

**Meeting of Board of Directors  
January 8, 2019 6:00 PM  
Skowhegan Area Middle School**

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Maine School Administrative District No. 54 was held on January 8, 2019, at 6:00 pm at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Theresa Howard\* and Lynda Quinn\* were absent. \*excused

1. Call to Order

School Board Chair, Dixie Ring, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Flag Salute followed.

2. Public Forum – Use of Indian Name/Nickname and School Seal

The Chair welcomed all present and explained the purpose of the meeting was to create a forum for members of the public to share their thoughts on the issue concerning the use of the Indian name. The Chair noted that the Board would not be voting or deliberating at this meeting, but at a future meeting would consider what future next steps the Board might take.

The Chair introduced Attorney Michael Buescher, moderator for the public forum.

Attorney Buescher explained the guidelines for speakers who signed up in advance of the meeting to speak. Speakers had 2 minutes to speak on the issue of “Why should the district support or not support a change to the use of the Indian name and seal at Skowhegan Area schools”.

78 people expressed their views to the Board on the topic.

There was no discussion by the Board and no action was taken.

3. Adjournment

The meeting was turned over to Chair Ring, who thanked everyone for coming and for their comments and thoughts.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry  
Superintendent of Schools