

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
November 7, 2019, 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 November 7, 2019, at 7:00 pm at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Jean Franklin* and Dixie Ring* were absent.

*excused

1. Call to Order

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

Flag Salute followed.

Newly appointed Cornville Board member, Gary Sinclair, was introduced and welcomed to the Board.

2. Good News and Recognitions

RSU 54/MSAD 54 Adult and Community Education Director, Jeremy Lehan, presented to the Board on the new HiSET exam, which replaced the GED, as the path to earn a high school equivalency diploma in Maine. Mr. Lehan introduced Skylar Karr, who is the first completer in the program. Skylar shared his experience in the program and his plans for the future, which include joining the Airforce and pursuing a degree in engineering. Mr. Lehan surprised Skylar by presenting him with his official diploma.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 10/17/19

ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Amy Rouse, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 10/17/19, into the public record. (913 yes)

4. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Edgar Fuller, bus driver/custodian.

b. School Personnel – There were no school personnel who wished to speak.

c. Visitors

Jason Gayne, Skowhegan Regional Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, announced the upcoming Annual Event and Awards Show will recognize David Dorr as the recipient of the Educational Leader of the Year Award, and Lynda Quinn as the recipient of the Alton Whittemore Award.

5. Committee Reports

a. Personnel Committee – 10/17/19

ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Peggy Lovejoy, the Board vote to accept the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of 10/17/19 into the public record. (913 yes)

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

b. Educational Policy/Program Committee – 11/4/19

ON A MOTION BY Amy Rouse, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to accept the minutes of Educational Policy/Program Committee meeting of 11/4/19, into the public record. (913 yes)

Amy Rouse, Committee Chair, reviewed the minutes and asked the Board to vote on the following recommendations:

ON A MOTION BY Goff French, seconded by Jeannie Conley, the Board voted to support and adopt revised Policy IHBEA, English Language Learner Program (LAU Plan) as written. (913 yes)

ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Sarah Bunker, the Board voted to support and adopt the following Title I Policies: KBF, Title I Board Level Parent Involvement Policy; KBF-E1, Title I District Parent Involvement Policy; Policy KBF-E2, Title I Schoolwide Parental Involvement Policy, as written. (913 yes)

6. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Jennifer Poirier, the Board voted to approve nomination pages 1 and 2. (913 yes)

b. Report on Assessments Payments to Date

The Superintendent shared that as of November 7, 2019, Canaan, Cornville, Mercer, Norridgewock, Skowhegan and Smithfield were current on their monthly assessment payments, with November assessment due on the 20th.

c. MSMS Fall Conference Reports

The Superintendent and Board members shared information on the various clinics attended at the MSMA Fall Conference.

Board member and elected Delegate, Amy Rouse, reported on the School Board Delegate Assembly. Six resolutions were reviewed and all passed, including Staff Use of Social Media; School Board Use of Social Media; Legislative Focus on Students; Board-Teacher Relations; CTE Funding Restoration; and Taxpayer Dollars Support Public Education.

d. Update on New School Construction Approval

The Superintendent updated the Board on the school construction process. A legal notice for Architectural and Engineering Firms Request for Qualifications will be published in the Kennebec Journal and Portland Press, with qualification packages due on December 13th.

The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent are scheduled to meet with the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of Education to discuss the PreK Program to include 3-year olds, which will have an impact on the new building construction.

e. Computation and Declaration of Votes

The Bond Referendum passed, and thus the Superintendent asked to Board to vote on the following recommendations:

ON A MOTION BY Maryellen Charles, seconded by Amy Rouse, the Board voted that the Computation and Declaration of Votes dated November 7, 2019 and attached hereto be approved.

FURTHER VOTED that the Computation and Declaration of Votes be entered upon the records of Maine School Administrative District No. 54.

FURTHER VOTED that a certified copy of the Computation and Declaration of Votes be sent to each of the municipal clerks within the District.

(913 yes)

f. Other

The current PreK-12 enrollment as of 11/7/19 is 2,351 (2,352 last report).

The Superintendent shared information on the upcoming Kennebec Valley Superintendent's Association's Interactive Showcase Event "*Great Things Happen In Our Public Schools*", scheduled for Friday, November 15th from 9:30 – 11:30 am at Cony High School. Students and teachers from across the KVSA will showcase some of the excellent programs offered to students. Area legislative representatives and School Board Members are invited to attend.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent reported on the various activities taking place in the schools.

The Support Services Manager reported all is going well and the crews are gearing up for winter.

The grant application has been submitted for two new buses.

8. Old and Unfinished Business

Kathy Wilder asked for update on bathroom renovations. Renovations are completed and no issues reported.

Harold Bigelow commended Fireman Rick for his presentation to students.

9. Introduction of New Business

Lynda Quinn shared that the high school theatre will perform on November 14-16.

Skowhegan Field Hockey was commended for their State Final Championship win.

The Skowhegan Football will play in the semifinal game and were commended for a great season and best of luck.

10. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 7:42 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools