

<b>RSU 54/MSAD 54</b>
<b>Educational Policy/Program Committee</b>
<b>MINUTES</b>
<b>September 20, 2022</b>
<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Skowhegan Area High School Library</b>

**Committee Attendance:** Sarah Bunker, Jeannie Conley, Amy Rouse, Janet Burrill, Samantha Delorie, Lynda Quinn, Morigan McLeod

**Also Present:** Jonathan Moody, Mark Hatch

**1. Reorganization**

The Committee met and elected Jeannie Conley as Chair and Sarah Bunker as Vice Chair of the Committee. The Committee set the number for a quorum to 5.

**2. Draft Policy BED – Remote Participation in School Board meetings**

The Committee reviewed draft policy BED and discussed the implications of remote meetings and in person meetings. The Committee discussed the need to be able to have an emergency meeting in the event that a storm or other event prevented an in person board meeting from occurring.

**RECOMMENDATION: That the Board adopt policy BED as written.**

**3. Draft Policy JLCDB - Administration of Naloxone in Schools**

The Committee reviewed the draft policy JLCDB. Mr. Hatch shared that the district would train the nursing staff who will train district staff (who are interested) at the November workshop day. The Maine Naloxone Distribution Initiative (MNDI) will provide the district with free Narcan and will locate it in the schools so that it is easily accessible to staff. The Committee discussed the data on overdoses and how some drugs could potentially impact students, staff and visitors. Having Naloxone available may prevent a fatality. The Committee reviewed that there is no cost to the district or additional liability, and that state is recommending all districts have a policy. The district will obtain a standing order from a local physician, Dr. Gust Stringos from Somerset Primary Care, which will cover the storing and administration of the medication.

**RECOMMENDATION: That the Board adopt policy JLCDB as written.**

**4. MSAD 54 Mission, Vision and Guiding Beliefs**

Mr. Moody reviewed the district's vision and guiding beliefs including the community vision that “Every individual comes to school feeling safe, welcome, and respected for who they are.” The Committee discussed that this has been a district focus for the past five years, and the importance of our work in schools supporting this vision. Mr. Hatch reviewed the creation of a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee at the district level to help support the district's work in this area.

**5. Report from Assistant Superintendent/Superintendent**

The Superintendent shared the MSBA Proposed Resolutions with the Committee so that they could review them and provide feedback to the Board’s representative who will attend the meeting to vote on the changes.

Reminder: The 49<sup>th</sup> annual MSMA Fall Conference is again being held in person at the Augusta Civic Center on October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. We encourage Board Members who are able to, to attend.