

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
March 15, 2018, 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 March 15, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Janet Anderson*, Theresa Howard* and Darcy Surette* were absent.

*excused

1. Call to Order

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

Introductions were made to newly elected board member from Mercer, Sarah Bunker.

2. Good News and Recognitions

Somerset Career and Technical Center's Pre-Engineering Instructor Kim McEwen, along with students Nathan Dimock and Tevin Huff, presented to the Board. Using 3D printing, students created, designed and assembled eight prosthetic hands and following various quality control testing were donated to the Enabling the Future Organization. Students shared and demonstrated how the prosthetic hands work.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 3/1/18

ON A MOTION BY Peggy Lovejoy, seconded by Jennifer Poirier, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meetings of 3/1/18. (912 yes)

4. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted letters of intent to retire in June 2018 from Bonnie Tomash, Counselor at Marti Stevens Learning Center.

b. School Personnel

There were no School Personnel who wished to speak.

c. Visitors

There were no visitors who wished to speak.

5. Committee Reports

The Educational Policy/Program and Support Services Committees continue reviewing their respective sections of the 2018-2019 Status Quo Budget and minutes will be presented upon completion.

6. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Goff French, the Board voted to approve nominations page one. (912 yes)

b. Report on Assessment Payments to Date

The Superintendent shared that as of March 15, 2018, Canaan, Cornville, Mercer Norridgewock and Smithfield were current with March assessment due on the 20th. Skowhegan was outstanding for February and March. Assessments are due on the 20th of each month.

c. 2018-2019 Budget Updates

The Superintendent reported that he recently attended the MSSA School Funding Drive-In Workshop, along with the Assistant Superintendent.

The various workshop sessions included an overview of the ED 279 subsidy printout changes for 2018-2019 and changes to the school funding formula.

Other sessions included an overview of the vision for Career and Technical Education, plans for Middle School CTE experiences, and a review of the new cost model for CTE funding; and an overview and status of the bills in the Legislative session.

d. Other

The Superintendent also reported on the following:

- The District enrollment as of 3/15/18 was 2,473 (last report-2,479)
- The Support Services Contract Negotiations Teams will hold their first meeting at a date to be set in April.
- The Educational Policy/Program Committee will meet on March 20th to continue its budget review. There will also be a presentation on the high school foreign exchange student program.
- Review of the District's Crisis Management Plan continues.
- The March 12th Workshop day went well. The Assistant Superintendent will report to you at the next Board meeting on the various professional development and training sessions that were held.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent was unable to attend this meeting.

The Support Services Manager reported that Mosher Bus has accepted the busing contract offered, with minor changes.

Bid proposals are being worked and will go out soon on for the remaining high school flooring project.

8. Old and Unfinished Business

No old and unfinished business was discussed.

9. Introduction of New Business not listed on the Agenda

No new business was discussed.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools