

**Meeting of Board of Directors  
June 18, 2020, 7:00 pm  
REMOTE via Zoom**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Maine School Administrative District No. 54 was held remotely via Zoom, on June 18, 2020, at 7:00 pm.

**BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE BY ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT (883):**

Mark Bedard (Skow-53)  
Harold Bigelow (Skow-53)  
Sarah Bunker (Mercer-16)  
Maryellen Charles (Mercer-16)  
Jeannie Conley (Skow-53)  
Derek Ellis (Skow-53)  
Haley Fleming (Norr-46)  
Goff French (Smith-27)  
Theresa Howard (Corn-30)  
Christy Johnson (Smith-27)  
Michael Lambke (Skow-53)  
Desiree Libby (Norr-46)  
Peggy Lovejoy (Skow-53)  
Brandy Morgan (Norr-46)  
Jennifer Poirier (Skow-53)  
Lynda Quinn (Skow-53)  
Amy Rouse (Skow-53)  
Karen Smith (Skow-53)  
Todd Smith (Skow-53)  
Kathy Wilder (Norr-46)

**ABSENT/EXCUSED (116)**

Jean Franklin (Canaan-43)  
Dixie Ring (Canaan-43)  
Gary Sinclair (Corn-30)

1. Call to Order  
The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.  
Flag Salute followed.
  
2. Approval of the Minutes
  - a. School Board meeting – 5/28/20
  - b. School Board meeting – 6/4/20
  - c. Special School Board meeting – 6/9/20

**ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Amy Rouse, the Board voted by roll call to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors’ meetings of 5/28/20, 6/4/20 and 6/9/20 into the public record.**

**The MOTION PASSED with all members present voting YES by ROLL CALL. (883 YES)**

3. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted letters of resignation from the following:

- Carolyn Luce, Social Studies Teacher at Skowhegan Area Middle School
- Katie Flood-Gerow, Half-Time Coop Instructor at Somerset Career and Technical Center
- Amber Carbonneau, Ed Tech at Mill Stream Elementary School

b. School Personnel

There were no School Personnel who wished to speak.

c. Visitors

A visitor commented on mascot issue.

A visitor requested follow up to emails regarding Gay Pride Month.

4. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

**ON A MOTION BY Goff French, seconded by Jennifer Poirier, the Board voted to approve nominations page 1.**

**The MOTION PASSED with all members present voting YES by ROLL CALL. (883 YES)**

b. Report on Assessments Payments to Date

The Superintendent shared that as of June 18, 2020, Canaan, Cornville, Norridgewock, Skowhegan, and Smithfield were current on their monthly assessments. Mercer was outstanding for May and June assessments. Assessments are due on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

c. Update on Distance Learning Plan

The Assistant Superintendent reviewed the District's website regarding Distance Learning Resources.

Administrators continue developing a parent survey for input and feedback to assist in the ongoing, continuous process in determining the opening of school.

d. Update on New School Construction Building Study

The Superintendent updated the Board on the New School Construction Building Study. The final report is near completion and will be shared with the Board at a future meeting. Preliminary findings show no significant vernal pools and the potential for viable sites on the property behind the high school.

e. Report on Food Delivery Program

The Superintendent reported that to date over 400,000 meals have been delivered to District families and will continue through the end of June. Plans are underway for summer food deliveries with scheduled sites/stops.

f. Update on Budget Development and Approval Process for 2020-2021

The Superintendent shared that the remote public hearing on the proposed 2020-2021 district budget is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm. Details on the budget proposal, public hearing and the June 14<sup>th</sup> referendum vote are posted on the district website. An informational flyer was mailed to all district residents, as well as posted in the Morning Sentinel.

g. Update on COVID-19 District Plans for End of Year – Graduation Plans

Skowhegan Area High School graduation is set for Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Details on graduation process are posted on the school's webpage as well as mailed to each student.

h. Ratification of 2020-2021 Teacher/Ed Tech Contract Addendum

The Superintendent shared that ongoing negotiations with the Education Association continue and will be discussed in Executive Session under Item 8 of the agenda.

**ON A MOTION BY Amy Rouse, seconded by Sarah Bunker, the Board voted to ratify the one (1) year roll-over agreement to the 2017-2020 Comprehensive Contract between MSAD 54 and the MSAD 54 Education Association for the period September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021.**

**The MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL with 19 members present voting YES (837) and one (1) member voting NO (46-Wilder).**

- i. Approval of Loan for General Obligation Bond for the Track, Soccer Field and Auditorium Project

**ON A MOTION BY Jenni fer Poirier, seconded by Mark Bedard, the Board voted that approve the award for Loan of General Obligation Bond in the Principal Amount of \$750,000, for the Track, Soccer Field and Auditorium Project, to Skowhegan Savings Bank**

**The MOTION PASSED with all members present voting YES by ROLL CALL. (883 YES)**

5. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent reported on the following:

- The mascot transition plan will resume with the next steps, which include review of feedback surveys by administration to determine appropriate results to present to the School Board's sub-committees for review in late July. Each sub-committee will bring 3-5 consensus options forward for feedback from the students.
- Upcoming articles for the next *School Talk* newsletter were highlighted.
- Erica Thompson, Special Education Co-Coordinator, reviewed summer school program plans, which will include virtual summer school at the elementary level and high school credit recovery program.
- Regarding athletics, buildings and grounds will remain closed at the recommendation for MSMA. Waiting for further recommendations.

The Support Services Manager shared that he will be meeting with state police regarding COVID-19 requirements for bus and van transportation.

6. Old and Unfinished Business

There was no discussion of old and unfinished business.

7. Introduction of New Business

The Chair reminded the Board that the Remote Public Hearing on the 2020-2021 Proposed District Budget is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The next in-person regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at the Skowhegan Area High School gymnasium.

9. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools