

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
November 17, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
Skowhegan Area High School**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Maine School Administrative District No. 54 was held on November 17, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area High School Cafeteria.

ATTENDANCE BOARD MEMBERS (652 present, 347 absent):

Alicia Boulette (Skow-53) PRESENT	Rebecca Anderson* (Smith-27) ABSENT
Sarah Bunker (Mercer-16) PRESENT	Mark Bedard* (Skow-53) ABSENT
Janet Burrill (Canaan-43) PRESENT	Annemarie Dubois* (Skow-53) ABSENT
Jeannie Conley (Skow-53) PRESENT	Desiree Libby* (Norr-46) ABSENT
Samantha Delorie (Norr-46) PRESENT	Bruce Hurley* (Mercer-16) ABSENT
Jean Franklin (Canaan-43) PRESENT	Peggy Lovejoy* (Skow-53) ABSENT
Daniel Frey (Smith-27) PRESENT	Brandy Morgan* (Norr-46) ABSENT
Theresa Howard (Corn-30) PRESENT	Jacqueline Wolinski* (Skow-53) ABSENT
Michael Lambke (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Morrigan McLeod (Norr-46) PRESENT	
Lynda Quinn (Skow-53) PRESENT	*excused
Amy Rouse (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Gary Sinclair (Corn-30) PRESENT	
Sara Smith (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Timothy Williams (Skow-53) PRESENT	

1. Call to Order

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

2. Good News and Recognitions

Danielle Denis, Program Coordinator, Drug Free Communities Support Grant for Somerset Public Health presented to the Board and shared goals, outcomes and timeline for REACH Drug Free Communities Grant Program. The REACH Mission is to ‘move our community forward through collaborative partnerships that create quality programming for children and families that reduces substance use and other risk behaviors by providing safe, structured, and supportive environments that promote learning, aspirations, opportunities and growth’.

3. Approval of the Minutes - 11/3/22

ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Sarah Bunker, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 11/3/22 into the record. (652 yes)

4. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Brenda Murray, Accounting Specialist.

b. School Personnel

There were no school personnel who wished to speak.

c. Visitors

There were no visitors present who wished to speak.

5. Committee Reports

a. Support Services Committee – 11/3/22

ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Samantha Delorie, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Support Services Committee meeting of 11/3/22 into the public record. (652 yes)

Jean Franklin, Committee Chair, reviewed the minutes. There were not enough committee members present for a quorum, and thus no recommendations were made.

b. Finance Committee – 11/7/22

ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of 11/7/22 into the public record. (652 yes)

Jean Franklin, Committee Chair, reviewed the minutes and asked the Board to vote on the following recommendation:

ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Sarah Bunker, the Board voted to approve the nomination of Melannie Keister as Federal Funds and Finance Director for RSU 54/MSAD 54, in accordance with the contractual terms outlined by the Superintendent, with a two-year contract. (652 yes)

Melannie was present and thanked the Board for their support.

6. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

The Superintendent reviewed vacancies and recommended the Board's approval of nominations.

ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Morrigan McLeod, the Board voted to approve nominations page one. (652 yes)

b. Report on Assessments Payments to Date

The Superintendent shared that as of November 17, 2022, all six towns (Canaan, Cornville, Mercer, Norridgewock, Skowhegan and Smithfield) were current on their monthly assessments. Assessment are due on the 20th of each month.

c. Update on New School Construction Building Project

Superintendent Moody updated the Board on the New School Construction Building Project, including:

- A meeting on the DEP permitting was held on November 18th at the Margaret Chase Smith School
- There will be a 1:30 playground meeting during the November 22nd Teacher Workshop
- A preapproval meeting with the Town of Skowhegan for the building permit is scheduled for November 22nd
- The Architect will be meeting with Pre-K, K, and Grade 1 teachers on November 30th to discuss the PK-1 playground.
- Playground discussion is on the agenda for the November 30th Parent Advisory meeting

- The Building Committee will meet on December 7th and the focus will be on the playground design
- Feedback on playground structures from parents will be a next step
- A meeting with the Skowhegan Town Manager was held on November 14th regarding the purchase of the ball fields and tennis courts for \$1.00
- The Boundary Line Agreement has been signed with abutting landowner
- The closing date for the land will take place on 1/11/23 and construction is anticipated for June/July of 2023
- Bids for Bond Anticipation Note for a short-term loan to allow us to pay the town of Skowhegan is scheduled for November 30th
- The Town of Skowhegan's planning for the conversion of the fields is underway for a multi purposed turf field, which will be located on the Community Center's property, pending 6F Conversion approval.

d. Review/Update of Federal Projects/Federal Funds Update

Superintendent Moody recognized and commended Mark Hatch and his administrative assistant Tracey Foster for pulling together a grant application through the Department of Education for \$120,000 in Robotics equipment supplies for each school in the district.

e. Update on Schools

Superintendent Moody reported on the following school updates:

- Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Monday, and Tuesday is a district wide Teacher Workshop Day. A district-wide presentation on Biased is scheduled for the Teacher Workshop Day from the Holocaust and Humane Rights Center
- Skowhegan Athletics Good News from Athletic Director, Brian Jones, was handed out to the Board, and includes all the Fall Sports successes
- *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* high school play performances are scheduled for November 17, 18 and 19
- Steve Snack's provided pizza and snacks to Marti Stevens Learning Center for all of the community service they have done

f. Other

Superintendent Moody indicated that he would like to recognize the sanctity of a quorum at the November 3rd Support Services Committee

(see Item 5a above), he asked the Board to vote on the following recommendation:

ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Samantha Delorie, the Board voted to approve the donation of \$1,120 from Maine Agriculture in The Classroom to Mill Stream Elementary School. (652 yes)

The enrollment report was shared with the Board. Enrollment as of 11/17/22 was 2,246 (2,240 last report).

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

Assistant Superintendent Hatch was not present.

Support Services Manager, David Leavitt, reported that the original bid on the elevator project was \$957,000, and with the work done this week we are down to \$850,000; with the available ESSER funds, the elevator project should be finalized for Board approval in the next few weeks.

8. Old and Unfinished Business

There was no old and unfinished business

9. Introduction of New Business

Theresa Howard shared that at the Football Team's final dinner, two former coaches and two former teammates from the 1978 State Championship attended the dinner.

10. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Moody, Superintendent of Schools