

**RSU 54/MSAD 54**

**Meeting of Board of Directors  
September 2, 7:00 p.m.  
Skowhegan Area Middle School**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Maine School Administrative District No. 54 was held on September 2, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area Middle School Gymnasium.

**ATTENDANCE BOARD MEMBERS (718 present, 281 absent):**

|                                       |                                  |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Alicia Boulette (Skow-53) PRESENT     | Mark Bedard* (Skow-53) ABSENT    |
| Sarah Bunker (Mercer-16) PRESENT      | Jeannie Conley* (Skow-53) ABSENT |
| Annemarie Dubois (Skow-53) PRESENT    | Haley Fleming* (Norr-46) ABSENT  |
| Jean Franklin (Canaan-43) PRESENT     | Theresa Howard* (Corn-30) ABSENT |
| Goff French (Smith-27) PRESENT        | Michael Lambke* (Skow-53) ABSENT |
| Daniel Frey (Smith-27) PRESENT        | Kathy Wilder* (Norr-46) ABSENT   |
| Desiree Libby (Norr-46) PRESENT       |                                  |
| Peggy Lovejoy (Skow-53) PRESENT       |                                  |
| Brandy Morgan (Norr-46) PRESENT       |                                  |
| Jennifer Poirier (Skow-53) PRESENT    |                                  |
| Lynda Quinn (Skow-53) PRESENT         |                                  |
| Gerry Redlevske (Mercer-16) PRESENT   |                                  |
| Dixie Ring (Canaan-43) PRESENT        |                                  |
| Amy Rouse (Skow-53) PRESENT           |                                  |
| Gary Sinclair (Corn-30) PRESENT       |                                  |
| Karen Smith (Skow-53) PRESENT         |                                  |
| Jacqueline Wolinski (Skow-53) PRESENT |                                  |

1. Call to Order  
  
The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
  - a. Flag Salute followed.
2. Good News and Recognitions – There were no scheduled presentations.
3. Approval of the Minutes – 8/26/21

**ON A MOTION BY Goff French, seconded by Sarah Bunker, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 8/26/21 into the record. (718 yes)**

4. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Karen Demo, Study Hall Monitor/Ed Tech at SAHS.

b. School Personnel

Principal Bruce Mochamer thanked the Board for allowing all students back in session every day at the high school.

c. Visitors

There were no visitors who wished to speak

5. Committee Reports

There were no minutes to report.

6. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

The Superintendent reviewed vacancies and recommended the Board's approval of page one of nominations.

**ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Jennifer Poirier,  
the Board voted to approve nomination page one. (718 yes)**

b. Report on Assessments Payments to Date

The Superintendent shared that as of September 2, 2021, Canaan, Cornville and Norridgewock were current on their monthly assessment payments, with September assessments due on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Mercer, Skowhegan and Smithfield were outstanding for August and September.

c. Update on New School Construction Building Project

The Superintendent shared the results of the August 31<sup>st</sup> District Referendum relating to the issuance of bonds or notes of the District for School Construction and Minor Capital project purposes. The total number of votes in the affirmative is 334 and in the negative is 110. The Superintendent asked the Board to approve and enter into the record the Computation and Declaration of Votes.

**ON A MOTION BY Amy Rouse, seconded by Desiree Libby, the Board voted that the Computation and Declaration of Votes dated September 2, 2021, and attached hereto be approved.**

**FURTHER VOTED: That the Computation and Declaration of Votes be entered upon the records of Maine School Administrative District No. 54.**

**FURTHER VOTED: That a certified copy of the Computation and Declaration of Votes be sent to each of the municipal clerks within the District. (718 yes)**

In regard to the new school construction project, the next Building Committee meeting is scheduled for September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Architects Stephen Blatt and Doug Breer will be updating the committee on progress with ed-specs and the next step in the process, the Concept Design.

d. Review of District Budget and Federal Funds

The Superintendent updated the Board on the process and review of the American Recovery Plan (ARP) application submission. Following review of the updated guidance, it is anticipated the application will be ready to submit in the next few weeks. A full summary of all of the federal spending will be shared with the Board and posted on the website.

e. Update on the Opening of School

The Superintendent shared that he was present in the schools for opening day and students were positive and happy to be back in school.

The first positive case of COVID-19 was reported today from an outside contact and due to the protocol only one other person had to quarantine.

The district has submitted their pool testing application to the State. Will report back once we hear from the State.

A meeting was held today with Emily Poland, Lead Nurse from the State for clarification on protocols. In this meeting, it was verified that student athletes who pool test can continue to play sports.

We will continue to follow the recommended guidelines from the federal government.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent reported on the following:

- Start of school went very well. During visits to the schools and classrooms over the first two days kids were extremely positive, upbeat and energized. Staff did a great job preparing for the opening of school.
- Remote Learning is progressing and a plan is in place to use a platform called Edgenuity, which is an asynchronous virtual program that provides video lessons, activities and assessments to students. Currently we have seven students signed up in grades K-5, eight students in grades 6-8 and nine students in grades 9-12. It is anticipated these numbers will increase slightly over the next two weeks. The Remote Learning program will begin mid-September.
- Information on new childcare programs at Mill Stream and Canaan Elementary Schools was shared. The Alford Youth and Community Center will be providing after school childcare programs Monday-Friday from 2:15 – 5:30 pm.

The Support Services Manager commended support staff for all the hard work in getting our school ready for a great opening.

8. Old and Unfinished Business

There was no old and unfinished business

9. Introduction of New Business

There was no introduction of new business

10. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Moody, Superintendent of Schools