

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
September 6, 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 6, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Heidi Chartrand*, Derek Ellis*, Haley Fleming*, Theresa Howard and Amy Rouse* 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

Bloomfield Elementary School Principal, Jean Pillsbury, introduced Tiffany Frost (Gr. 2 Teacher) to the Board. Tiffany shared information about community connections students are involved with at the Redington Memorial Home in Skowhegan. Students visit the home once a month and interact with the residents.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 8/23/18

ON A MOTION BY Richard Irwin, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 8/23/18, into the public record. (744 yes)

4. Communications

a. Letters

There were no letters to share.

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

ON A MOTION BY Peggy Lovejoy, seconded by Jeannie Conley, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of 8/23/18, into the public record. (744 yes)

The Personnel Committee met on 8/23/18, and interviewed the finalist for the Co-Director of Special Education. At their meeting on 8/23/18, the Board voted to approve the nomination of Renee Hovey as Special Education Co-Director and is reflected in the minutes.

6. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Goff French, the Board voted to approve nomination pages one and two. (744 yes)

b. Report on Assessment Payments to Date

The Superintendent shared that as of September 6, 2018, Canaan, Cornville, Mercer, Norridgewock and Smithfield were current on their monthly assessments, with September due on the 20th. Skowhegan was outstanding for July, August and September (Note: July payment was made on 9/12/18).

c. Report on Opening of School

The Superintendent reported on the following:

- The opening of school went well.
- The current enrollment is 2,350, which is approximately 25 less than the last report in June. PreK enrollment is not included on this report, but will have those number on the 9/20/18 report.

- Somerset Public Health will be conducting a student and parent survey on school lunches that will focus on nutrition.
- The District's new website has been launched. Technology challenges with the new website are being worked through by our tech team.
- Current vacancies remaining include a Special Education Teacher and Ed Techs.
- This year's MSMA/MSBA Fall Conference is scheduled for October 25th and 26th. Information on the various clinics will be available in the near future and Board members wishing to attend should let the Superintendent's secretary know.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent updated the Board on the various activities taking place in the schools, as well as the following:

- The new elementary report card will be designed to ensure that it makes sense to parents and staff.
- The new DOE Report Card on Schools will include a dashboard with demographic information, test scores, attendance, etc, which will allow all of us access to funding and spending performance.
- Update on the District and school goals as established by the Comprehensive Needs Assessment required by the State include:
 - o Goal 1: Attendance – Increase Average Daily Attendance (ADA) rate.
 - o Goal 2: Community Involvement/Communication – Improve communication and increase community involvement in our schools.
 - o Goal 3: Math – Raise MEA EMPOWER Me Math scores district wide.

The Support Services Manager shared that considering the shortage of drivers, transportation is going well.

8. Old and Unfinished Business

There was no old or unfinished business discussed.

9. Introduction of New Business not listed on the Agenda

There was no introduction of new business not listed on the agenda.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:53p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools