

**Meeting of Board of Directors  
September 19, 2019, 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 September 19, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Derek Ellis\* was 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

There were no scheduled presentations for this meeting.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 9/5/19

**ON A MOTION BY Dixie Ring, seconded by Goff French, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 9/5/19, into the public record. (916 yes)**

4. Communications

- a. Letters – There were no letters shared.
- 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. Support Services Committee – 9/5/19

**ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Support Services Committee meeting of 9/5/19 into the public record. (916 yes)**

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

**ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Amy Rouse, the Board voted to approve Skowhegan Rotary's efforts to support the Backpack Food Program at all schools. (916 yes)**

**ON A MOTION BY Dixie Ring, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board voted to accept the following donations: \$1,201 from Hannaford Helps Schools and \$481.80 from Box Tops for Education to Bloomfield Elementary School. (916 yes)**

The next meeting of the Support Services Committee is scheduled for Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 6pm at the Skowhegan Area Middle School.

b. Educational Policy/Program Committee – 9/10/19

**ON A MOTION BY Amy Rouse, seconded by Sarah Bunker, the Board vote to accept the minutes of the Educational Policy/Program Committee meeting of 9/10/19 into the public record. (916 yes)**

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

**ON A MOTION BY Goff French, seconded by Sarah Bunker, the Board voted to adopt Policy BIA, New School Board Member Orientation, as written. (916 yes)**

The next meeting of the Educational Policy/Program Committee is schedule for Tuesday, October 8, 2019, at 6pm at the Superintendent's Office.

6. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

**ON A MOTION BY Jeannie Conley, seconded by Jennifer Poirier, the Board voted to approve nomination pages 1 and 2. (916 yes)**

b. Report on Assessments Payments to Date

The Superintendent shared that at as of September 19, 2019, Cornville, Mercer, Norridgewock and Smithfield were current on their assessment payments, with September due on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Canaan and Skowhegan were

outstanding for August and September. Assessments are due on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

c. MSMS Fall Conference Reminder – Oct. 24-25

The Superintendent reminded the Board of the upcoming Annual MSMA Fall Conference scheduled for October 24 and 25. Once received, information will be forwarded on the preliminary list of clinic offerings. Board members are encouraged to attend and should contact the Superintendent's secretary to register.

The Superintendent shared that the Maine School Boards Association will hold their annual Delegate Assembly on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, the first day of the Fall Conference. School Board's are encouraged to elect a voting Delegate and Alternate to participate. The purpose of the MSBA Delegate Assembly is to adopt proposed constitutions and Bylaws and consider resolutions of the Association.

d. Other

The current enrollment as of 9/19/19 is 2,360, including PreK (2,280 last report).

The Superintendent reported that the budget has 86.68% remaining at the 75% mark in the year.

The Superintendent shared an overview of new guidelines the Department of Education has in regard to Superintendent Transfer Agreements. One important change is that the agreements may no longer be subject to revocation, rescission or contingencies.

The Superintendent commented on LD 577, *An Act to Increase Access to Nutritious Foods in School by Implementing an After-School Food Program for At-Risk Students*. RSU 54 already participates in this program.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent reported on the following:

- LD 92, *An Act To Amend Teacher Evaluation Requirements*. This will impact the probationary period for teachers from three years back to two years.
- LD 151, *An Act to amend the age of compulsory school attendance from age 7 to age 6*.

- \$40,000 base salary for teachers goes into effect in 2020
- Pay Averaging Mandated
- No penalty imposed from MSR if teacher retires and is rehired
- Regional Service Centers lay have the potential to result in potential savings
- Bruce Mochamer and Zachery Longyear updated the Board on the Rachel's Challenge assemblies held. Jason Bellerose was acknowledged for coordinating the program.
- A need remains for substitute teachers
- A meeting will be scheduled to encourage parents to sign on to the Powerschool app to access their children's data
- Artists In Schools will take place October 1-18, and will include an elementary school anti-bullying presentation with Randy Judkins.
- A Crisis Information for Parents/Guardians flyer has been distributed to all families and includes information District emergency procedures.
- CampusSafe software will be ready to launch in October

The Support Services Manager reported the need to fill two custodial and 2 bus driver positions.

8. Old and Unfinished Business

There was no old or unfinished business discussed.

9. Introduction of New Business

There was no new business discussed.

10. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools