

RSU 54/MSAD 54
Educational Policy/Program Committee
MINUTES
November 19, 2024
6:00 PM
Skowhegan Area High School –Library

Committee Attendance: Karyn Curran, Samantha Delorie, Sarah Bunker, Valerie Coulombe, Michelle Kelso, Peggy Lovejoy, Janice Malek, Julian Payne, Michelle Taylor

Also Present: Jonathan Moody, Mark Hatch, Kasey Purington,

1. First 10 Community School Grant Update

Casey Purington, the Parent Outreach Coordinator for the district’s First 10 Community School grant, shared information with the committee on our state funded initiative (\$250,000). The work of the grant focuses on building connections with families and local childcare programs. The intent of the work is to provide information and support for families including opportunities for students to enter schools for play and learn activities prior to entering Kindergarten as well as bringing together staff who will be in the new school to discuss grade level transitions for kids. The steering committee for the grant will continue the work over the next three years.

2. Review Policy II – Instructional Arrangements and Student Placement at Skowhegan Area Middle School

The Committee discussed policy II and which is outdated and not a required state policy. The committee requested that the middle school continue to send out their request for information from parents on placement, so that parents can have a voice in informing the process.

RECOMMENDATION: That the board remove policy II from current list of district policies.

3. Review Finance Policies DJ-R, DJH, DM, DN and DO

The Committee discussed policy DJ-R and will revisit the policy at their next meeting.

The Committee reviewed and discussed policy DJH and determined no changes were needed.

The Committee discussed policy DM and suggested revisions.

Recommendation: That the school board adopt policy DM as revised.

The Committee reviewed and discussed policy DN that identifies the process the school district uses to dispose of property that has been determined to be obsolete or no longer of use. Discussion included the adjustment to the value of the property for which this policy applies be raised from \$1000.00 or more to \$2000.00 or more.

Recommendation: That the school board adopt policy DN as revised.

The Committee reviewed and discussed policy DO and the need to incorporate scholarships, adjustments to language, and the mandatory closing of accounts that fall below \$100 as recommended by the auditor.

Recommendation: That the school board adopt policy DO as written.

Next Committee meeting is December 10, 2024.