

RSU 54/MSAD 54
SUPPORT SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Wednesday February 9, 2022 at 6:00 pm
Madison Area Memorial High School Welding Shop

Members Present: Jean Franklin-Chair; Mark Bedard; Brandy Morgan; Gerry Redlevske (**Lack of a quorum present**)

Also Present: David Dorr; Chris Beaman; Jeremy Fitzgerald; Jon Moody; David Leavitt

1. Tour Welding Program: SCTC Madison Welding Program Site

Chris Beaman and David Dorr gave a tour of the SCTC Welding facility and explained what students are being taught and how apprenticeships with businesses are being developed to provide opportunities for students to both gain credit and become workforce ready.

2. Net Energy Billing: Discussion with Legal Council on proposed Net Energy Billing Contract (Solar energy)

The Committee did a zoom meeting with Attorney Aga Dixon from Drummond and Woodsum law firm on the proposed contract for Net Energy Billing (solar energy). The proposed contract is tied to a new solar farm being constructed at 83 Norridgewock Ave, Skowhegan. This would require a 20-year contract but has provisions to protect the district if it is not built. The contract provides upside cost savings for the district and the structure of the contract allows for very little risk. Mr. Leavitt has crafted the agreement to include only SAHS, SAMS and MSES, at 80% of their current energy use. This agreement does not preclude the District from entering into a new agreement with other schools in the future. The consensus of the Committee is to bring this to the full School Board for discussion and decision as it is a time sensitive issue.

3. SRRF Projects:

Funding has been approved for the following projects:

1. Elevator SAHS gymnasium for weight room

2. Sprinkler system Canaan Elementary School
3. Windows Canaan Elementary School
4. Three phase electrical upgrade

The Committee had a discussion on the above listed projects and will continue discussions at the next Committee meeting so that a future recommendation can be made to the full Board.

4. Establishment of Marc G. Poulin Scholarship Fund

The Committee will review the establishment of Marc G. Poulin Scholarship Fund.

This scholarship will be reviewed at the next Committee meeting.

5. Permission to Accept Funds:

- SAHS ECO Team has received a grant of \$964.46 from JMG's STEM Pilot Project
- The Outing Club has received a \$300 grant from the Skowhegan Fire Department

The consensus of the Committee was to bring the above listed donations before the full School Board.

**Next Meeting
March 10, 2022
SAHS Library 6pm**