

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
October 20, 2022, 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 October 20, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area High School Cafeteria.

ATTENDANCE BOARD MEMBERS (704 present, 295 absent):

Mark Bedard (Skow-53) PRESENT	Rebecca Anderson (Smith-27) ABSENT
Sarah Bunker (Mercer-16) PRESENT	Alicia Boulette* (Skow-53) ABSENT
Samantha Delorie (Norr-46) PRESENT	Janet Burrill* (Canaan-43) ABSENT
Annemarie Dubois (Skow-53) PRESENT	Jeannie Conley* (Skow-53) ABSENT
Jean Franklin (Canaan-43) PRESENT	Daniel Frey* (Smith-27) ABSENT
Theresa Howard (Corn-30) PRESENT	Bruce Hurley* (Mercer-16) ABSENT
Michael Lambke (Skow-53) PRESENT	Brandy Morgan* (Norr-46) ABSENT
Desiree Libby (Norr-46) PRESENT	Gary Sinclair* (Corn-30) ABSENT
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	
Timothy Williams (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Jacqueline Wolinski (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

The scheduled presentation was rescheduled to the November 3rd meeting.

3. Approval of the Minutes - 10/6/22

ON A MOTION BY Mark Bedard, seconded by Sarah Bunker, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 10/6/22 into the record. (704 yes)

4. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Kimberly Russ, Ed Tech II Librarian.

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. Support Services Committee – 10/6/22

ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Support Services Committee meeting of 10/6/22 into the public record. (704 yes)

Jean Franklin, Committee Chair, reviewed the minutes and asked the Board to vote on the following recommendation:

ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Peggy Lovejoy, the Board voted to accept a donation of \$36 from Hannaford's Fight Hunger Bag Program. (704 yes)

b. Educational Policy/Program Committee – 10/11/22

ON A MOTION BY Sarah Bunker, seconded by Jacqueline Wolinski, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Educational Policy/Program Committee meeting of 10/11/22 into the public record. (704 yes)

Sarah Bunker, Committee Vice Chair, reviewed the minutes and asked the Board to vote on the following recommendations:

ON A MOTION BY Sarah Bunker, seconded by Peggy Lovejoy, the Board voted to adopt policies AC, ACAA, ACAA-R, ACAB and ACAB-R. (704 yes)

6. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

The Superintendent reviewed vacancies and recommended the Board's approval of nominations.

ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Sarah Bunker, the Board voted to approve nominations page one. (704 yes)

b. Report on Assessments Payments to Date

The Superintendent shared that as of October 20, 2022, Canaan, Cornville, Mercer, Norridgewock and Smithfield were current on their monthly assessments with October assessment due on the 20th. Skowhegan was outstanding for September and October.

c. Update on New School Construction Building Project

Superintendent Moody reported on a recent meeting with the DOE. The building project timeline was reviewed and is on schedule. There will be two upcoming Bond Anticipation Notes with the first going out to bid in the next month, and the second later in 2023. The district anticipates the project going out to Bond in the fall of 2023 (80%), with a final project Bond in 2024.

The next Building Committee meeting is scheduled for October 26th. The Committee will review the project timeline, have a complete update from the Architects, a presentation by Erin Merrill from KVCAP on fundraising, and will finalize the naming process and building names to make a suggestion to the full board at our next meeting.

On October 25th, Superintendent Moody, Erin Merrill from KVCAP, and Engineer Andy Johnson will present an update at the Skowhegan Board of Selectmen's meeting.

October 24th, Superintendent Moody, along with Landscape Architects, Sashie Meisner and Pat Carroll, presented to staff on the playground options and ideas. Staff provided feedback at the meeting and by online survey.

d. Review/Update of Federal Projects/Federal Funds Update

Superintendent Moody reported that staff are giving feedback, through surveys, on how federal funds can be used to improve outcomes for students in their classrooms.

The new Federal Funds and Finance Director position has been advertised and we have received applications from three qualified candidates. Following screening interviews, the Finance Committee and Personnel Committee Chair and Vice Chair will interview the finalists.

e. Update on Schools and the Start of the Year

Superintendent Moody shared a handout with the Board on the November 4th Day of Welcome event, which is sponsored by the Civil Rights Team. Board members are welcome to visit schools on the day of welcome.

f. Other

The enrollment report was shared with the Board. Enrollment as of 10/20/22 was 2,238 (2,235 last report).

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

Assistant Superintendent Hatch reported on various activities taking place in the schools, including:

- KVCAP is hosting diaper drive on 10/21 at Hannaford
- Adult Ed held a Caregivers Guide to Dementia workshop; Mental Health First Aid workshop is scheduled for Nov. 8 and 15
- Free Family Fall Fun Fest at Bloomfield Elementary on 10/21
- Fourth Graders at Canaan Elementary will begin a three-week dance residency with Karen Montanaro
- Mill Stream Elementary School held their annual Applefest event; Norridgewock Fire Dept. will talk with PreK-2 students about fire safety

- Flags were placed in front of Margaret Chase Smith School representing fallen heroes from the twin towers
- At North Elementary, K for ME is running in all six classrooms
- The Middle School conducted their first iPOWER presentation covering online safter with Detective Joe Royle
- The High School held homecoming events, which were well attended.
- SCTC student, Ahnalese Higgins, was selected to the Student Cabinet at the Department of Education.

Support Services Manager, David Leavitt, reported on the following:

- Two bids on the elevator project were received and lowest bid was \$173,000 over budget; working with engineers on bringing costs down.
- In regard to the Middle School Project, installation of Freezer for Middle School cafeteria is anticipated over Thanksgiving; poured cafeteria floor concrete today; rafters are expected to go on in the next few days; first floor concrete is scheduled to be poured on 11/3; air handler is expected to be set on the roof on 11/3.

8. Old and Unfinished Business

There was no old and unfinished business

9. Introduction of New Business

There was no introduction of new business

10. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Moody, Superintendent of Schools