

**Meeting of Board of Directors
May 28, 2020, 6:00 pm
REMOTE via Zoom**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Maine School Administrative District No. 54 was held remotely via Zoom, on May 28, 2020, at 6:00 pm.

BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE BY ROLL CALL

PRESENT (797):

Mark Bedard (Skow-53)
Harold Bigelow (Skow-53)
Sarah Bunker (Mercer-16)
Maryellen Charles (Mercer-16)
Jeannie Conley (Skow-53)
Derek Ellis (Skow-53)
Jean Franklin (Canaan-43)
Goff French (Smith-27)
Theresa Howard (Corn-30)
Michael Lambke (Skow-53)
Peggy Lovejoy (Skow-53)
Brandy Morgan (Norr-46)
Jennifer Poirier (Skow-53)
Lynda Quinn (Skow-53)
Dixie Ring (Canaan-43)
Amy Rouse (Skow-53)
Todd Smith (Skow-53)
Kathy Wilder (Norr-46)

ABSENT/EXCUSED (202)

Haley Fleming (Norr-46)
Christy Johnson (Smith-27)
Desiree Libby (Norr-46)
Gary Sinclair (Corn-30)
Karen Smith (Skow-53)

1. Call to Order
The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
Flag Salute followed.
2. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. School Board meeting – 5/7/20

ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Goff French, the Board voted by roll call to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 5/7/20 into the public record.

The MOTION PASSED with all members present voting YES by ROLL CALL. (797 YES)

3. Communications

a. Letters

There were no letters shared.

b. School Personnel

There were no School Personnel who wished to speak.

c. Visitors

A visitor offered options for graduation commencement that area schools have planned and to consider similar plans to be held possibly at the fairgrounds.

A visitor asked for the status on the Mascot. At this time there are no new developments on the Mascot.

4. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board voted to approve nominations page 1, in addition to 2nd and 3rd Year Probationary and 4th Year Continuing Contract Teachers nominations.

The MOTION PASSED with all members present voting YES by ROLL CALL. (797 YES)

b. Report on Assessments Payments to Date

The Superintendent shared that as of May 28, 2020, Cornville, Norridgewock, Skowhegan and Smithfield were current on their monthly assessments. Canaan was outstanding for May, and Mercer was outstanding for May and a portion of April assessments. Assessments are due on the 20th.

c. Update on Distance Learning Plan

The Assistant Superintendent reviewed the District's website in regard to Distance Learning Resources. A parent survey is being developed for feedback.

d. Update on New School Construction Building Study

The Superintendent reported that the environmental site study should be available in the next two weeks and will report on the study at a future meeting.

e. Report on Food Delivery Program

The Superintendent reported that to date more than 330,000 meals have been delivered to District families.

f. Update on Budget Development and Approval Process for 2020-2021

The Superintendent reviewed the current draft budget, which includes a total budget of \$36,666,248, an overall decrease of (-\$101,678) or (-2.77%). The Local Share would decrease by (-\$182,073) or (-1.28%).

The Board will meet on 6/4/20 to approve the proposed budget and seek input from the public. Information on the budget proposal will be posted on the District's website.

g. Update on COVID-19 District Plans for End of Year – Graduation Plans

Skowhegan Area Principal Bruce Mochamer reviewed graduation plans, which is set for June 20th. Board members shared suggestions for other possible options to add to the current plans.

h. Update on Negotiations

The Superintendent shared that ongoing negotiations with the Education Association continue and will be discussed in Executive Session under Item 8 of the agenda.

ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Jennifer Poirier the Board voted to approve the revised 2019-2020 School Calendar with the last official day of school for students being on June 5 and June 8 for teachers with a scheduled Workshop Day.

The MOTION PASSED with all members present voting YES by ROLL CALL. (797 YES)

i. Approval to Authorize Issuance of Bonds for the Track, Fields, and Auditorium

ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Jennifer Poirier, the Board voted that the resolution entitled, “Resolution to Authorize Issuance of General Obligation Bonds in Principal Amount of \$750,000 to Improve the High School Track, Fields, and Auditorium,” be adopted in form presented to this meeting and that an attested copy of said Resolution be filed with the minutes of this meeting.

The MOTION PASSED with all members present voting YES by ROLL CALL. (797 YES)

j. Draft Revised Calendar for 2020-2021

A draft revised calendar for 2020-2021 was shared with the Board. The Superintendent reviewed the revised calendar and asked the Board for its approval of the 2020-2021 revised calendar.

ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board approved the revised 2020-2021 District Calendar as presented.

The MOTION PASSED with all members present voting YES by ROLL CALL. (797 YES)

5. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent reviewed a minor adjustment to Policy JJI – Skowhegan Area High School Philosophy and Athletic Code and Contract, specific to recommendations from the MPA (Maine Principal's Association). The wording in Section III A.1 - specifically the section that reads "All physicals are good for two years only.", will be extended to 3 years.

ON A MOTION BY Amy Rouse, seconded by Dixie Ring, the Board voted to approve revised Policy JJI as presented.

The MOTION PASSED with all members present voting YES by ROLL CALL. (797 YES)

The Support Services Manager expressed his gratitude to staff for all the hard work during this unprecedented time. He commended first year directors Terry Watson (transportation) and Jana Wacome (nutrition) for the great job they are doing to coordinate food deliveries.

6. Old and Unfinished Business

Meeting location (in-person or remote), and time for the next Board meeting was discussed and it was the consensus to meet remotely at 6:30 pm at the next scheduled meeting on 6/4/20.

Kathy Wilder asked for update on the mascot process. The Chair commented that the process will continue once the students can be involved.

7. Introduction of New Business

Peggy Lovejoy suggested the possibility of having the option to vote remotely for future meetings.

8. Executive Session – Negotiations pursuant to *Title I MRSA §405(6)(A)*

ON A MOTION BY Dixie Ring, seconded by Jennifer Poirier, the Board voted to enter into executive session at 7:18 pm to discuss negotiations. (797 YES)

The Board returned to regular session at 7:30 pm.

9. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools