

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
September 20, 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 September 20, 2007, at 7:00 PM at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Pat Elwell*, Allan Laney* and Sarah Tracy were absent.

*excused

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes – 8/30/07

**ON A MOTION BY Les Flanner, seconded by Richard Irwin, the Board
voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors’ meeting of 8/30/07.
(820 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. Support Services Committee – 9/6/07

**ON A MOTION BY Paul Natale, seconded by Les Flannery, the Board
voted to accept the minutes of the Support Services Committee meeting
of 9/6/07 into the public record. (820 yes)**

Chair, Paul Natale, reviewed the minutes. There were no recommendations.
The next meeting of the Support Services Committee is scheduled for
10/11/07.

b. Educational Policy/Program Committee – 9/11/07

**ON A MOTION BY Karen Dunn, seconded by Lorraine Mahoney, the
Board voted to accept the minutes of the Educational Policy/Program
Committee meeting of 9/11/07 into the public record. (820 yes)**

Chair, Karen Dunn, reviewed the minutes and asked the Board to vote on the following recommendations:

ON A MOTION BY Karen Dunn, seconded by Lisa Hickey, the Board voted to approve the proposed Teen Issues Program for the 2007-2008 school year. (820 yes)

ON A MOTION BY Karen Dunn, seconded by Paul Natale, the Board voted to approve the Student Use of Cellular Telephones and Other Electronic Devices and the sample administrative procedure. (820 yes)

The next meeting of the Educational Policy/Program Committee is scheduled for 10/9/07.

5. Superintendents' Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, and recommendations

ON A MOTION BY Richard Irwin, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board voted to approve the nomination pages one through four. (820 yes)

b. Elect Delegate/Alternate to MSBA Annual Delegate Assembly

Mary Turbyne nominated Carol Rasmussen as Delegate and nominated Lorraine Mahoney as Alternate. Paul Natale seconded the nominations. There were no other nominations and thus Carol Rasmussen was elected Delegate and Lorraine Mahoney was elected Alternate to the Annual MSBA Meeting scheduled for 10/25/07.

c. Annual MSMA Fall Conference Registration

The MSMA Fall Conference will be held at the Augusta Civic Center on October 25th and 26th. A preliminary list of clinic offerings was shared with the Board. Board members were encouraged to attend and should let Tina know by October 5th if attending.

d. Reorganization/Regionalization Planning Committee

The Superintendent updated the Board on School Consolidation. The Commissioner's letter in response to our Notice of Intent was shared. Our Notice of Intent does comply with the requirements of the Reorganization Law. The Commissioner encourages us to "keep our initial conversations region wide" while deciding on our final partnerships.

Drummond Woodsum & MacMahon will hold a Part 2 workshop on School Consolidation in Bangor on 9/27/07, with the workshop fee being paid by the Department of Education.

The Superintendent briefly commented on the changes in the referendum process that will take place as a result of the new Consolidation Law. Once the Board approves a budget a district budget meeting will be held to approve the budget. If passed, a budget validation referendum must be held within 10 business days of the budget meeting.

e. Other

The Superintendent requested the Board's support of the MELMAC Planning Grant Application and Implementation Grant Application for the Skowhegan Regional Vocational Center. Information was distributed and shared with the Board.

ON A MOTION BY Al Smith, seconded by Bob Gardner, the Board voted to support the submission of the MELMAC Planning Grant Application and Implementation Grant Application for Career and Technical Centers. (820 yes)

The Superintendent also reported on the following:

- Enrollment Report was shared. Enrollment as of 9/20/07 is at 2,840 students.
- The Middle School was one of four schools across the country chosen by Apple to participate in filming for the Apple Laptop Program. Apple film crews have been at the school week interviewing staff, parents and students. Principal Bruce Mochamer and the Superintendent will be interviewed at the end of the week.
- The new Norridgewock School Building project is on schedule. The Building Committee will meet at the Norridgewock School on Monday, 9/24/07 at 6:00 p.m.
- As part of the new Norridgewock School project, the Superintendent requested the Board's approval of a proposed contract with CBE Technologies for the implementation of network infrastructure solutions for the new school.

ON A MOTION BY Bob Mealey, seconded by Al Smith, the Board voted to approve the proposed contract with CBE Technologies for the implementation of network infrastructure solutions for the Norridgewock School. (820 yes)

6. Assistant Superintendent and Business Administrator

The Assistant Superintendent expressed his appreciation to the Board for their support during his absence.

The Assistant Superintendent reported on the following:

- Updated the hiring/transfers for the 2007-2008 school year. With 29 transfers and 21 new hires, one vacancy remains – an Occupational

Therapist. This is a difficult position to fill and it is possible this service will be contracted out.

- An update of the 2007 scores for the AP classes were reviewed. Of the nine classes with a total of 84 students, 62 students (74%) received scores of 5, 4 & 3 out of a possible 5, 4, 3, 2 & 1.
- An update of the 2007 Summer School Program was reviewed. The Middle School hired three teachers and of the 29 registered students, 25 completed the program. At the High School, 6 teachers were hired and of the 82 registered students, 75 completed the program with passing grades.
- The next Teacher Workshop Day is scheduled for 9/28/07. 50% of the elementary school faculty will be attending a Reading Conference in Augusta. The High School faculty will be working on accreditation and the Middle School faculty will continue their work on curriculum.

The Business Administrator commented on the improved ground work and shingled roof on the Senior Booth at the High School Football Field.

7. Old and Unfinished Business

Bob Mealey commented on his involvement with the Dudley Corner School House Restoration Program. He would like to have the schools involved in a penny drive to help in the fundraising efforts to restore the school house.

8. New Business – There was no discussion.

9. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools