

**MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 54**

**Meeting of Board of Directors  
October 18, 2007, 7:00 PM  
Skowhegan Area Middle School**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Maine School Administrative District No. 54 was held on October 18, 2007, at 7:00 PM at Skowhegan Area Middle School. John Chamberlain\*, Maureen Provencal\*, Matthew Quinn\*, Donna Russakoff\* and Sarah Tracy were absent.

\*excused

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.  
Flag Salute followed.

2. Approval of Minutes – 10/4/07

**ON A MOTION BY Richard Irwin, seconded by Les Flannery, the Board  
voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 10/4/07.  
(794 yes)**

3. Communications

- a. Letters – There were no letters to share.
- b. School Personnel – No school personnel wished to speak.
- c. Visitors – No visitors wished to speak.

4. Committee Reports

a. Finance Committee – 10/4/07

**ON A MOTION BY Karen Dunn, seconded by Paul Natale, the Board  
voted to accept the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of 10/4/07  
into the public record. (794 yes)**

Chair, Karen Dunn, reviewed the minutes. There were no recommendations.  
The Finance Committee will meet in January 2008 to review the FY07 Audit Report.

b. Educational Policy/Program Committee – 10/9/07

**ON A MOTION BY Karen Dunn, seconded by Lisa Hickey, the Board  
voted to accept the minutes of the Educational Policy/Program  
Committee meeting of 10/9/07 into the public record. (794 yes)**

Chair, Karen Dunn, reviewed the minutes. There were no recommendations. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 6, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. at the Superintendent's Office.**

c. Support Services Committee – 10/16/07

**ON A MOTION BY Paul Natale, seconded by Les Flannery, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Support Services Committee meeting of 10/16/07 into the public record. (794 yes)**

Chair, Paul Natale, reviewed the minutes and asked the Board to vote on the following recommendation:

**On A MOTION BY Lisa Hickey, seconded by Les Flannery, the Board voted to approve the one year “bridging contract” with Poland Bus and Mosher Bus in the amount of \$2.25 per mile. (794 yes)**

The next meeting of the Support Services Committee is scheduled for **Thursday, November 8, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. at the Superintendent's Office. (794 yes)**

5. Superintendents' Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, and recommendations

**ON A MOTION BY Lorraine Mahoney, seconded by Carol Rasmussen, the Board voted to approve the nomination pages one and two. (794 yes)**

b. Other

The Superintendent commented on the following:

- A reminder that the MSMA Fall Conference will be held on October 25 and 26. If Board members are interested in attending and haven't yet registered with Tina, it's not too late.
- The new Norridgewock School project is progressing on schedule. The Building Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, 10/23/07 at 5:30 p.m. in Norridgewock.
- The RPC will meet on Monday, 10/22/07, at 6:00 p.m. at SAMS.
- Superintendent Colbry attended the Kennebec Valley Superintendents Association meeting this date. Jim Rier from the Department of Education was present to share information and answer questions in regard to the new regionalization laws.

The Superintendent referred to the written request handed out from the Skowhegan Area High School Music Department, requesting the Board's approval for the High School Concert Band and Jazz Band to perform and

participate in the Heritage Music Festival in Williamsburg, Virginia on April 10-13, 2008.

John Reeves, Band Director, explained the details of the trip, which will be fully funded by students, parents and the Music Boosters through fundraising events. Travel will be provided by charter coaches.

**ON A MOTION BY Al Smith, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board voted to approve the Skowhegan Area High School Concert Band and Jazz Band to perform and participate in the Heritage Music Festival in Williamsburg, Virginia on April 1-13, 2008. (794 yes)**

6. Assistant Superintendent and Business Administrator

The Assistant Superintendent was not present.

The Business Administrator reported that the Business Office is working on early budget preparations. Maintenance crews are busy installing smart boards in the high school and middle school.

7. Old and Unfinished Business

Bob Mealey shared his interest in pursuing the opportunity of the District applying for homeland security grants for emergency generators.

8. New Business – No new business was discussed.

9. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools