

**MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 54**

**Meeting of Board of Directors  
December 6, 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 December 6, 2007, at 7:00 PM at Skowhegan Area Middle School. John Chamberlain\*, Karen Dunn\*, Bob Mealey\*, Paul Natale, Mary Turbyne\*, 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

Students from the Lattin/Powers 6<sup>th</sup> grade team at Margaret Chase Smith School performed scenes from *The Lion King*.

3. Approval of Minutes – 11/15/07

**ON A MOTION BY Mary Turbyne, seconded by Al Smith, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 11/15/07. (622 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. Building Committee – 11/13/07

**ON A MOTION BY Les Flannery, seconded by Lorraine Mahoney, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Building Committee meeting of 11/13/07 into the public record. (622 yes)**

The Superintendent reviewed the minutes of the meeting. The next Building Committee meeting date will be set at a later date and members will be notified.

b. Personnel Committee – 11/15/07

**ON A MOTION BY Kathy Libby, seconded by Lisa Hickey, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of 11/15/07 into the public record. (622 yes)**

Chair, Kathy Libby, reviewed the minutes of the 11/15/07 meeting with Patte Bowman, Adult Education Director.

Chair Libby asked Board members to return their completed evaluation form of the Superintendent. The Committee will meet on 12/20/07 to review the results.

6. Superintendents' Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, and recommendations

**ON A MOTION BY Lorraine Mahoney, seconded by Carol Rasmussen, the Board voted to approve nomination pages one and two. (622 yes)**

b. Review of Alternative Regionalization Plan

The Superintendent informed the Board that the Alternative Regionalization Plan has been submitted to the Commissioner's office. The Commissioner will respond by 12/15/07. For the record, the Superintendent asked for the Board's approval of the plan as submitted.

**ON A MOTION BY Carol Rasmussen, seconded by Lorraine Mahoney, the Board voted to approve the Alternative Regionalization Plan as submitted to the Department of Education. (622 yes)**

c. Other

The Superintendent informed the Board that the new Norridgewock School project is on schedule. A recent break-in resulted in the theft of construction equipment, computer and lumber. An issue with cracked cement as a result of freezing temperatures has been corrected.

The Superintendent announced if anyone is interested in touring the construction site to let him know.

The Superintendent requested the Board's approval of the 2008 St-Georges Exchange Program for 13 high school students to visit and host students from Quebec. An outline of the program was shared.

**ON A MOTION BY Al Smith, seconded by Carol Rasmussen,  
the Board voted to approve the 2008 St.-Georges Exchange  
Program as outlined. (622 yes)**

The Superintendent shared with the Board a copy of LD 1932, item 1 from the Maine State Legislature, An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding School Funding.

The Superintendent reported that several suggestions have been received for the naming of the new school. A meeting will be scheduled for the Building Committee to review the suggestions submitted by staff and members of the community. The Architects would like to have the approved name as soon as possible.

The Superintendent reviewed the 2008 budget development perimeters that will need to be set by the Board in order to proceed with the budget preparations for 2008-2009.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Business Administrator

The Assistant Superintendent was not present as he was attending the NEASC Conference in Boston.

The Business Administrator reported that budget preparations and the new chart of accounts are underway in the Business Office.

The Support Services Committee will meet on 12/18/07 at 6:00 p.m. and will be followed with a Support Services Negotiations Committee meeting.

The RPC will meet on 12/12/07 at 6:00 p.m. at the Middle School. Neighboring Superintendents will be attending the meeting to discuss potential cost-sharing and shared services opportunities. On 12/17/07, a meeting is scheduled with surrounding districts in regard to special education shared services opportunities.

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 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools