

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
April 6, 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 April 6, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Heidi Chartrand*, Karyn Curran* and Goff French* 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

Skowhegan Area High School Principal, Monique Poulin, introduced Matthew Clark, Jobs for Maine Graduates (JMG) Instructor. Matthew shared information about the JMG Program, including mission statement, history of the program in which there are over 5,500 students statewide with 62 students at SAHS. JMG students Breanna Musher, Alyssa Paul and Maxwell Bowden shared their experiences in the program, including community activities, team building and participation in an entrepreneur challenge. Also present was JMG Chief Operating Officer, Dwight Littlefield, who thanked the Board for its support of the program.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 3/16/17

ON A MOTION BY Richard Irwin, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 3/2/17. (843 yes)

4. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Allison Lambert, Grade 1 Teacher at Mill Stream 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. Personnel Committee – 3/16/17

ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Mark Bedard, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of 3/16/17 into the public record. (843 yes)

Theresa Howard, Committee Chair, reviewed the minutes. There were no recommendations.

- b. Support Services Committee – 3/23/17

ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Support Services Committee meeting of 3/23/17 into the public record. (843 yes)

Jennifer Poirier, Committee Chair, reviewed the minutes and asked the Board to vote on the following recommendation:

ON A MOTION BY Amy Rouse, seconded by Jane Arthur, the Board voted to accept the donation of \$350 from Lebanon Lodge #116 to the Mill Stream Elementary School. (843 yes)

The next meeting of the Support Services Committee is scheduled for April 13, 2017.

6. Superintendent's Report

- a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

ON A MOTION BY Jane Arthur, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to approve nomination pages one and two into the public record. (843 yes)

b. Update on Assessment Payments from Towns

The Superintendent shared that as of April 6, 2017, all six towns (Canaan, Cornville, Mercer, Norridgewock, Skowhegan and Smithfield) were current on monthly assessment, with April assessments due on April 20th.

c. Update on Status Quo Budget Draft FY18

The Superintendent shared that there have been no additional updates to the status quo budget draft and committees continue reviewing their sections. Once health insurance increases are received, adjustments will be made accordingly. The Kennebec Alliance districts are discussing special education regionalization possibilities.

d. Authorization of School Revolving Renovation Fund Financing

The Superintendent requested the Board's approval to authorize School Revolving Renovation Fund financing.

ON A MOTION BY Dixie Ring, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to Authorize \$438,753 School Revolving Renovation Fund Financing, and be approved in form presented to this meeting and that the Secretary file an attested copy of said vote with the minutes of this meeting. (843 yes)

e. Approval of Resolution to Authorize Roof Bonds and Loan Agreement

The Superintendent requested the Board's approval of the Resolution to Authorize Roof Bonds and Loan Agreement.

ON A MOTION BY Dixie Ring, seconded by Amy Rouse, the Board voted that the Resolution entitled, "Resolution to Authorize \$1,600,000 Loan Agreement, Issuance of Bonds, and Related Documentation to Finance roof replacements and related repairs at District Schools," be approved in form presented to this meeting, and that an attested copy of said Resolution be included with the minutes of this meeting. (843 yes)

f. Approval of Softball Trip in April 2018

The Superintendent requested the Board's approval of the Softball Booster's proposed field trip to Spring Training in Florida with players as reviewed by the Educational Policy/Program and Support Services Committees.

ON A MOTION BY Paula Beach, seconded by Peggy Lovejoy, the Board voted to approve the field trip proposal from the Softball Boosters to attend Spring Training in Florida for the Varsity and JV Swing Players for the 2018 season, as presented. (843 yes)

g. Other

- i. The Superintendent requested the Board's approval of a field trip for High School Senior Music students to Boston.

ON A MOTION BY Richard Irwin, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to approve the field trip request for High School Senior Music students to Boston. (843 yes)

- ii. The latest enrollment report was shared. Enrollment as of 4/6/17 was 2,491 (2,496 last report).

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent updated the Board on various activities taking place in the schools, some of which include: Arts and Academics Night held at Bloomfield Elementary School; several elementary girls attended a Hardy Girls event at Colbry College recently; upcoming Chewonki presentations at Margaret Chase Smith and North Elementary Schools; annual talent show scheduled for April 12th at Mill Stream Elementary School.

In addition the Assistant Superintendent reported that work continues on PBE, Graduation Requirements and completion of the 21st Century Grant Application.

The Support Services Manager shared that two of our school nutrition cooks, Janna Wacome and Gina Bailey, recently competed in the regional Maine Farm to School Cook Off and placed 3rd out of six teams.

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. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools