

**MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 54**

**Meeting of Board of Directors  
November 15, 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 November 15, 2007, at 7:00 PM at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Jean Franklin\*, Bob Gardner\*, Lisa Hickey, 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. Good News and Recognitions

The Skowhegan Area High School Drama Group performed scenes from the upcoming musical *Cabaret*.

3. Approval of Minutes – 11/1/07

**ON A MOTION BY Mary Turbyne, seconded by Al Smith, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 11/1/07. (735 yes)**

4. 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.

5. Committee Reports

- a. Educational Policy/Program Committee – 11/06/07

**ON A MOTION BY Karen Dunn, seconded by Paul Natale, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Educational Policy/Program meeting of 11/06/07 into the public record. (735 yes)**

Chair, Karen Dunn, reviewed the minutes of the meeting. There were no recommendations. The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for 12/11/07 at 6:00 p.m.

b. Support Services Committee – 11/08/07

**ON A MOTION BY Paul Natale, seconded by Les Flannery, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Support Services Committee meeting of 11/08/07 into the public record. (735 yes)**

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

**ON A MOTION BY Les Flannery, seconded by Matthew Quinn, the Board voted to approve a \$125.00 donation from the North Elementary Parent Involvement Committee for the purchase of three cartridges for their Picture Printer and a \$250 donation from the SAPPI for the purchase of books and literacy supplies for the Title One Program. (735 yes)**

The next meeting of the Support Services Committee is scheduled for 12/13/07 at 6:00 p.m.

c. Building Committee – 11/13/07

The Building Committee met on 11/13/07. The minutes will be entered at the next Board meeting. The Superintendent reviewed the business discussed at the meeting. The color has been chosen for the siding. The Committee discussed the naming of the school. A representative from the Maine Arts Commission was present to discuss the Percent for Art process. A meeting of the Building Committee was scheduled for 12/28/07 to meet with the Percent for Art Committee and to tour the building site.

6. Superintendents' Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, and recommendations

There were no nominations or recommendations.

b. Other

The Superintendent shared and reviewed the draft Alternative Regionalization Plan. The plan will be reviewed by the RPC at its meeting on 11/26/07. The plan must be submitted to the Department of Education on 11/30/07. There was Board consensus to submit the plan as presented.

The Enrollment as of this date is at 2,831.

The Superintendent asked for the Board's approval of Enrichment Resource Teacher Larry Ross's request for the annual Washington DC trip.

**ON A MOTION BY Bob Mealey, seconded by Richard Irwin the Board voted to approve the annual field trip request by Enrichment Resources Teacher Larry Ross for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to travel to Washington D.C., with no cost to the District. (735 yes)**

The Superintendent announced that the forms for his annual evaluation will be mailed to all board members. He requested that the completed evaluations be returned to Kathy Libby by the next Board meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup>. The Personnel Committee will meet in December to review the evaluations.

Information was shared by board members who attended the MSMA Fall Conference. There were many interesting speakers and workshops, of which included topics of school discipline, foreign language, budget process, special education and collective bargaining. Most all workshops included the impact of the new regionalization laws.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Business Administrator

The Assistant Superintendent reported on three grants recently awarded to the District:

- \$500 awarded from the Department of Education to Bloomfield Elementary School for skin cancer prevention.
- \$19,000 from the New Balance Foundation was awarded for the Healthy Kid Pack Program.
- \$42,000 from the New Balance Foundation was awarded to the Physical Education Department to purchase the following: District-Wide snow shoes (192 pairs), heart rate monitors and 24 mountain bikes for the high school, 2 virtual reality exercise bikes and Generation Fit Pilot Program software at the middle school, and 9 GPS units for 7-12 students for orienteering to teach students map skills.

The Business Administrator reported that the Red Cross Shelter surveys are in from Norridgewock, Mercer and Smithfield, as part of the application for a permanent emergency generator at the new consolidated school.

8. Old and Unfinished Business – No old and unfinished business was discussed.
9. New Business – No new business was discussed.
10. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools