

**Meeting of Board of Directors  
April 14, 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 April 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area High School Cafeteria.

**ATTENDANCE BOARD MEMBERS (588 present, 411 absent):**

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

1. Call to Order

The Chair 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 – 3/24/22

**ON A MOTION BY Michael Lambke, seconded by Sarah Bunker, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 3/24/22 into the record. (588 yes)**

4. Communications

a. Letters

Superintendent Moody acknowledged and accepted letters of intent to retire from the following:

- Cindy Salisbury, School Office Assistant at North Elementary School
- Linda Snow, Music Teacher at Skowhegan Area Middle School

Superintendent Moody acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Kelly Croom, Guidance Counselor at Skowhegan Area Middle School.

b. School Personnel – There were no school personnel who wished to speak.

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

5. Committee Reports

a. Personnel Committee – 3/24/22

**ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Brandy Morgan, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of 3/24/22 into the public record. (588 yes)**

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

b. Support Services Committee – 3/24/22 and 3/30/22

**ON A MOTION BY Mark Bedard, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Support Services Committee meetings of 3/24/22 and 3/30/22 into the public record. (588 yes)**

Mark Bedard, Committee Chair, reviewed the minutes of the 3/24/22 meeting and asked the Board to vote on the following recommendations:

**ON A MOTION BY Mark Bedard, seconded by Desiree Libby, the Board voted to approve moving forward with the State School Revolving Renovation Funded projects as presented, the total of which will not exceed \$1,863,997 locally, and noting the possibility of a waiver of the sprinkler system at Canaan Elementary School which could reduce costs by roughly \$1,140,000. (588 yes)**

**ON A MOTION BY Mark Bedard, seconded by Brandy Morgan, the Board voted to approve moving forward with the Pre-K Expansion application. (588 yes)**

Mark Bedard, Committee Chair, reviewed the minutes of 3/30/22 meeting. There were no recommendations.

c. Educational Policy/Program Committee – 3/15/22, 3/22/22 and 4/12/22

**ON A MOTION BY Sarah Bunker, seconded by Janet Burrill, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Educational Policy/Program Committee meetings of 3/15/22, 3/22/22 and 4/12/22 into the public record. (588 yes)**

Sarah Bunker, Committee Chair, reviewed the minutes. There were no recommendations.

d. Building Committee – 4/6/22

**ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Desiree Libby, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Building Committee meeting of 4/6/22 into the public record. (588 yes)**

Superintendent 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 Samantha Delorie, seconded by Mark Bedard, the Board voted to approve nominations page one. (588 yes)**

b. Report on Assessments Payments to Date

Superintendent Moody shared that as of April 14, 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

The Superintendent updated the Board on the New School Construction Building Project progress. Local only cost currently totals \$4,397,000, of which \$2,500,000 or more is slated to be fundraised through KVCAP. There is a DOT scoping meeting scheduled for Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Public Hearing and Straw Poll vote on the Concept Design approval is scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the High School Auditorium

d. Review of Federal Project/Federal Funds Update

Superintendent Moody reported on federal funds and federally funded projects. We are continuing to work through the FY21 Performance Report.

Superintendent Moody commended Mr. Hatch for attaining the Pre-K Grant and Mr. Leavitt for the Revolving Renovation Funds.

District auditors have requested another extension in completing the FY22 audit. They did inform the district of our anticipated carryover, of which the Superintendent is using an additional \$260,000 to reduce local property taxes as for the FY23 budget.

e. Update on Schools, COVID-19 and the District's Plan for Safe Return to In Person Instruction and Continuity of Services

Superintendent Moody reviewed the District's Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services, which was previously approved by the Board in August and November 2021.

f. Approval of State Revolving Renovation Fund Projects

See the approved vote in Item 5b above (Support Services Minutes of 3/24/22).

g. Review of District Technology Plan

Superintendent Moody shared and reviewed the updated District Technology Plan, which the board had previously approved and updated for the district building project.

h. FY 23 Proposed Budget

The Superintendent presented an overview of the 2022-2023 Proposed Budget, which totals \$38,908,207 (2.598% increase from FY22). The local portion of the budget is \$14,674,871 (0.99% increase from FY22).

Following the review, the Superintendent requested the Board's approval of the 2022-2023 Proposed Budget.

**ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Mark Bedard, the Board voted to approve the 2022-2023 Proposed Budget as presented. (588 yes)**

The District Budget Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the High School Gymnasium.

i. Other

The Superintendent acknowledged and commended the quick response of Office Dave Daigneault of an electrical fire at the Marti Stevens Learning Center.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

Assistant Superintendent Hatch reported on various activities taking place in our schools. As part of our Title I Program, we have family engagement funds that are dedicated to bringing families in; Hazel Mitchell, Author or Sweet Pea Summer, worked with students at North El during the day and did an evening presentation for parents. At Canaan Elementary, Mr. Louder and Mr. G. Currie, are working with 5<sup>th</sup> graders making maple syrup. Bloomfield held their first in-person arts and academic night. The Adult Ed Program will begin their first structural steel welding class at Madison High School on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Support Services Manager reported that a public hearing on the elevator project will need to be held at a date to be determined.

Mr. Leavitt also reported that we will be down by seven bus drivers for the next school year.

8. Old and Unfinished Business

There was no old or unfinished business discussed.

9. Introduction of New Business

Brandy Morgan asked for clarification on PSAT and SAT testing. The state no longer supports SAT testing in schools. SAHS does receive grant funding to support PSAT testing for students.

Amy Rouse reminded the Board that there will be fundraiser for Dixie Ring on May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Methodist Church.

11. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Moody, Superintendent of Schools