

**RSU 54/MSAD 54**

**Meeting of Board of Directors  
February 3, 2022 at 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 February 3, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area High School Cafeteria.

**ATTENDANCE BOARD MEMBERS (542 present, 404 absent, 53 vacancy):**

Mark Bedard (Skow-53) PRESENT	Rebecca Anderson* (Smith-27) ABSENT
Alicia Boulette (Skow-53) PRESENT	Annemarie Dubois* (Skow-53) ABSENT
Sarah Bunker (Mercer-16) PRESENT	Morrigan McLeod* (Norr-46) ABSENT
Jeannie Conley (Skow-53) PRESENT	Jennifer Poirier* (Skow-53) ABSENT
Jean Franklin (Canaan-43) PRESENT	Lynda Quinn* (Skow-53) ABSENT
Daniel Frey (Smith-27) PRESENT	Dixie Ring* (Canaan-43) ABSENT
Theresa Howard (Corn-30) PRESENT	Gary Sinclair* (Corn-30) ABSENT
Michael Lambke (Skow-53) PRESENT	Kathy Wilder* (Norr-46) ABSENT
Desiree Libby (Norr-46) PRESENT	Jacqueline Wolinski* (Skow-53) ABSENT
Peggy Lovejoy (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Brandy Morgan (Norr-46) PRESENT	
Gerry Redlevske (Mercer-16) PRESENT	
Amy Rouse (Skow-53) PRESENT	

VACANCY (Skow-53)

1. Call to Order

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

a. Flag Salute followed.

2. Good News and Recognitions

SCTC Director David Dorr and Matthew Clark, JMG Specialist, presented to the Board on the newly established CTE Apprenticeship Program, which is the first in the state. Sheridan Construction President, Dan Wildes and Recruiting Manager, MaryAnn Tompkins, shared Sheridan's involvement with SCTC. David Brann, SCTC's first student in the apprentice program, shared his experiences in the SCTC Residential Construction Program and 2-year apprenticeship program with Sheridan Construction.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 1/20/22

**ON A MOTION BY Sarah Bunker, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors’ meeting of 1/20/22 into the record. (542 yes)**

4. Communications

a. Letters

Superintendent Moody acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Kevin McFadden, Science Teacher at Skowhegan Area High School, effective June 2022.

b. School Personnel

There was no one who wished to speak

c. Visitors

Vicky Wofford, Elijah Wofford, Nick Blanchard and Melissa spoke individually in opposition of masking children.

5. Committee Reports

a. Building Committee – 2/2/22

**ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Building Committee meeting of 2/2/22 into the public record. (542 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 page one of nominations.

**ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Peggy Lovejoy,  
the Board voted to approve nominations page one. (542 yes)**

b. Report on Assessments Payments to Date

Superintendent Moody shared that as of February 3, 2022, all six towns were current on their monthly assessment payments. Assessments are due on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

c. Update on New School Construction Building Project

Superintendent Moody reported that the first draft building plans were shared and reviewed. A review meeting with DOE was held this week. The Engineer, Landscape Architect and Building Architects, walked through the plans to date. Revisions have been made to the space allocation worksheet.

The Middle School Addition Project will go out to bid on February 15<sup>th</sup>, pending permitting from the state.

d. Review of Federal Project/Federal Funds Update

Federal funding revisions are being made and the Superintendent will provide the Board with an update over the next few weeks.

e. Update on Schools, State COVID-19 Protocols and MSAD 54 Plan

Superintendent Moody shared that instruction has been good and he has been in the schools and students are flourishing and doing well. There haven't been any significant issues with masking. Administrators are meeting with staff for feedback and working to make it work.

Superintendent Moody met with student Drake Turcotte, who will be our representative before the state.

NWEA testing has been completed; although students are doing well, there is a gap.

On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, Judge John Broderick will be talking about mental health with high school and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, as well as a community wide event that will be held in the evening. Additional information will be provided.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

Assistant Superintendent Hatch reported that the Educational Policy/Program Committee is scheduled to meet on February 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be a presentation on the Reading Recovery Program and Literacy Intervention Program (RISE).

The Support Services Manager reported that Revolving Loan Fund grants totaling \$1,972,900 has been awarded for four projects that include an elevator at the high school, sprinkler system at Canaan, upgrade to 3-phase wiring and replacement windows. We have also been awarded \$256,695 for the purchase of three buses.

8. Old and Unfinished Business

There was no old or unfinished business discussed.

9. Introduction of New Business

There was no introduction of new business.

10. Executive Session – Superintendent’s Performance Assessment pursuant to MRSA §405(6)(A)

**ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Brandy Morgan, the Board voted to enter into executive session at 7:46 pm to review Superintendent’s Performance Assessment pursuant to MRSA §405(6)(A) (542 yes)**

The Board returned to regular session at 7:54 pm, and the following recommendation was made:

**ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Sarah Bunker, the Board voted to extend the Superintendent’s 3-year contract to June 30,**

**2025, subsequent to the terms of the contract and future negotiated salary and benefits. (542 yes)**

11. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Moody, Superintendent of Schools