

RSU 54/MSAD 54
Educational Policy/Program Committee
MINUTES
November 10, 2020
6:00 PM
SKOWHEGAN AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Committee Attendance: Sarah Bunker – Chair, Amy Rouse – Vice Chair, Maryellen Charles, Jeannie Conley, Derek Ellis, Goff French, Christy Johnson, Mike Lambke, Desiree Libby, Peggy Lovejoy

Also Present: Mark Hatch and Jon Moody, David Dorr, Doug McEwen, Bruce Mochamer, Jason Bellerose, Erica Thompson, Erin Madore, Lynda Quinn

1. Update on District Summer Programming

Skowhegan Area High School administrators Bruce Mochamer and Jason Bellerose and Skowhegan Area Middle School administrator Doug McEwen presented information to the committee regarding summer school from the 2019-2020 school year. They shared that a number of students had failing grades when schools had to close in March, and that through a combination of efforts including an adjustment to the grading structure, teachers working with students to complete work during the closure, and summer programming, overall failures were dramatically reduced.

District Special Education Co-Director Erica Thompson and Title I Coordinator Erin Madore spoke about the Title 1 and Special Education summer programming. Special Education summer programming, which had more than 30 students attend summer programming in person, were able to use the facilities and provide programming in a way that followed the CDC guidelines. The Title I program, which invited 240 students to participate in a remote learning program, provided online learning and at home resources for all students. Both programs were considered a success.

2. Presentation by David Dorr/SCTC Director

SCTC Director, David Dorr reported that SCTC has received additional state funds in the amount of \$163,000, to support the expansion of the Welding program and the development of a CDL Driving program, something that has been looked at for several years. David will work with the SCTC advisory board and provide an update in the future.

3. Update on Remote Learning Plan/District RED Plan

The Assistant Superintendent reported out on how remote learning has been progressing. A recent poll of remote learning parents indicated that the process has been going well. Families whose students are currently in remote learning, 77.8% said that things were going well (score of 4 or 5 out of 5) and 83.9% said that the software and devices were working well in recent weeks(score of 4 or 5 out of 5). The Remote Learning Committee has finalized the plan for the event that Somerset County is designated by the CDC as red. This plan includes a schedule that will become the remote learning schedule that the district will use if a school or the district closes schools due to COVID19. The plan will be sent out next week to staff and a shortened, family friendly sheet will go out to teachers to send home with their child's schedule.