

<b>RSU 54/MSAD 54</b>
<b>Educational Policy/Program Committee</b>
<b>MINUTES</b>
<b>September 24, 2024</b>
<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Skowhegan Area High School –Library</b>

**Committee Attendance:** Jeannie Conley, Valerie Coulombe, Karyn Curran, Samantha Delorie, Michelle Kelso, Michael Lambke, Julian Payne, Lynda Quinn, Michelle Taylor

**Also Present:** Jon Moody, Mark Hatch, David Dorr, Doug McEwen, Erica Thompson, Renee Stevens, Dawn Fickett

**1. Reorganization/Set Future Meeting Dates**

The Committee met and elected Karyn Curran as Chair and Samantha Delorie as Vice Chair. The committee Quorum was set at 5.

**2. Summer Programming Report**

The Committee heard reports from program directors of the various summer programs.

Renee Stevens and Erica Thompson reported on the district's special education summer programming which is required as part of some student's IEP's. They shared that 24 students received physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech language services in addition to life skills work and behavioral support. Students also attended the Camp REACH/Title I summer program. Erica and Renee shared that they have seen positive impacts for the summer program in the form of increased attendance, student engagement, and noted that 78% of students either maintained or increased their literacy skills during the summer.

Erin Madore and Dawn Fickett reviewed the Title I and Camp REACH summer programs. These programs, which are fully funded through federal and state funds, provide six weeks of programming for students in elementary and middle school. Programs included Camp Lit, Math Camp, Wildlife encounters, STEM, Art, Cooking, Construction and Adventure Camp. Erin and Dawn reported that 97% of the students attended 10 or

more days of instruction and of those students, 86% maintained or increased their literacy achievement.

Doug McEwen reviewed both the middle school and high school credit recovery program. Staff worked with 27 middle level students in the areas of literacy, math, social studies and science. The high school program worked with 58 high school students in a credit recovery format. Those 58 students were able to recover 84.5 credits.

David Dorr shared the programs offered through SCTC this summer. Programming was provided for 125 students through multiple week programs in the areas of Career & College Prep, Financial Literacy, Pre-Apprenticeships, Creating Writing, Robotics, Residential Construction, Scrub Club and Honeybee Husbandry. Many of these programs resulted in students earning high school credit and utilized community partnerships with JMG, Redington Fairview General Hospital, Finance Authority of Maine and SAPPI.

### **3. Review Policy GBGE/GBGE-R/Return to Work and Light Duty Assignments**

Mr. Hatch explained that policy GBGE and procedure GBGE-R are the current process that MSAD 54 uses to address staff returning to work who have suffered an injury. With the addition of these policies the district should receive a discount on its workers compensation coverage. The Committee discussed and made the following recommendation:

**Recommendation: The Board adopt the revised policy GBGE and GBGE-R as written.**

### **4. Report from Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent**

Mr. Hatch reviewed the upcoming dates for EPPC meetings this year and reminded the committee members that the next meeting is on October 8, 2024, and that the November meeting is not on the second Tuesday. It is on November 19, 2024.

**Future Meeting Dates:** October 8<sup>th</sup>, November 19<sup>th</sup>, December 10<sup>th</sup>, January 14<sup>th</sup>, February 11<sup>th</sup>, March 11<sup>th</sup>, March 18<sup>th</sup>, March 25<sup>th</sup> (if needed), April 8<sup>th</sup>, May 13<sup>th</sup>