutot and Jeremy Bourque to the Board. They gave an overview of the Summer Academy for Career and College Exploration that was developed and was held during summer school. Students shared their experiences with the Board about the various activities and field trips attended, which included college campuses, businesses and work sites. Students earned one graduation credit by participating in the program.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 8/9/18

**ON A MOTION BY Richard Irwin, seconded by Amy Rouse, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors’ meeting of 8/9/18, into the public record. (717 yes)**

4. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Jenny Warger, Ed Tech I at Bloomfield Elementary School.

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Ellen Blodgett, Ed Tech I at Mill Stream Elementary School.

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. Personnel Committee – 8/23/18

The Personnel Committee met on 8/23/18, prior to this Board meeting, and interviewed the finalist for the Co-Director of Special Education. The following recommendation was made:

**ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Jeannie Conley, the Board voted to approve the nomination of Renee Hovey as Co-Director of Special Education in accordance with the contractual terms outlined by the Superintendent, with a two year contract. (717 yes)**

The minutes of Personnel meeting of 8/23/18 will be reviewed and entered into the record at the next Board meeting on 9/6/18.

6. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

**ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Amy Rouse, the Board voted to approve nomination pages one through four. (717 yes)**

b. Report on Assessment Payments to Date

The Superintendent shared that as of August 23, 2018, Canaan, Cornville and Norridgewock paid August assessments; Mercer and Smithfield were outstanding for August assessments, which were due on the 20<sup>th</sup>; and Skowhegan was outstanding for July and August.

c. Report on the Status of Schools

The Superintendent reported that all schools are in good shape for the opening of school.

The Superintendent shared current Kindergarten enrollment. There are 169 students enrolled with 102 at North Elementary, 40 at Mill Stream Elementary and 27 at Canaan Elementary. Updated enrollment will be shared at the next Board meeting.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent updated the Board on current open positions, which included Special Education Ed Techs and Middle School Guidance Counselor. He also shared that the new staff training held this week went well. Teachers K-5 participated in Envisions Training on Day 1, while Teachers 6-12 met with building principals. Day 2 consisted of various required trainings (Suicide Prevention, etc.) and a District Bus Tour.

The Support Services Manager shared that we are starting the school year with a shortage of two bus drivers.

8. Old and Unfinished Business

There was no old or unfinished business discussed.

9. Introduction of New Business not listed on the Agenda

Peggy Lovejoy shared that the gardens at Margaret Chase Smith School are looking great and encouraged others to visit the school.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:24p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools