

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
November 2, 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 November 2, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Mark Bedard*, Maryellen Charles*, Theresa Howard* and Desiree Libby* 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 – 10/19/17

**ON A MOTION BY Richard Irwin, seconded by Peggy Lovejoy, the Board
voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meetings of
10/19/17. (854 yes)**

4. Communications

a. Letters

There were no letters shared.

b. School Personnel

Skowhegan Area High School Principal, Bruce Mochamer, acknowledged the state championship win for the field hockey team, making this the 15th win in the last 17 years.

c. Visitors – No visitors wished to speak.

5. Committee Reports

a. Personnel Committee – 10/19/17

ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Peggy Lovejoy, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of 10/19/17 into the public record. (854 yes)

Peggy Lovejoy, Committee Vice-Chair, reviewed the minutes. There were no recommendations.

6. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

ON A MOTION BY Goff French, seconded by Amy Rouse, the Board voted to approve nominations page one, two and three. (854 yes)

b. Report on Assessment Payments to Date

The Superintendent shared that as of November 2, 2017, Canaan, Cornville, Mercer, Norridgewock and Smithfield were current on their monthly assessments, with November due on the 20th. Skowhegan was outstanding for September, October and November.

c. MSMA/MSBA Fall Conference Updates

Lynda Quinn, who represented the Board at the Annual Delegate Assembly shared that she has the 2017 Resolutions that were voted on for anyone who like to review them.

The Superintendent and Board members shared information on various clinics attended at the conference, some of which included topics on employee rights, school boards and law suits, regionalization and electronic recording.

d. Other

The Superintendent shared the following information:

- The district enrollment as of 11/2/17 was 2,497 (last report-2,503)

- Memorial Plaque for Don Finley is finished and planning is underway for a dedication ceremony.
- The DOE's Evaluation Team for Major Capital Improvement Projects began their site visits this week. Site walks were done at the high school, career center, North Elementary and Canaan Elementary. Margaret Chase Smith and Bloomfield had to be rescheduled to December due to the storm.
- With the aftermath of the storm, a meeting will be held next week with various emergency management and municipality officials for a debriefing and to discuss future options and collaboration efforts.
- Appreciation was recognized for all who helped during the time the Mill Stream School became an emergency shelter, including Laura Pineo and the Norridgewock Fire Department.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent thanked all who helped while the Mill Stream School was an emergency shelter as a result of the storm on October 30th.

Dual Enrollment Program planning continues with High School staff and Thomas College.

The Support Services Manager commented that busing continues to be a priority with the shortage of drivers.

8. Old and Unfinished Business

No old and unfinished business was discussed.

9. Introduction of New Business not listed on the Agenda

There was no new business introduced.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools