

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
May 16, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
Skowhegan Area Middle School**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Maine School Administrative District No. 54 was held on May 16, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area Middle School Cafeteria.

ATTENDANCE BOARD MEMBERS (903 present, 96 absent):

Mark Bedard (Skow-53) PRESENT	Sarah Bunker* (Mercer-16) ABSENT
Janet Burrill (Canaan-43) PRESENT	Annemarie Dubois* (Skow-53)-ABSENT
Jeanne Conley (Skow-53) PRESENT	Daniel Frey* (Smith-27) ABSENT
Valerie Coulombe (Norr-46) PRESENT	
Karyn Curran (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Samantha Delorie (Norr-46) PRESENT	
Lauren Fox (Mercer-16) PRESENT	
Jean Franklin (Canaan-43) PRESENT	
Theresa Howard (Corn-30) PRESENT	
Michelle Kelso (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Michael Lambke (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Desiree Libby (Norr-46) PRESENT	
Peggy Lovejoy (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Janice Malek (Norr-46) PRESENT	
Julian Payne (Corn-30) PRESENT	
Lynda Quinn (Skow-53) PRESENT	*excused
Amy Rouse (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Sara Smith (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Michelle Taylor (Smith-27) PRESENT	
Timothy Williams (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Carly McCabe (Student Rep) 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

Stacey McBreairty, Grade 5 Teacher at Mill Stream Elementary School Principal, presented to the Board, along with student Hannah, sharing information on ASPIRE Science and Career Aspirations activities throughout the school year.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 4/25/24

ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Mark Bedard, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors’ meeting of 4/25/24 into the public record. (903 yes)

4. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Alanna Wacome, Career Counselor at Somerset Career and Technical Center.

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Cameron Timken, Grade One Teacher at Bloomfield Elementary 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. Building Committee – 5/8/24

ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Karyn Curran, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Building Committee meeting of 5/8/24 into the public record. (903 yes)

Superintendent Moody reviewed the minutes and asked the Board to vote on the following recommendation:

ON A MOTION BY Valerie Coulombe, seconded by Michelle Kelso, the Board voted to approve the recommendation of Peggy Lovejoy

and Sara Smith to be the voting members of the five person Percent for Art Committee. (903 yes)

b. Educational Policy/Program Committee – 5/14/25

ON A MOTION BY Karyn Curran, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Educational Policy/Program Committee meeting of 5/14/24 into the public record. (903 yes)

Karyn Curran, Committee Chair, 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 Samantha Delorie, seconded by Sara Smith, the Board voted to approve nominations page one. (903 yes)

ON A MOTION BY Janet Burrill, seconded by Valerie Coulombe, the Board voted to approve nominations of 2nd Year Probationary Teachers and 1st Year (3rd year) Continuing Contract Teachers. (903 yes)

b. Report on Assessments Payments to Date

Superintendent Moody shared that as of May 16, 2024, Canaan, Cornville, Mercer and Norridgewock were outstanding for May assessment payments; Skowhegan and Smithfield outstanding for April and May. Payments are due on the 20th of each month.

c. Update on New School Construction Building Project

Superintendent Moody shared a draft 2024-2025 revised calendar, which would move the last day of school a week earlier and would incorporate additional ½ days, as well as the potential use of remote snow days. The

goal would be to work with the contractors to minimize the impact to the schedule and assess where things stand in the fall and potentially apply to the state to adjust the calendar. Mr. Moody will meet with the association and have an updated calendar for the next meeting.

d. Review/Update of Federal Projects/Federal Funds

Superintendent Moody reported that following a lot work the desk audit has been submitted.

Mr. Moody and Mr. Hatch have met with our Technology Director to do one more round of technology purchasing through MLTI using ARP funds.

e. Review of FY25 Budget Presentations to Towns

Superintendent Moody reminded Board members of the District Budget Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 22nd at 7:00 pm at the Skowhegan Area High School.

Feedback from meeting with the various town selectmen feel like the Board has worked hard to do their due diligence and there has been increased transparency with the budget over the past several years.

An error was found in Article 12 of the Warrants prepared by our attorneys that will require a vote at the District Budget Meeting to accept the amended correction, which has no impact on the intent of Article 12.

f. Other

Superintendent Moody thanked the Board for the adjustments made to meeting dates. Upcoming Board meetings will be on May 30th and June 20th; there will be no meeting on June 6th.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

Assistant Superintendent Hatch updated the Board on various activities taking place in our schools, including:

- JMG Closing Ceremonies were held and was an entirely student led event and was a wonderful celebration of the work they are doing

- May 22nd at 9:30 is the Opening Parade for our Special Ed Track and Field Day Events.

Support Services Manager David Leavitt reported crews are getting ready for summer work. The Tennis Court project will start on June 10th.

8. Old and Unfinished Business

There was no old and unfinished business discussed.

9. Introduction of New Business

Mark Bedard thanked Renee Stevens on behalf of CMP for coordinating the Riverhawk Café.

Janice Malek congratulated Carly McCabe on her upcoming graduation and the our first student representative on the Board.

10. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Moody, Superintendent of Schools