

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
August 22, 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 22, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Sarah Bunker*, Jean Franklin*, Theresa Howard*, Brandy Morgan*, Dixie Ring*, Amy Rouse* 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

David Dorr - SCTC Director, and Instructor - Jeremy Bourque, along with students who attended the SCTC Summer Semester, presented to the Board. The four classes that were offered included Career & College Prep, Psychology 101, Financial Literacy, and HVAC/Plumber class which was held on the KVCC campus. Student shared their experiences attending the program, which is funded by the JT Gorman Foundation Grant.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 8/8/19

ON A MOTION BY Goff French, seconded by Jennifer Poirier, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 8/8/19, into the public record. (738 yes)

4. Communications

- a. Letters – There were no letters shared.
- 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 Hal Bigelow, seconded by Todd Smith, the Board voted to approve nominations page 1, 2, 3 and 4 (738 yes).

b. Report on Assessments Payments to Date

The Superintendent shared that as of August 22, 2019, August Assessment payments were outstanding for the towns of Cornville, Norridgewock and Smithfield. Canaan and Skowhegan were outstanding for July and August; and Mercer was outstanding for a portion of May, June, July and August. Assessments are due on the 20th of each month.

c. Update on the Opening of School

The Superintendent shared that New Teacher Orientation Days were held this week on August 20 and 21. Summer staff were recognized for their hard work and all attended the Superintendent's 17th Annual End of Summer Cookout.

d. Other

The Superintendent shared the following:

- There will be a Public Hearing scheduled for October 3rd on the Bond Referendum which will be held on November 5th for the Track Restoration Project.
- The process moving forward in regard to the mascot was reviewed. The Chair reiterated that discussion on the protocol for the process of naming mascot will take place in late September/early October.
- An update on the high school bathroom stalls renovation was shared. The renovations have been delayed but should be complete over the next few weeks.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent reported on the following:

- 32 new staff attending the two day training held this week and including mandated reporting, FERPA and Suicide Prevention training.
- Administrators and Curriculum Coaches attended a Mindfulness Training this week as part of Trauma Informed Campus work.
- 243 students attending summer school and 43 high school students received college credits attending the summer session. 85 Title I/Special Ed students also attended summer school. Through the credit recovery program at the high school, 7 students earned their diploma. Acknowledged for their hard work were summer program coordinators, Doug McEwen, Erica Thompson, Dawn Fickett, David Dorr and Jeremy Bourque.

The Support Services Manager reported that summer work projects are wrapping up. School Nutrition Regional Training was held this week at the high school with 80 attending. District custodial staff and school office assistant trainings were also held this week. First Aid and Fire Extinguisher Training for bus drivers will be held tomorrow.

8. Old and Unfinished Business

Jason Bellerose, SAHS Assistant Principal, updated the Board on Rachel's Challenge, which is scheduled to present at SAMS on 9/16, SAHS on 9/17, as well as a public presentation on 9/17. Information will be sent to families the first week of school.

The Assistant Superintendent shared that Civil Rights Training with Brandon Baldwin from the Attorney General's Office will be held with staff at the August 27th workshop day.

9. Introduction of New Business

There was no new business discussed.

10. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools