

**RSU 54/MSAD 54**

**Meeting of Board of Directors  
August 10, 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 August 10, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Heidi Chartrand\*, Goff French\*, Theresa Howard\* and Brandy Morgan\* were absent.

\*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 – 8/10/17

**ON A MOTION BY Richard Irwin, seconded by Peggy Lovejoy, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meetings of 8/10/17. (820 yes)**

4. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Sara Everett, Ed Tech III at North Elementary School.

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Stacey Cossaboom, School Office Assistant at Marti Stevens Learning Center.

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

c. Visitors – No visitors wished to speak.

5. Committee Reports - There were no committee reports.

6. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

**ON A MOTION BY Richard Irwin, seconded by Jennifer Poirier, the Board voted to approve nomination pages one and two. (820 yes)**

b. Report on Assessment Payments to Date

The Superintendent shared that as of August 10, 2017, the towns of Canaan, Cornville, Norridgewock and Smithfield were current on their monthly assessments. Mercer was outstanding for June (partial payment received 7/18), July and August. Skowhegan was outstanding for July and August. Assessment are due on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

c. Budget Update

The Superintendent reviewed with the Board information from the Department of Education in regard to guidance on usage of additional state funds for fiscal year 2017-2018 as well as MSMA's memo of 8/4/17, which provides information on the substantial changes that affect how the additional state funding will be spent.

The Superintendent also shared revised 2017-2018 Revenues and District Budget Summary worksheets.

In accordance with the additional state subsidy received, assessment warrants were updated to reflect the additional revenues and increased expenditures to the 2017-2018 District Budget in accordance with the article approved by Voters at the June Referendum.

**ON A MOTION BY Richard Irwin, seconded by Amy Rouse, the Board voted to authorize and sign updated assessment warrants to reflect the increased revenues and increased expenditure in the 2017-2018 District Budget. (767 yes, 53 abstain)**

d. Approval of Computer Lease/Purchase Bid

A summary of bids for the Computer Lease/Purchase were reviewed and the winning bidder was Androscoggin Savings Bank, with an interest rate of 2.95% that includes a non-appropriation clause. Following discussion, the Board voted on the following recommendation:

**ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Peggy Lovejoy, the Board voted to approve the financing for tax-exempt lease purchase of computer equipment financing with Androscoggin Saving Bank. (820 yes)**

e. Other

The Superintendent reported that Poland Bus Service will not be fulfilling their busing contract, due to lack of drivers, for the 2017-2018 school year. As a result, Mosher Bus Service will expand a few of the runs and the District will consolidate runs to cover the runs Poland provided. When a busing contract has been broken, the State moves affected districts to the top of the priority list for bus purchases. As a result, the Superintendent asked the Board to vote on the following recommendation:

**ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Desiree Libby, the Board voted to authorize Administration to pursue additional buses from State Subsidy Program. (820 yes)**

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent was not present.

The Support Services Manager updated the Board on the various summer projects and reminded the Board the Support Services Committee will be taking a bus tour of the schools at their meeting on Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The meeting will start at 5:30 pm at the Superintendent's Office.

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