

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
May 23, 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 May 23, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Haley Fleming*, Theresa Howard*, Desiree Libby and Karen Smith* 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.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 5/10/18

**ON A MOTION BY Mark Bedard, seconded by Richard Irwin,
the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors’
meetings of 5/10/18. (824 yes)**

4. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Christina Fellman, Grade 5 Teacher at Margaret Chase Smith School, effective June 2018.

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Anita Hopkins, Principal of North Elementary and Margaret Chase Smith Schools, effective June 30, 2018.

b. School Personnel

Adult Education Director, Bill Laney, shared various activities happening in Adult Ed, including:

- Upcoming graduation of CNA students
- 7 week Work Ready Youth Program for ages 16-24
- ESL class for 18 Backyard Farms workers from Mexico with high school Spanish Teacher Donna Irish
- Workshop on Rank Choice Voting will be held on June 5th from 6:00-7:00 at the Skowhegan Area High School

c. Visitors

There were no visitors who wished to speak.

5. Committee Reports

There were no committee minutes to report.

6. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

ON A MOTION BY Goff French, seconded by Maryellen Charles, the Board voted to approve nomination pages one and two. (824 yes)

b. Report on Assessment Payments to Date

The Superintendent shared that as of May 23, 2018, Mercer, Norridgewock and Skowhegan were current on their monthly assessments. Canaan, Cornville and Smithfield are outstanding for May. Assessment payments are due on the 20th of each month.

c. Other

The Superintendent also reported on the following:

- School Safety Summit was held in Augusta and focused on threat assessments, security awareness and weaknesses.

- The DOE has launched the new online certification system. Once the system is refined the Educator Portal will be released and teachers will be able to renew their certification online.
- The high school may have the opportunity to extend the NEASC accreditation, which expires in 2021, for an additional 3 years.
- \$37,685 was received from MSMA Unemployment Compensation Fund for return of excess contributions.
- Current vacancies were reviewed.
- There are currently 149 incoming Kindergartners registered for the fall.
- KVCAP is proposing adding a 3 year old program, which may create an additional session in the fall.

The Superintendent asked for the Board’s approval of a one year unpaid leave of absence for Heidi Goodwin, who will continue working with the Department of Education as a Distinguished Educator.

ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Maryellen Charles, the Board voted to approve a one year unpaid leave of absence to Heidi Goodwin for the 2018-2019 school year. (824 yes)

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent thanked all who attended the CNA/SAU Consolidated Plan Review meeting on May 21st.

The Assistant Superintendent also shared news and events taking place in the schools.

The Support Services Manager shared that the next phase of the flooring project at the high school will resume on June 14th. The School Nutrition Program will be serving dinner to 0-18 and pregnant women for 6 Tuesdays this summer as part of the Dinner/Movie in the Park that will be held at Coburn Park.

8. Old and Unfinished Business

The next Support Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 19th at 6:00 pm at the Superintendent’s Office.

9. Introduction of New Business not listed on the Agenda

Peggy Lovejoy shared that at Margaret Chase Smith School, there are nice raised beds for planting flowers as well as sunflowers along the fence.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools