

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
August 8, 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 August 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area Middle School Cafeteria.

ATTENDANCE BOARD MEMBERS (546 present, 453 absent):

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

*excused

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 - 6/20/24

ON A MOTION BY Peggy Lovejoy, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 6/20/24 into the record. (546 yes)

4. Communications

a. Letters

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

- Cassidy Clement, Grade 2 Teacher at MSES
- Danielle Beaman-Smith, Grade 5 Teacher at MCSS
- Kaitlin Dixon – Grade 5 Teacher at MCSS
- Autumn Holzworth, Ed Tech I at North Elementary
- Andrew Staples, Ed Tech III

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

There were no committee reports

a. Personnel Committee – 6/20/24

ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Samantha Delorie, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of 6/20/24 into the public record. (546 yes)

Theresa Howard, 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 Theresa Howard, seconded by Karyn Curran, the Board voted to approve nomination pages one and two. (546 yes)

b. Report on Assessments Payments to Date

Superintendent Moody shared that as of August 8, 2024, Canaan, Cornville, Mercer, Norridgewock and Smithfield) were current on their monthly assessments. Assessments are due on the 20th of each month.

c. Update on New School Construction Building Project

Superintendent Moody shared that the July 30th board walkthrough of new school construction project went well. The building project is moving along with brick being laid, walls being painted and tiled. Windows arrive 9/16. Meetings continue with Principal Myla Kreider and Nicole Chaplin from KVCAP to discuss timelines for early childhood program as well as furniture procurement for the building. The Personnel Committee will be recommending Deidre Mitchell for Assistant Principal of the new school. We will be hiring an Assistant Principal for the Canaan Elementary School (PreK-2) and a Dean of Students for the new school at the start of the year.

A date will be set for an upcoming Building Committee meeting. Board members Sara Smith and Peggy Lovejoy are on the Percent for Art Committee and have their first meeting on August 15th.

d. Review/Update of Federal Projects

Finance Director Melannie Keister continues to work through the submissions for ARP reimbursements. The FY23 Audit is anticipated to be complete this week. The Finance Committee will meet on September 5th to review the final audit report.

e. Select Representative to the Delegate Assembly

Karyn Curran volunteered to be the Delegate Representative. An alternate will be appointed at our next meeting.

f. Summer Work

Approximately 130-150 staff have participated in summer professional development over the summer. Two well-known authors presented a two Day workshop on understanding literacy and how students learn to read with 80 staff attending. Also over the summer, staff have been working on curriculum.

g. Other

The Superintendent introduced and welcomed Tanya Groce (Skow) to the Board. Tanya was appointed to fill the vacancy left by Annmarie Dubois.

The Superintendent shared that he worked with the Science Department on K-12 alignment to make sure that students receive that common knowledge as they move through grades to meet the standards and content.

The Superintendent attended a Rec Advisory Committee meeting. The town is working toward a decision to, as part of phase one, potentially send out to bid for turf and grass.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

Assistant Superintendent Hatch reported on the following:

- New Teacher Orientation is scheduled for three days on August 20-22
- Summer School report will be given to the Board at the next meeting
- As part of ASPIRE for ME, teachers worked over the summer, with the focus on aspirations to ensure all students (PreK-2) receive different experiences and how careers tie into content.
- Our Leadership group attended First Ten Community School training this summer. The focus of First Ten is the importance of positive experiences and learning opportunities to prepare children entering school.
- Our school counselors attended a two day mental health training, through the EASE Grant.
- Hiring is going well and have hired over 108 years of experience. We still have three teaching positions and a number of ed tech openings.

The Support Services Manager reported that crews are busy getting schools ready. Generators at SAHS and SAMS have been installed and funded with COVID funds along with other previously discussed building air-quality related improvements. The Tennis Court project is going well and is on schedule.

8. Old and Unfinished Business

There was no old and unfinished business discussed.

9. Introduction of New Business

There was no introduction of new business.

10. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Moody, Superintendent of Schools