

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
July 20, 2017, 6:00 p.m.
Skowhegan Area Middle School**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Maine School Administrative District No. 54 was held on July 20, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Maryellen Charles*, Goff French*, Theresa Howard* and Amy Rouse* were absent. (Brandy Morgan arrived after Item 6c)

*excused

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Flag Salute followed.

2. Good News and Recognitions

There was no scheduled presentation for this meeting.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 6/29/17

ON A MOTION BY Richard Irwin, seconded by Lynda Quinn, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meetings of 6/29/17. (781 yes)

4. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Monique Poulin, Principal of Skowhegan Area High school.

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

c. Visitors – No visitors wished to speak.

5. Committee Reports

a. Personnel Committee – 7/13/17 and 7/18/17

ON A MOTION BY Peggy Lovejoy, seconded by Heidi Chartrand, the Board voted to accept the minutes of Personnel Committee meetings of 7/13/17 and 7/18/17 into the public record. (781 yes)

Peggy Lovejoy reviewed the minutes of the 7/13/17 meeting and asked the Board to vote on the following recommendation:

ON A MOTION BY Peggy Lovejoy, seconded by Jennifer Poirier, the Board voted to approve the nomination of Bruce Mochamer as Principal of Skowhegan Area High School in accordance with the contractual terms outlined by the Superintendent, for a two year contract. (781 yes)

Peggy Lovejoy reviewed the minutes of the 7/18/18 meeting and asked the Board to vote on the following recommendation:

ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board voted to approve the nominations of Jason Bellerose and William Vigue as Assistant Principals of Skowhegan Area High School in accordance with the contractual terms outlined by the Superintendent, for a two year contract. (781 yes)

6. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Desiree Libby, the Board voted to approve revised nominations page one. (781 yes)

b. Report on Assessment Payments to Date

The Superintendent shared that as of July 20, 2017, the towns were current on their monthly assessments. Assessments are due on the 20th of each month.

c. Authorization of Lease Purchase of Computer Equipment

The Superintendent requested the Board's approval to authorize a Lease Purchase of Computer Equipment in the Principal amount of \$500,000.

ON A MOTION BY Dixie Ring, seconded by Mark Bedard, the Board voted that the resolution entitled, "Resolution to Authorize Lease Purchase of Computer Equipment in the Principal Amount of \$500,000," be adopted in form presented to this meeting and that a copy of said Resolution be filed with the minutes of this meeting. (781 yes)

d. Review of Budget Updates

The Superintendent updated the Board on the 2017-2018 budget. The district was awarded \$18,826,308, which is \$126,923 over last year's subsidy or \$1,005,702 over the preliminary subsidy amount contained in the Governor's original proposed non-enacted subsidy amount.

The Superintendent requested the Board's input on how to proceed with these revised revenue numbers. After some discussion there was overwhelming support to retain the additional subsidy, and to utilize the funds as had been outlined during the budget process to support the settlement of staff contracts and restore some of the reductions that were made that are not sustainable.

This is in accordance with Article 18, which was approved at the District Budget Meeting held on May 24, 2017, and later approved by Voters at the District Budget Validation Referendum on June 13, 2017, which authorized the disposition of any additional state subsidy that might be received.

ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Peggy Lovejoy, the Board voted to authorize to utilize additional state subsidy to increase expenditures for school purposes in cost center categories in accordance with detailed information provided by the Superintendent to the Board and District towns, as authorized by Article 18 in the 2017-2018 Budget Warrants. (827 yes)

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent updated the Board on the hiring process.

The Support Services Manager updated the Board on the various summer projects and recent snow plow bids for 2017-2020, which were opened on 6/30/17. Details on the bids received were shared with the Board. The Board voted on the following recommendation:

ON A MOTION BY Richard Irwin, seconded by Jennifer Poirier, the Board voted to authorize the snow plow bids for 2017-2020, and award the snow plow bids to Camilla Acres (Superintendents Complex) and Peter Clark (Skowhegan Intown Facilities, Canaan Elementary and Mill Stream Elementary Schools). (827 yes)

8. Old and Unfinished Business

No old and unfinished business was discussed.

9. Introduction of New Business not listed on the Agenda

Upcoming committee meetings were reviewed.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools