

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
January 3, 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 January 3, 2019, at 7:00 PM at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Theresa Howard* was 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 was no scheduled presentation.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 12/20/18

**ON A MOTION BY Lynda Quinn, seconded by Jennifer Poirier,
the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors’
meeting of 12/20/18, into the public record. (969 yes)**

4. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of intent to retire from Steven Richardson, Teacher at Skowhegan Area Middle School, effective June 2019.

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of intent to retire from William Houston, Outdoor Leadership and Skills Instructor at Somerset Career and Technical Center, effective June 2019.

The Superintendent distributed letters received for the Board of Directors in regard to the use of the Indian name/nickname issue.

- b. School Personnel – No School Personnel wished to speak.
- c. Visitors

Skowhegan resident, Allison Dorko, commented on School Board Member Code of Ethics and Conflicts of Interest.

5. Committee Reports

- a. Personnel Committee – 12/20/18

ON A MOTION BY Amy Rouse, seconded by Goff French, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of 12/20/18 into the public record. (969 yes)

Peggy Lovejoy, Committee Vice-Chair, reviewed the minutes. There were no recommendations.

6. Superintendent's Report

- a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board voted to approve nominations page 1. (969 yes)

- b. Update on Assessment Payments from Towns

The Superintendent shared that as of December 20th Canaan, Cornville, Mercer, Norridgewock and Smithfield were current on their monthly assessment payments, with January assessments due on the 20th. Skowhegan was outstanding for December and January.

c. Update on Budget Development Process

The Superintendent shared and reviewed a tentative Budget Schedule. The first draft of the 2019-2020 Status Quo Budget will be presented to the Board on February 7th. Committees will review each portion of their respective budgets through the month of March.

d. Other

The Superintendent shared that the Finance Committee will meet with the District's auditor on January 24th to review the 2017-2018 Audit Report.

The Superintendent reviewed the process for the January 8th Public Forum on the use of the Indian name and seal. The notice and rules will be posted in the local newspaper as well as on the District's website.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent reported on the following:

- The Educational Policy/Program Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the Superintendent's Office.
- Information on the DOE's District Report Card was shared. The DOE will release the information to the public next week.
- Work will begin on the McKenney-Vento Homeless Grant once it is re-released by the DOE. The grant has up to \$40,000 available to access and focuses on improving academic success of students identified as homeless.
- KVCAP staff will be attending a Youth/Adolescent Poverty Workshop sponsored by Maine DOE.
- District staff have begun preparing for the district workshop on March 11th; updates will follow through Educational Policy/Program Committee.

The Support Services Manager shared that he will be attending a workshop at the Department of Education that will focus on the bus driver shortage in Maine.

8. Old and Unfinished Business

There was no old and unfinished business.

9. Introduction of New Business

There was no introduction of new business.

10. Executive Session to Review Superintendent's Performance Evaluation, per Title 1, M.R.S.A., §405(6)(A)

ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Goff French, the Board voted to enter into executive session at 7:53 pm, to review the Superintendent's Performance Evaluation.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:05 p.m.

11. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools