

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
December 6, 2018, 7:00 PM
Skowhegan Area Middle School**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Maine School Administrative District No. 54 was held on December 6, 2018, at 7:00 PM at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Richard Irwin* and Christy Johnson* were absent.

*excused

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
Flag Salute followed.

2. Good News and Recognitions

Mill Stream Elementary Principal, Julie Kimball, introduced 4th Grade Teachers Crystal Dorr, Diane Leeman and Jessica Skillings to the Board. 4th Grade students shared their Maine Day floats and reports. Students worked hard to complete research, design floats and prepare a short speech to demonstrate their knowledge.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 11/15/18

ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 11/15/18, into the public record. (919 yes)

4. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Valerie Kelley, van driver.

The Superintendent acknowledge a letter shared with Board from Governor-Elect Janet Mills in regard to the Indian mascot and logo.

The Superintendent acknowledged a letter shared with the Board from the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation (ACLU) in regard to the Indian mascot.

- b. School Personnel – No School Personnel wished to speak.
- c. Visitors

Prior to hearing comments from visitors, the Chair announced that she will be recommending that a Public Forum on the use of the high school Native American nickname will be held.

Visitors shared comments surrounding the Indian mascot/nickname discussion.

Parent/Skowhegan resident expressed concern of the protocol used for notifying parents of non-credible threats.

Following comments the Chair made a recommendation that a Public Forum on the use of the high school Native American nickname be held.

Following a show of hands, the majority agreed to move forward with the recommendation. (519 yes, 400 no)

The Public Forum will start at 6pm on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at the Skowhegan Area Middle School Gymnasium.

The Board recessed at 7:45 pm and returned to regular session at 7:50 pm.

5. Committee Reports

- a. Personnel Committee Meeting – 11/15/18

ON A MOTION BY Goff French, seconded by Amy Rouse, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of 11/15/18 into the public record. (919 yes)

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

6. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

ON A MOTION BY Amy Rouse, seconded by Jennifer Poirier, the Board voted to approve nominations page 1. (919 yes)

b. Update on Assessment Payments from Towns

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

c. Other

Current enrollment report was shared – 2,448 (2,443 last report).

The Superintendent shared a revised 2018-2019 District Calendar. The High School 2nd quarter end date was corrected to reflect the ending date of 1/25/19 and the Mid-year exams dates were corrected to reflect 1/22/19 to 1/25/19.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent shared various activities taking place in our schools, including 34 SCTC students are heading to Bangor for SkillsUSA Leadership Conference.

The Support Services Manager reported that pellet boiler is burning 30 ton per week.

8. Old and Unfinished Business

Board members were reminded to turn in completed performance assessment evaluations to the Personnel Committee Chair, Theresa Howard.

9. Introduction of New Business

A review of the School Board Code of Ethics will be on the December 20th Board meeting agenda.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools