

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
August 6, 2020, 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 August 6, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area Middle School Gymnasium. Maryellen Charles*, Theresa Howard* and Dixie Ring* were absent. *excused

1. Call to Order

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

a. Flag Salute followed.

2. Approval of the Minutes – 8/6/20

**ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Sarah Bunker,
the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors’
meeting of 8/6/20, into the public record. (910 yes)**

3. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted letters of resignation from the following:

- Rachelle Nunn, Ed Tech I at Bloomfield Elementary
- Jason Furbush, Physical Education Teacher at SAHS
- Karen LaForgia, Elementary Art Teacher
- Emily Davis, Speech/Language Therapist
- Nykola Dentico, Kindergarten Teacher at Mill Stream Elementary

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of intent to retire from Beth Emerson, Speech/Language Therapist.

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of intent to enter into the Maine State Retirement System/return to work from Tim

Christopher, Elementary Physical Education Teacher, effective July 24, 2020.

- b. School Personnel – No School Personnel wished to speak.
- c. Visitors – There were no visitors who wished to speak.

4. Committee Reports

a. Educational Policy/Program Committee – 7/21/20

ON A MOTION BY Amy Rouse, seconded by Goff French, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Educational Policy/Program Committee meeting of 7/21/20 into the public record. (910 yes)

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

ON A MOTION BY Amy Rouse, seconded by Jennifer Poirier, the Board voted to support the adoption of draft policies AC, ACAA, ACAA-R, ACAB and ACAB-R, as written. (910 yes)

ON A MOTION BY Amy Rouse, seconded by Haley Fleming, the Board voted to approve the following options to put forward for feedback from students:

1. Badgers
2. Phoenix
3. Riverhawks
4. Sturgeon

b. Support Services Committee – 7/23/20

ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Karen Smith, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Support Services Committee meeting of 7/23/20 into the public record. (910 yes)

Jennifer Poirier, Committee Chair, reviewed the minutes and asked the Board to vote on the following recommendation:

ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Amy Rouse, the Board voted to approve the following option to put forward for feedback from students:

- 1. Thunder**
- 2. Skowhegan**
- 3. River Drivers**
- 4. Trail Blazers**
- 5. Fisher Cats**

5. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Jennifer Poirier, the Board voted to approve nominations page 1. (910 yes)

b. Report on Assessments Payments to Date

The Superintendent shared that as of August 6, 2020, Smithfield was current with August assessment due on the 20th. Canaan, Cornville, Norridgewock and Skowhegan were outstanding for July and August; and Mercer was outstanding for June, July and August.

c. Update on New School Construction Building Study

The Superintendent shared that there is no new information to share on the building study. The architects have completed their walk through of the four elementary schools and are working on the existing facilities report.

d. Update on Nickname/Mascot and Related Imagery Process

With the Board's approval of nine selected mascot names, a survey of the approved names will be released (website, phone, text) for student input. The survey will be available through September 4, after which the top three choices will be reviewed by the Board committees for final recommendation to the Board.

e. Update on Planning to Return to School Sept. 1, 2020

The Superintendent reviewed the updated Highlights/Outline of MSAD 54 Return to School Plan. Information will be released on August 7th to parents/guardians of the Outline for a Safe Return to School and will provide a link to complete the registration form for in-person as well as remote-learning for students. This will allow us to finalize schedules and building based plans, including bus plans.

f. Other

The Superintendent shared information on the Skowhegan Area High School Return to Summer Activity plan for August 10th – August 23rd. Principal Mochamer reviewed the highlights of the plan, which includes athletic programs engaging in organized team/group summer activity on school facilities and coached by SAHS coaches for a two-week period, following the MPA guidelines

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent shared a newsletter that highlights the summer professional development sessions facilitated by our own teachers and leaders, many of which focus on the digital platform and engaging students.

The Professional Development Committee (over 70 staff and stakeholders) meet and discuss feedback for professional development needs and plan for offerings for the opening of school.

The Remote Learning Committee (42 staff) meet to discuss common expectations for remote learning (i.e., attendance and instruction).

The Support Services Manager reported on the following:

- The new auditorium seats have been installed
- The rubber surface on the track is being installed
- Barriers are being installed on the buses, as well as the new ZPass tracking system and PPE equipment (hand sanitizing stations, etc.)
- 300 dividers have been built and installed at the Middle School

8. Old and Unfinished Business

There was no old or unfinished business discussed.

9. Introduction of New Business

The Chair requested Board members to complete and return the committee sign-up sheets.

10. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Moody, Superintendent of Schools