

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
January 19, 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 January 19, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area High School Library.

ATTENDANCE BOARD MEMBERS (598 present, 401 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	Timothy Williams* (Skow-53) ABSENT
Jeannie Conley (Skow-53) PRESENT	Jacqueline Wolinski* (Skow-53) ABSENT
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	

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 - 12/15/22

ON A MOTION BY Peggy Lovejoy, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 12/15/22 into the record. (737 yes)

4. Communications

a. Letters

Superintendent Moody acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Courtney Rolfe, Custodian at Skowhegan Area High School.

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 – 12/15/22

ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of 12/15/22 into the public record. (737 yes)

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

b. Educational Policy/Program Committee – 12/20/22 and 1/10/23

ON A MOTION BY Jeannie Conley, seconded by Sarah Bunker, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Educational Policy/Program Committee meeting of 12/20/22 into the public record. (737 yes)

Jeannie Conley, Committee Chair, reviewed the minutes. There were no recommendations.

ON A MOTION BY Jeannie Conley, seconded by Samantha Delorie, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Educational Policy/Program Committee meeting of 1/10/23 into the public record. (737 yes)

Jeannie Conley, Committee Chair, reviewed the minutes and asked the Board to vote on the following recommendation:

ON A MOTION BY Jeannie Conley, seconded by Peggy Lovejoy, the Board voted to adopt Policy IJJ – Selection of Educational Resources, as updated. (737 yes)

c. Building Committee – 1/4/23

ON A MOTION BY Sarah Bunker, seconded by Jeannie Conley, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Building Committee meeting o 1/4/23 into the public record. (737 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 Desiree Libby, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to approve nominations page one. (737 yes)

b. Report on Assessments Payments to Date

Superintendent Moody shared that as of January 19, 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 reviewed the Resolution to Authorize Real Estate Transactions for School Construction Project. Following questions and comments, the following recommendation was made:

ON A MOTION BY Janet Burrill, seconded by Mark Bedard, the Board voted to adopt the Resolution entitled, “Resolution to Authorize Real Estate Transactions for School Construction Project”, in the form presented to this meeting, and that an attested copy of said Resolution be filed with the minutes of this meeting. (737 yes)

The closing to execute the purchase the real estate known as Memorial Field for the sum of \$1,932,444.85 is scheduled for Monday, January 23rd.

Superintendent Moody updated the Board on entrance color options for the new elementary school, which are still being explored and will be shared with the full Board for consensus.

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

Superintendent Moody reviewed the Naming process for the new school. Survey results were shared, with Margaret Chase Smith Community School receiving 72.2% of the votes. Following discussion, the following motion was made:

ON A MOTION BY Desiree Libby, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to adopt the name Margaret Chase Smith Community School, for the new elementary school. (496 yes, 241 no)

d. Update on Schools

Assistant Superintendent Hatch will provide an update on schools under his report in Item 7 below.

e. Other

Superintendent Moody reminded the Board that a link to the Superintendent Evaluation survey will be emailed next week and asked that it be completed in a timely manner. Personnel Committee Chair, Theresa Howard, will compile results to review at a future meeting.

Assistant Superintendent Hatch is working on a schedule for Board member walkthroughs at the schools and will be shared once completed.

Enrollment Report was shared – 2,250 (2,241 last report).

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

Assistant Superintendent Hatch updated the Board on various activities taking place in the schools.

Support Services Manager, David Leavitt, updated the Board on the various federal funds projects, including:

- The Middle School Expansion Project is coming together well and is ready for sheetrock.
- The Bloomfield Elementary Window Replacement Project is scheduled to be done during April vacation.
- The High School Elevator Project is scheduled to begin in March.
- The Canaan Elementary School Project, which started during the holiday break, will continue during February and April breaks.

8. Old and Unfinished Business

There was no old and unfinished business.

9. Introduction of New Business

Mark Bedard thanked SCTC Director, David Dorr, and students for their assistance in building 20 osprey boxes. Mark also shared that on January 24th, CMP will present a \$10,000 donation to Educare for the new school.

10. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Moody, Superintendent of Schools