

RSU 54/MSAD 54
Educational Policy/Program Committee
MINUTES
December 20, 2022
6:00 PM
Skowhegan Area High School –Library

Committee Attendance: Sarah Bunker, Jeannie Conley, Amy Rouse, Peggy Lovejoy, Lynda Quinn, Samantha Delorie, Morrigan McLeod

Also Present: Jonathan Moody, Mark Hatch, Ahnalese Higgins, Bruce Mochamer, Danielle Denis

1. **Discussion Regarding Student Representation on School Board** – Mr. Hatch shared the history that led to the discussion of having a student representative on the school board. This conversation started last year and came from multiple groups of students as a step in the process of increasing student involvement and voice. Mr. Hatch, Mr. Mochamer and Mr. Dorr have been meeting with groups of students this year to gain feedback from them about their school experiences. Ahnalese Higgins, a student who was part of those groups, advocated for the inclusion of students on the school board.

Mr. Mochamer shared his very positive experiences with working with students on a school board in a district he worked in previously.

The committee discussed the idea of having a nonvoting student member(s) on the school board and will review sample policies at a future meeting.

2. **Review Policy IJJ – Selection of Education Resources** - The committee discussed the policy and procedures that are in place for the selection of educational resources. The committee requested the policy be updated to reflect current media (ie. removal of “filmstrip”, etc.). The committee will review the draft changes at a future meeting.
3. **Data Update** – Mr. Hatch updated the committee on the districts NWEA data. NWEA is a meaningful evaluation tool for staff to assess student

progress in math and English. The district saw a drop in the number of students reaching their growth goal for the year, something that has been seen at the state and national levels as a result of the pandemic. The district staff will be looking at their student data on the January 25th early release day and will be using the winter data to inform their instruction and planning for the spring.

4. **Superintendent Evaluation** - Mr. Moody discussed the superintendent evaluation process, took feedback on revisions from the group, and will work with the chair of personnel to adjust the evaluation accordingly

5. **Report from Assistant Superintendent/Superintendent** – There were no additional updates