

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
February 16, 2017, 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 February 16, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Paula Beach*, Mark Bedard*, Valerie Coulombe*, Karyn Curran*, Ken Hogate, Brandy Morgan* and Jennifer Poirier* 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

There were no presentations scheduled for this meeting.

The Superintendent acknowledged that the following teachers have been nominated for 2017 Somerset County Teacher of the Year: Mike Walker, German Teacher at Skowhegan Area High School; Cherelyn Rosato, Kindergarten Teacher at Mill Stream Elementary School; Barbara Welch, Grade 2 Teacher at Mill Stream Elementary School; Deidre Mitchell, K-6 Academic Coach; and from Skowhegan Area Middle School, Mark Boivin, Math Teacher and Carrie Luce, Social Studies Teacher.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 2/2/17

ON A MOTION BY Richard Irwin, seconded by Jerry Redlevske, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 2/2/17. (672 yes)

4. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of intent to retire from Paula Doughty, Social Studies Teacher at Skowhegan Area High School, effective June 2017.

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of intent to retire from Cheryln Rosato, Kindergarten Teacher at Mill Stream Elementary School, effective June 2017.

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of retirement from Sandra Kollar, School Nutrition at Skowhegan Area Middle School, effective February 6, 2017.

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Amy Kessler, Grade 1 Teacher at Bloomfield Elementary School, effective June 2017.

b. School Personnel – No School Personnel wished to speak.

c. Visitors – No visitors wished to speak.

5. Committee Reports

a. Finance Committee – 2/2/17

ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of 2/2/17 into the public record. (672 yes)

Jerry Redlevske, Committee Chair, reviewed the minutes. There were no recommendations.

b. Educational Policy/Program Committee – 2/14/17

ON A MOTION BY Goff French, seconded by Heidi Chartrand, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Educational Policy/Program Committee meeting of 2/14/17 into the public record. (672 yes)

Amy Rouse, Committee Vice-Chair, reviewed the minutes and asked the Board to vote on the following recommendation:

ON A MOTION BY Amy Rouse, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board voted to approve and adopt the graduation standards as submitted until future work is completed and approved. (672 yes)

The next meeting of the Educational Policy/Program Committee is scheduled for March 7th.

6. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

ON A MOTION BY Jane Arthur, seconded by Richard Irwin, the Board voted to approve nomination pages one and two into the public record. (672 yes)

b. Update on Assessment Payments from Towns

The Superintendent shared that as of February 16, 2017, Norridgewock and Smithfield were current on their assessments, Canaan, Cornville and Mercer were outstanding for February, which is due on the 20th. Skowhegan was outstanding for January and February.

c. Review of Preliminary Status Quo Budget Draft FY18

The Superintendent distributed information received from MSMA in regard to the governor's proposed biennial budget and changes to K-12 funding that include cuts to administration, facts on Superintendent numbers and System Administration and detail on hearing scheduled for March 3rd.

d. Calendar

The Superintendent updated the Board on the status of the draft calendar for 2017-2018, which will be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting with the Somerset Career and Technical Center's Advisory Board, as well as the Education Association. The final draft will be presented to the Board for approval on March 16th.

e. Other

The Superintendent shared that the first negotiations meeting with the Education Association will be held a date to be set in March.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent reviewed with the Board the ongoing districtwide work with respect to Proficiency Based Education (PBE) implementation, including the recently finalized graduation standards for English, Math, Science and Social Studies. The PBE Leadership Team will work to develop comprehensive graduation requirements that include language around proficiency. Curriculum committees and building teams will continue the scoring criteria work for all performance indicators. There will be an 8th grade parent informational night on March 1st at the High School.

The Support Services Manager shared the fuel analysis on bids received for wood pellets; Maine Wood Pellets was the winning bidder.

In addition, the Support Services Manager reported that notice was received from New Balance Foundation that the District was not chosen to receive grant funds for the track project; also, that bids for the roof projects will be opened on February 22nd.

8. Old and Unfinished Business

No old and unfinished business was discussed.

9. Introduction of New Business not listed on the Agenda

Board member commented on impact of charter schools. Board member commented on discipline control in schools.

10. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools