

**Meeting of Board of Directors  
May 5, 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 May 5, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area High School Cafeteria.

**ATTENDANCE BOARD MEMBERS (761 present, 238 absent):**

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

From The Space in Skowhegan, student members from the group “Becoming the Change”, presented to the Board and shared their mission which is to grow a positive and connected community by creating a safe environment for their peers to engage in kind acts, take risks and work towards a common goal.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 4/14/22

**ON A MOTION BY Sarah Bunker, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors’ meeting of 4/14/22 into the record. (761 yes)**

4. Communications

a. Letters

Superintendent Moody acknowledged and accepted letters of resignation from the following:

- Jonathan Christopher, High School Athletic Director
- Marissa Murray, Grade 5 Teacher at Margaret Chase Smith School
- Laura Rocque, Kindergarten Teacher at Mill Stream Elementary
- Elizabeth Bailey, Ed Tech at Mill Stream Elementary
- Laura Dudley, Ed Tech at Mill Stream Elementary (retiring)
- Karen Unger, School Counselor at Canaan Elementary (retiring)

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. Support Services Committee –4/14/22

**ON A MOTION BY Jacqueline Wolinski, seconded by Sarah Bunker, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Support Services Committee meeting of 4/14/22 into the public record. (761 yes)**

Janet Burrill, Committee member, reviewed the minutes and asked the Board to vote on the following recommendation:

**ON A MOTION BY Janet Burrill, seconded by Jeannie Conley, the Board voted to accept the following donations:**

- **\$500 from Maine Highlands Federal Credit Union for the Canaan Elementary Food Cupboard**
- **Anonymous donation of \$350 for Teacher Appreciation expenses**

**(761 yes)**

b. Personnel Committee – 5/2/22

**ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Sarah Bunker, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of 5/2/22 into the public record. (761 yes)**

Theresa Howard, Committee Chair, reviewed the minutes and asked the Board to vote on the following recommendation:

**ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Peggy Lovejoy, the Board voted to approve the nomination of Myla Kreider as Principal of Canaan Elementary School in accordance with the contractual terms outlined by the Superintendent, with a two –year contract. (761 yes)**

c. Building Committee – Public Hearing and Straw Poll - 4/28/22

**ON A MOTION BY Kathy Wilder, seconded by Desiree Libby, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Public Hearing and Straw Poll on the New Elementary School Building Project Concept Design of 4/28/22 into the public record. (761 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 Janet Burrill, seconded by Kathy Wilder, the Board voted to approve nomination pages one and two and pages one and two of 2022-2023 Probationary Teachers and Continuing Contract Teachers. (761 yes)**

b. Report on Assessments Payments to Date

Superintendent Moody shared that as of May 5, 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. There will be a Special Board meeting on Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm to sign warrants for the June 14<sup>th</sup> referendum on the issuance of bonds or notes for school construction and minor capital project purposes. Anyone wishing to find additional information can visit the website at: <https://www.msad54.org/building-project>

d. Review of Federal Project/Federal Funds Update

Superintendent Moody reported on federal funds and federally funded projects. All FY21 Performance Reporting has been accepted by DOE.

e. Update on Schools

Superintendent Moody indicated that district end of year events would go on as they had in the past prior to the pandemic and noted that the SAHS graduation will be again held outside at the request of students.

f. Approval and Signing of Warrants for District Budget Meeting, Validation Referendum and to Authorize the Notice of Amounts Adopted

**ON A MOTION BY Amy Rouse, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to call and approve the Warrants for the Budget Meeting and the Budget Validation Referendum and to Authorize the Notice of Amounts Adopted, be approved in form presented to this meeting and that a copy of said Vote be included with the minutes of this meeting and attached hereto. (761 yes)**

g. Other

Enrollment as of 5/5/22 was 2,281.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

Assistant Superintendent Hatch reported that since September there have been 697 positive cases of COVID-19 in the schools (859 including staff). Since February break we have ranged between 13 and 26 cases compared to 80+ cases per week before the December break. Pooled testing ends the week of May 9<sup>th</sup>. Tests will still be used for students and staff who are symptomatic.

The Support Services Manager reported that contractors were invited to a pre-bid walk through at the Canaan School. Bids are due on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

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.

11. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Moody, Superintendent of Schools