

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
September 20, 2018, 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 20, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Mark Bedard*, Harold Bigelow*, Derek Ellis*, Theresa Howard* and Dixie Ring* were absent.

*excused

1. Call to Order

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

2. Good News and Recognitions

Skowhegan Area High School Principal, Bruce Mochamer, and Assistant Principal, Jason Bellerose, presented to the Board on the Freshmen Building Assets Reducing Risks (BARR) Program. Teams of teachers meet with students and have team meetings to discuss support and interventions for students who struggle. The program focus is to build strong teacher-student relationships and strong communication with families. There has been a significant reduction in the failure rate for Freshmen.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 9/6/18

ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Peggy Lovejoy, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 9/6/18, into the public record. (740 yes)

4. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Meghan Marston, Kindergarten Teacher at North 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. Educational Policy/Program Committee – 9/11/18

ON A MOTION BY Amy Rouse, seconded by Jeannie Conley, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Educational Policy/Program Committee meeting of 9/11/18, into the public record. (740 yes)

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

ON A MOTION BY Lynda Quinn, seconded by Heidi Chartrand, the Board voted to support and adopt Policy IMG, Animals in Schools, as written. (740 yes)

ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Goff French, the Board voted to support and adopt Policy JLG, Education of Homeless Children and Youth, and Procedure JLG-R, as written. (740 yes)

The next meeting of the Educational Policy/Program Committee meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2018, at 6:00 pm at the Superintendent's Office.

6. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

ON A MOTION BY Peggy Lovejoy, seconded by Jennifer Poirier, the Board voted to approve nomination pages one, two and three. (740 yes)

b. Report on Assessment Payments to Date

The Superintendent shared that as of September 20, 2018, Cornville and Mercer paid their September assessment, Canaan, Norridgewock and Smithfield were outstanding for September and Skowhegan was outstanding for August and September. Assessments are due on the 20th of the month.

c. MSMA Fall Conference Reminder

The Superintendent announced that the MSMA Annual Fall Conference is scheduled for October 25 and 26. A preliminary schedule of the various clinics will be available in the next week. Board members should let the Superintendent's secretary know if they would like to attend.

The Superintendent also reported on the following:

- As of this date, 91% of the District's budget is remaining.
- Auditors will be in District in October to start the preliminary review of the 2017-2018 budget.
- Somerset Career and Technical Center was approved for Perkins Grant in the amount of \$12,000.
- Will be attending the upcoming Drummond Woodsum Law Seminar, which will include FMLA and School Construction.
- The current enrollment is 2,445, which includes 101 PreK students.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent reviewed the two policies adopted at this meeting. The Animals in Schools policy and the Education of Homeless Children and Youth. The District's Homeless Liaison is Renee Hovey.

The Assistant Superintendent recognized and commended all administrators individually.

The Support Services Manager shared that it has been a good start to the school year. The high school boilers are undergoing an internal inspection and repair.

8. Old and Unfinished Business

There was no old or unfinished business discussed.

9. Introduction of New Business not listed on the Agenda

Upcoming Committee meetings were reviewed.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools