

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
February 2, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Skowhegan Area High School**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Maine School Administrative District No. 54 was held on February 2, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area High School Library.

ATTENDANCE BOARD MEMBERS (843 present, 156 absent):

Mark Bedard (Skow-53) PRESENT	Rebecca Anderson (Smith-27) ABSENT
Alicia Boulette (Skow-53) PRESENT	Brandy Morgan* (Norr-46) ABSENT
Sarah Bunker (Mercer-16) PRESENT	Gary Sinclair* (Corn-30) ABSENT
Janet Burrill (Canaan-43) PRESENT	Jacqueline Wolinski* (Skow-53) ABSENT
Jeannie Conley (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Samantha Delorie (Norr-46) PRESENT	
Annemarie Dubois (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Jean Franklin (Canaan-43) PRESENT	*excused
Daniel Frey (Smith-27) PRESENT	
Theresa Howard (Corn-30) PRESENT	
Bruce Hurley (Mercer-16) PRESENT	
Michael Lambke (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Desiree Libby (Norr-46) PRESENT	
Peggy Lovejoy (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Morrigan McLeod (Norr-46) PRESENT	
Lynda Quinn (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Amy Rouse (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Sara Smith (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Timothy Williams (Skow-53) PRESENT	

1. Call to Order

The Superintendent called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

a. Flag Salute followed.

2. Good News and Recognitions

There were no scheduled presentations.

3. Approval of the Minutes - 1/19/23

ON A MOTION BY Sarah Bunker, seconded by Mark Bedard, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 1/19/23 into the record. (843 yes)

4. Communications

a. Letters

There were no letters to share.

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

c. Visitors - There were no visitors present who wished to speak.

5. Committee Reports

a. Personnel Committee – 1/19/23

ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of 1/19/23 into the public record. (843 yes)

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

b. Building Committee – 1/19/23

ON A MOTION BY Samantha Delorie, seconded by Janet Burrill, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Building Committee meeting of 1/19/23 into the public record. (843 yes)

Superintendent Moody reviewed the minutes. There were no recommendations.

6. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

Superintendent Moody reviewed vacancies and recommended the Board's approval of nominations.

ON A MOTION BY Mark Bedard, seconded by Sarah Bunker, the Board voted to approve nominations page one. (843 yes)

b. Report on Assessments Payments to Date

Superintendent Moody shared that as of February 2, 2023, all six towns (Canaan, Cornville, Mercer, Norridgewock, Skowhegan and Smithfield) were current on their monthly assessments. Assessments are due on the 20th of each month.

c. Update on New School Construction Building Project

Superintendent Moody shared the latest front entrance plan for the new elementary school, which will be posted on the Building Project web page.

Also shared was a letter from the Skowhegan Planning Office, approving the application for the Major Site Review for the new elementary school on 40 Heselton St. The Planning Board will continue the review process with a Staff Review meeting in early February. A public hearing and deliberation by the Planning Board is anticipated for February 21st at 6pm at the Skowhegan Municipal Office.

Superintendent Moody shared an updated Naming Opportunities list, and asked the Board to accept list as presented.

ON A MOTION BY Samantha Delorie, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to accept the Naming Opportunities list as presented. (843 yes)

Currently project timelines and cost estimates are on track for the School Construction Project.

d. Review/Update of Federal Projects/Federal Funds

Superintendent Moody reported that the business office is making significant progress updating accounts. Finance Director, Melannie Keister, is working with staff and the new software company to do year end processes. Training and support for staff district-wide will begin later in the school year.

e. FY24 Budget

Superintendent Moody shared that the state subsidy report (ED279) was released this week and unfortunately state subsidy is down which,

combined with increased local valuations and a flat district student count, the FY24 budget is going to take a significant amount of work by the Board this year.

A schedule of committee meetings for review of the proposed 2023-2024 budget was shared with the board.

f. 2023-2024 Draft Calendar

Superintendent Moody shared the first draft of the 2023-2024 calendar, which is being reviewed by the Education Association and administrators, as well as the SCTC advisory board.

g. Update on Schools

See Item 7 below.

h. Other

Superintendent Moody requested the Board's approval of an overnight field trip for eighteen SCTC students who are competing in the Skills USA competitions in Bangor on March 16th and 17th.

ON A MOTION BY Morrigan McLeod, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board approved an overnight field trip for the Skills USA competitions in Bangor on March 16th and 17th. (843 yes)

Enrollment Report for 2/2/23 was shared – 2,252 (2,250 last report). Enrollment is up 35 students since Oct. 1st.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

Assistant Superintendent Hatch shared that the district is reviewing the data from the state regarding the Maine State Assessment results. The first look at the data was promising and the district was scoring at or above the state average in most areas. Educational Policy/Program Committee will review the data at a future meeting once it has been verified.

In the Support Services Absence, Superintendent Moody requested and received the Board's verbal consent to accept bids for oil process. We will

move forward with the relatively budget neutral bid and lock in our oil at roughly nine cents higher than last year.

8. Old and Unfinished Business

There was no old and unfinished business.

9. Introduction of New Business

Mark Bedard shared how impressed he was with the SCTC students for building the osprey nest boxes.

10. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Moody, Superintendent of Schools