

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
September 3, 2020, 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 September 3, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area Middle School Gymnasium. Haley Fleming* was absent. *excused

1. Call to Order

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

a. Flag Salute followed.

2. Approval of the Minutes – 8/20/20

ON A MOTION BY Goff French, seconded by Dixie Ring, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 8/20/20, into the public record. (953 yes)

3. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Amy Boulette, Ed Tech at North Elementary School.

b. School Personnel – No School Personnel wished to speak.

c. Visitors – There were no visitors who wished to speak.

4. Committee Reports – There were no committee reports

5. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Sarah Bunker, the Board voted to approve nomination pages 1 through 5. (953 yes)

b. Report on Assessments Payments to Date

The Superintendent shared that as of September 3, 2020, Cornville, Mercer, Norridgewock and Smithfield were current with September assessment due on the 20th. Skowhegan was outstanding for August and September; and Canaan was outstanding for July, August, and September.

c. Update on New School Construction Building Study

The Superintendent shared that there are been multiple meetings with the engineers and Stephen Blatt Architects on the building study. A meeting is scheduled for next week with the DOE's construction project team. As part of the building study, North Elementary School has been ruled out as a possible site for the new school, and a comprehensive look at all in town schools and the district is planned. An Ad will be posted in the newspaper to explore alternate land sites in Skowhegan.

d. Update on Nickname/Mascot and Related Imagery Process

The mascot survey is open to students in grades 6-12 until September 4. The Superintendent recommended that both the Support Services and Educational Policy/Program Committees meet on September 22nd at Skowhegan Area Middle School at 6pm to review student feedback and make final recommendations, to include three choices, to go before the entire board.

Student results will be shared with the Board prior to the 22nd.

e. Update on Return to School

The Superintendent, along with the entire Board, gave a standing ovation to applaud teachers, administrators, and staff for the amazing job with the start of school.

The Superintendent shared and reviews the Maine CDC's Standard Operating Procedure related to Investigation of COVID-10 in PreK-12 Schools, which includes the protocol to follow in the event of cases or outbreaks in schools.

Also shared and reviewed was information on Consideration of Sports/Clubs/After-School Activities and asked the Board to vote on the following recommendation:

ON A MOTION BY Amy Rouse, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board voted to continue to join guidance released by the MPA, Maine DOE, and Maine CDC provided it meets all state criteria for safety through September 17th. At that time, the MSAD 54 School Board can consider next steps for sports.

AND to begin clubs starting September 21st provided they can be done safely, and all advisors are district employees.

(953 yes)

f. Other

i. Enrollment Report

Enrollment as of 9/3/20 was 2,253. This count does not include PreK enrollment.

The Superintendent commended Mark Hatch, David Leavitt, the accounting dept. and office staff for managing several federal grants and Corona Virus Relief Funds. With the assistance of KVCAP, the District will be applying for childcare in the event of having to go hybrid or fully remote.

6. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent shared that staff has done a phenomenal job preparing for students, problem solving and working together, from maintenance/custodial, transportation and school staff, while implementing a plan with children.

The Support Services Manager shared that outside tents have been set up in various locations.

7. Old and Unfinished Business

There was no old or unfinished business discussed.

8. Introduction of New Business

The was no introduction of new business.

9. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Moody, Superintendent of Schools