

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
September 15, 2022, 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 September 15, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area High School Cafeteria.

ATTENDANCE BOARD MEMBERS (724 present, 275 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	Daniel Frey* (Smith-27) 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	Timothy Williams* (Skow-53) ABSENT
Jean Franklin (Canaan-43) PRESENT	Peggy Lovejoy* (Skow-53) ABSENT
Theresa Howard (Corn-30) PRESENT	
Michael Lambke (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Desiree Libby (Norr-46) PRESENT	
Morrigan McLeod (Norr-46) PRESENT	
Lynda Quinn (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Amy Rouse (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Gary Sinclair (Corn-30) PRESENT	
Sara Smith (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Jacqueline Wolinski (Skow-53) PRESENT	

1. Call to Order

The Superintendent called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

a. Flag Salute followed.

2. Good News and Recognitions

Skowhegan Area Middle School Principal, Zachary Longyear, presented on iPOWER, a teacher-led program driven by our Professional Learning Committee to promote awareness of social justice issues, disabilities and mental health, while building a stronger community with our school and community partners.

3. Approval of the Minutes - 8/18/22

ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 9/1/22 into the record. (724 yes)

4. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Madyson Foster, Accounting Assistant.

b. School Personnel

Skowhegan Area High School Principal, Bruce Mochamer, shared the various activities scheduled for homecoming week. The homecoming dance is scheduled for October 1st.

c. Visitors

Visitor Frank Holt addressed the Board with personnel questions.

Visitor Vicky Wofford spoke on the recent lawsuit where a Maine school board was ordered to pay a parent that they banned from attending school functions for violating the First Amendment.

5. Committee Reports

a. Finance Committee – 9/1/22

ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Sarah Bunker, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of 9/1/22 into the public record. (724 yes)

Jean Franklin, Committee Chair, reviewed the minutes and the Board voted to accept the FY21 Audit Report as follows:

ON A MOTION BY Desiree Libby, seconded by Janet Burrill, the Board voted to accept the FY21 Audit Report as presented by the District's Auditor from Runyon Kersteen and Ouelette. (724 yes)

b. Building Committee – 9/7/22

ON A MOTION BY Samantha Delorie, seconded by Janet Burrill, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Building Committee meeting of 9/7/22 into the public record. (724 yes)

Superintendent Moody reviewed the minutes. There were no recommendations.

6. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

The Superintendent reviewed vacancies and recommended the Board's approval of page one of nominations.

ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Sara Smith, the Board voted to approve nomination pages one and two. (724 yes)

b. Report on Assessments Payments to Date

The Superintendent shared that as of September 15, 2022, Canaan, Cornville, Mercer, Norridgewock and Smithfield were current on their monthly assessments. Skowhegan was outstanding for August and September. Assessments are due on the 20th of each month.

c. Update on New School Construction Building Project

Superintendent Moody reported that an updated building project timeline will be shared digitally with the Board. We are hoping to break ground in early summer 2023. The Naming Survey results will be shared with the Building Committee at its next meeting and shared with the full Board in November.

d. Review/Update of Federal Projects/Federal Funds Update

Superintendent Moody updated the Board on the federally funded projects and requested the Board's approval to enter a contract with American Glass, the low bidder of \$29,807.58 on the Bloomfield Window Replacement Project.

ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board voted to approve and enter a contract with American Glass, the low bidder of \$29,807.58 on the Bloomfield Window Replacement Project. (724 yes)

The Superintendent referred to the Resolution to Authorize \$1,872,900.00 School Revolving Renovation Fund Financing that was shared and asked the Board for its approval in the form presented at this meeting.

ON A MOTION BY AMY ROUSE, seconded by Annmarie Dubois, the Board voted to approve the “Resolution to Authorize \$1,872,900.00 School Revolving Renovation Fund Financing”, in the form presented to this meeting and that the Secretary file an attested copy of said Resolution with the minutes of this meeting. (724 yes)

e. Update on Schools and the Start of the Year

Superintendent Moody shared it has been a tremendously positive start to the school year. Staff driven programs such as the High School Advisory Program and iPOWER with the goal to continue theme for students year after year.

As part of the ASPIRE Grant, we have two JMG staff who will be in our District to focus on creating and raising aspirations for students.

f. Other

Superintendent Moody shared the 9/1/22 enrollment report (2,161).

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent reported on the following:

- Hiring several substitutes with various backgrounds and certifications. Teaching and Administrative staff are working great together, as well as our support staff who have had to be step up to cover where needed.

8. Old and Unfinished Business

There was no old and unfinished business

9. Introduction of New Business

There was no introduction of new business

10. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Moody, Superintendent of Schools