

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
August 8, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
Skowhegan Area Middle School**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Maine School Administrative District No. 54 was held on August 8, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Mark Bedard*, Derek Ellis*, Jean Franklin*, Brandy Morgan*, Dixie Ring* and Darcy Surette* 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

There were no scheduled presentations.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 6/20/19

ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Jennifer Poirier, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 6/20/19, into the public record. (731 yes)

4. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted letters of resignation from the following:

- Jill Alves, Elementary Library Ed Tech II
- Wade Boudreau, Residential Construction Instructor
- Gary Sinclair, Ed Tech at MSLC
- Kathi Michaud, Ed Tech at North Elementary
- Blake Hart, Physical Education Teacher at SAHS
- Denise Saucier, School Office Assistant at SAHS
- Janet McIntosh, Admin Asst at Central Office

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of intent to retire from School Nutrition Director, Laura Pineo, effective 12/31/19.

- b. School Personnel – There were no school personnel who wished to speak.
- c. Visitors – There were no visitors who wished to speak.

5. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

6. Superintendent's Report

- a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Todd Smith, the Board voted to approve nominations page 1, 2 and 3. (731 yes)

- b. Report on Assessments Payments to Date

The Superintendent shared that as of August 8, 2019, the towns of Cornville, Norridgewock and Smithfield were current on their monthly assessments, with August due on the 20th. Canaan and Norridgewock were outstanding for July and August; and Mercer was outstanding for a portion of May, June, July and August.

- c. 2019-2020 Budget Updates

The Superintendent reported on the 2018-2019 budget, which closed with a revenue balance of over \$30,000 more than expected. Expenditures came in under budget.

- d. Other

- The Board of Directors Committee Assignments for 2019-2020 were shared with the Board.
- Over the summer the process of removing Native American Imagery was completed.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent reported on the following:

- Various staff worked over the summer on K-5 Math and Language Arts curriculum standards; 6-12 curriculum work on Social Studies and Science, with future work to be done on content study and resources; Read and Math 180 training; and staff attended a Wabanaki Culture Workshop.
- As a result of the 21st Century Grant, set-up, training and hiring for After School Program is underway. Information will be sent home at the end of August to regarding an anticipated September 23rd startup of the program.
- 18 new staff have been hired, including six special ed staff.
- New Teacher Orientation is scheduled for August 20 and 21.
- Teacher Workshops Days on August 26 and 27 will include Campus Safe Training.
- As part of the JT Gorman Foundation, various organizations (Somerset Public Health, KVCC, SCTC, SAHS and SAMS) met on 8/8/19 to discuss moving the district to become Trauma Informed Schools.

The Support Services Manager reported that summer work projects continue and will be in good shape for the opening of school.

Bus Mechanic David Foster was recognized for placing 3rd out of 30 in the mechanics competition held recently at a Safety Conference (last year he placed 1st).

8. Old and Unfinished Business

There was no discussion.

9. Introduction of New Business

The Chair offered suggestion to consider for future Reorganizational Meetings in regard to electing members.

Kathy Wilder (Norr) asked about the process moving forward for Mascot Committee. The Board will discuss in the near future an outline of what the steps will be moving forward.

The Superintendent will develop a protocol for how to address the task of selecting a new mascot. The protocol will most likely include a screening committee as part of a Board approved plan for this work.

10. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools