

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
January 3, 2008, 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 January 3, 2008, at 7:00 PM at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Victoria Hatch*, 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 – 12/20/07

**ON A MOTION BY Richard Irwin, seconded by Les Flannery, the Board
voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 12/20/07.
(757 yes)**

4. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of intent to retire from Steve Roderick, Technology Education Teacher at SAMS. Steve will be retiring at the end of the 2007-08 school year.

b. School Personnel – No school personnel wished to speak.

c. Visitors – No visitors wished to speak.

5. Committee Reports

a. Personnel Committee – 12/20/07

See Item #10 below.

6. Superintendents' Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, and recommendations

**ON A MOTION BY Carol Rasmussen, seconded by Paul Natale, the
Board voted to approve nominations page one. (757 yes)**

b. Other

The Superintendent reported on the following:

- Still working on the QZAB Lease Purchase. Key Bank is willing to finance the Lease Purchase and negotiations of the rate are taking place.
- Area Legislators will be meeting with the Superintendent next week to discuss Reorganization and to hear our views on the topic.
- Reorganization efforts continue with focus on reductions administratively and in transportation costs. Meetings with Madison and Pittsfield Districts are taking place to discuss consolidation of transportation and management of food services.
- Student Enrollment report of 1/3/08 was shared. Enrollment is at 2823 students.
- Commissioner Gendron has not released subsidy printout for 2008-09 as of this date. She has announced that they reserve the right to withhold subsidy in June to help make up the 20M education reductions. Districts would receive the withheld subsidy in July.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Business Administrator

The Assistant Superintendent was not present due to illness.

The Business Administrator reported on the following:

- Budget preparation continues.
- Maintenance crews are busy with snow removal.
- The Somerset County Emergency Management Agency, through the Homeland Security Grant Program, will be installing a generator for the new Norridgewock School.

8. Old and Unfinished Business

Bob Mealey requested that the issue of vacant positions and consistently absent board members be on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

9. New Business

Les Flannery asked when the Building Committee will be meeting again. The decision was made to schedule the meeting for Monday, January 28, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. at the Norridgewock School.

10. Executive Session – Superintendent’s Evaluation

ON A MOTION BY Les Flannery, seconded by Paul Natale, the Boarded voted to enter into executive session at 7:46 p.m. to discuss the Superintendent’s Evaluation. (757 yes)

The Board returned to regular session at 8:05 p.m.

ON A MOTION BY Kathy Libby, seconded by Noella DesPres, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of 12/20/07 into the public record. (757 yes)

ON A MOTION BY Bob Mealey, seconded by Lorraine Mahoney, the Board voted to extend the contract of the Superintendent of Schools by one year to 2013 and to discuss salary at a future date. (711 yes, 46 no)

10. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools