

**Meeting of Board of Directors
May 7, 2020, 6:00 pm
REMOTE via Zoom**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Maine School Administrative District No. 54 was held remotely via Zoom, on May 7, 2020, at 6:00 pm.

BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE BY ROLL CALL

PRESENT (923):

Mark Bedard (Skow-53)
Harold Bigelow (Skow-53)
Sarah Bunker (Mercer-16)
Maryellen Charles (Mercer-16)
Jeannie Conley (Skow-53)
Derek Ellis (Skow-53)
Haley Fleming (Norr-46)
Jean Franklin (Canaan-43)
Goff French (Smith-27)
Theresa Howard (Corn-30)
Christy Johnson (Smith-27)
Michael Lambke (Skow-53)
Desiree Libby (Norr-46)
Peggy Lovejoy (Skow-53)
Jennifer Poirier (Skow-53)
Lynda Quinn (Skow-53)
Dixie Ring (Canaan-43)
Amy Rouse (Skow-53)
Karen Smith (Skow-53)
Todd Smith (Skow-53)
Kathy Wilder (Norr-46)

ABSENT/EXCUSED (76)

Brandy Morgan (Norr-46)
Gary Sinclair (Corn-30)

1. Call to Order
The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
Flag Salute followed.

2. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. School Board meeting – 4/9/20
 - b. Personnel Committee meeting – 4/28/20

ON A MOTION BY Amy Rouse, seconded by Peggy Lovejoy, the Board voted by roll call to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors’ meeting of 4/9/20, and the Personnel Committee meeting of 4/28/20 into the public record.

The MOTION PASSED with all members present voting YES by ROLL CALL. (923 YES)

3. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of intent to retire from Mary McCann-Baker, School Counselor at Margaret Chase Smith and North Elementary Schools, effective June 2020.

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of intent to retire from Cola Larlee, Ed Tech at Skowhegan Area Middle School, effective June 2020.

b. School Personnel

There were no School Personnel who wished to speak.

c. Visitors

A visitor asked for an update on the Mascot. At this time there are no new developments on the Mascot.

A visitor commented on the tentative dates being set for the start of school in September.

4. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

There were no vacancies, nominations, recommendations to consider.

b. Report on Assessments Payments to Date

The Superintendent shared that as of May 7, 2020, Cornville, Norridgewock, and Skowhegan were current on their monthly assessments, with May assessments due on the 20th. Canaan, Mercer, and Smithfield were outstanding for April and May; Mercer paid a portion of April's assessment.

c. Update and Vote on Distance Learning Plan

The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent updated to Board on Level 1 and Level 2 Distance Learning Plan (see attached plan).

d. Update on New School Construction Building Study

The Superintendent reported that a site study of the land behind the high school will be performed by Sackett and Brake.

e. Report on Food Delivery Program

The Superintendent reported that to date more than 200,000 meals have been delivered to District families.

f. Approval of New Assistant Superintendent

The Superintendent asked the Board to vote on the Personnel Committee's recommendation to nominate Mark Hatch as Assistant Superintendent.

ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Peggy Lovejoy, the Board voted to approve the nomination of Mark Hatch as Assistant Superintendent of Schools for RSU 54/MSAD 54 in accordance with the contractual terms outlined by the Superintendent, with a three year contract.

The MOTION PASSED with all members present voting YES by ROLL CALL. (923 YES)

Mr. Hatch introduced himself and thanked the Board for their support.

g. Update on Budget Development and Approval Process for 2020-2021

The Superintendent shared that the current draft budget includes a total budget of \$36,666,245 or a (-\$101,678) or (-2.77%) decrease in the overall budget. The Local Share would decrease by (-\$182,073) or (-1.28%).

h. Update on COVID-19 District Plans for End of Year (amended calendar)

The Board was updated on the information sent to SAHS students and families regarding activities through the end of the school year.

Information on the closing of Quarter 3 and Earning Credits, AP and Dual Enrollment courses, and end of year events were shared.

A revised 2019-2020 school calendar was shared and reviewed for approval by the Board.

ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Jennifer Poirier the Board voted to approve the revised 2019-2020 School Calendar with the last official day of school for students being on June 5 and June 8 for teachers with a scheduled Workshop Day.

The MOTION PASSED with all members present voting YES by ROLL CALL. (923 YES)

i. Update on Negotiations

The Superintendent shared that ongoing negotiations with the Education Association continue and will be discussed in Executive Session under Item 8 of the agenda.

j. Approval to Authorize Issuance of Bonds for the Track/Field/Auditorium

The Board agreed to put the approval to issue bonds for the track, field and auditorium on hold at this time.

k. Draft Revised Calendar for 2020-2021

A draft revised calendar for 2020-2021 was shared with the Board. No action was taken at this time as further review and guidance on guidelines from the state continue.

5. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent shared that although it may change, the goal is to have summer school and virtual after school program. The tentative date for the start of summer school will be July 6.

The Support Services Manager reviewed snowplow bids, school bus bids and propane bids and asked the Board to approve the bids as follows:

ON A MOTION BY Goff French, seconded by Harold Bigelow, the Board voted to approve Camilla Acres or a three year contact

for snow plowing services at \$120,900 each year; O'Connor Bus Sales for \$106,500 and Bob's Cash Fuel a 1.029 for propane.

The MOTION PASSED by ROLL CALL (877 YES, 46 NO)

6. Old and Unfinished Business

There was no old or unfinished business discussed.

7. Introduction of New Business

There was no introduction of new business.

8. Executive Session – Negotiations pursuant to Title I MRSA §405(6)(A)

ON A MOTION BY Peggy Lovejoy, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board voted to enter into executive session at 7:15 pm to discuss negotiations. (923 YES)

The Board returned to regular session at 7:35 pm.

8. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools