

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
June 16, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
Skowhegan Area High School**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Maine School Administrative District No. 54 was held on June 16, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area High School Cafeteria.

ATTENDANCE BOARD MEMBERS (696 present, 257 absent, 46 vacancy):

Alicia Boulette (Skow-53) PRESENT	Rebecca Anderson (Smith-27) ABSENT
Janet Burrill (Canaan-43) PRESENT	Mark Bedard* (Skow-53) ABSENT
Jeannie Conley (Skow-53) PRESENT	Sarah Bunker* (Mercer-16) ABSENT
Samantha Delorie (Norr-46) PRESENT	Bruce Hurley* (Mercer-16) ABSENT
Annemarie Dubois (Skow-53) PRESENT	Desiree Libby* (Norr-46) ABSENT
Jean Franklin (Canaan-43) PRESENT	Brandy Morgan* (Norr-46) ABSENT
Daniel Frey (Smith-27) PRESENT	Jacqueline Wolinski* (Skow-53) ABSENT
Theresa Howard (Corn-30) PRESENT	
Michael Lambke (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Peggy Lovejoy (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Lynda Quinn (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Amy Rouse (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Gary Sinclair (Corn-30) PRESENT	
Sara Smith (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Timothy Williams (Skow-53) PRESENT	

1. Call to Order

The Superintendent 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. Annual Reorganization Meeting

The Superintendent of Schools conducted the Election of a Board Chair.

a. Election of Chair

Jean Franklin nominated Lynda Quinn and Timothy Williams seconded the nomination.

There being no other nominations, the Superintendent declared the nominations closed. **Lynda Quinn was elected Chair of the Board.**

b. **Election of Vice Chair**

Jean Franklin nominated Amy Rouse and Samantha Delorie seconded the nomination.

There being no other nominations, the Chair declared the nominations closed. **Amy Rouse was elected Vice Chair of the Board.**

c. **Election of Finance Committee Chair**

Amy Rouse nominated Jean Franklin and Samantha Delorie seconded the nomination.

There being no other nominations, the Chair declared the nominations closed. **Jean Franklin was elected Chair of the Finance Committee.**

d. **Election of Finance Committee**

ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to elect Lynda Quinn, Sarah Bunker and Mark Bedard as members of the Finance Committee. (696 yes)

4. **Approval of the Minutes**

ON A MOTION BY Janet Burrill, seconded by Peggy Lovejoy, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 6/2/22 into the record. (696 yes)

5. **Communications**

The Chair welcomed newly elected Skowhegan Board member, Sara Smith, to the Board.

a. Letters

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

- Jeremy Fitzgerald, Industrial Arts Teacher at SAHS
- Lacey Butters, CNA Instructor at SCTC
- Colby Madore, Technology Aide

b. School Personnel

There were no school personnel who wished to speak.

c. Visitors – There were no visitors who wished to speak.

6. Committee Reports

a. Support Services Committee – 6/2/22

ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Support Services Committee meeting of 6/2/22 into the record. (696 yes)

Jean Franklin, Committee Chair, reviewed the minutes and asked the Board to vote on the following recommendation:

ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Jeannie Conley, the Board voted to approve purchasing the following equipment needed for the SAHS Metal Shop Project, to be paid with grant funds or fund balances as appropriate (Hobart Handler 140, 115V Wire Feed Welder and CrossFire PRO CNC Plasma Table). (696 yes)

b. Educational Policy/Program Committee – 6/14/22

ON A MOTION BY Jeannie Conley, seconded by Timothy Williams, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Educational Policy/Program Committee meeting of 6/14/22 into the record. (696 yes)

Jeannie Conley, Committee Vice-Chair, reviewed the minutes. There were no recommendations.

7. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

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

ON A MOTION BY Peggy Lovejoy, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to approve nomination pages one and two. (696 yes)

The Superintendent requested the Board's authorization to offer contracts to qualified teachers and staff during the summer months so that the District would not face the possibility of losing good candidates between Board meetings.

ON A MOTION BY Amy Rouse, seconded by Jeannie Franklin, the Board voted to authorize the Superintendent to offer contracts to qualified teachers and staff during the summer months so that the District would not face the possibility of losing good candidates between Board meetings. (696 yes)

b. Report on Assessments Payments to Date

The Superintendent shared that as of June 16, 2022, all six towns (Canaan, Cornville, Mercer, Norridgewock, Skowhegan and Smithfield) were current on their monthly assessments, with June assessment payments due on the 20th.

c. Computation and Declaration of Votes

The Superintendent shared the Computation and Declaration of Votes of the District Budget Validation Referendum held June 14, 2022. A total of **1,153** affirmative and **504** negative votes were declared on Article 1, relating to the adoption of the District's 2022-2023 budget.

ON A MOTION BY Amy Rouse, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted that the Computation and Declaration of Votes dated June 16, 2022, and attached hereto be approved.

FURTHER VOTED that the Computation and Declaration of Votes be entered upon the records of RSU 54/MSAD 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.

(696 yes)

Attested copy attached hereto.

Following the vote, the Board of Directors signed the Computation and Declaration of Votes.

d. Approval and Signing of Assessment Warrants

ON A MOTION BY Amy Rouse, seconded by Amy Rouse, Jeannie Conley, the Board voted to approve and sign the Assessment Warrants for the District's six towns, as presented. (696 yes)

Following the vote, the Board of Directors signed Assessment Warrants.

e. Computation and Declaration of Votes for School Construction and SRRF Bond Referendum

The Superintendent reviewed the results of Question 1 of the District Referendum on the issuance of bonds or notes for a new elementary school construction project, which passed with **1,056** affirmative and **599** negative. The results of Question 2 of the District Referendum on the issuance of bonds for a School Revolving Renovation Fund Elevator Project, passed with **1,077** affirmative and **539** negative.

ON A MOTION BY Janet Burrill, seconded by Jeannie Conley, the Board voted that the Computation and Declaration of Votes dated June 16, 2022, 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.

(696 yes)

Attested copy attached hereto.

f. Update on New School Construction Building Project

Superintendent Moody shared that Stephen Blatt Architects have been meeting with staff over the last two weeks to continue gathering input on classroom design needs. Final design and development is anticipated in early September.

A survey for naming the new elementary school has been posted to the website and suggestions will be shared with the board to use in the selection process.

KVCAP voted to move forward to support fundraising 3 million dollars.

g. Update on Schools and COVID-19

Superintendent Moody shared that he was present in the schools for end of year events and visits. Along with it being a positive experience for all, there was a sense of normalcy that we haven't had since COVID began.

There will be a summer edition of the School Talk newsletter going to all MSAD 54 residents in July.

h. Update on Federal Funds

Superintendent Moody shared and reviewed a summary on federal funds, including COVID Relief Dollars (CRF I, II, etc), and Cares Act (ESSER I, II, ARP). Spending Timelines and Summaries were reviewed.

i. Other

Superintendent Moody suggested that the next two Board meetings be scheduled for July 28th and August 18th. This will get us to a normal schedule of the first and third Thursdays of each month, with September 1 being the first meeting of the new school year. Board members supported the suggested summer meetings schedule.

8. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent was not present.

The Support Services Manager shared that a meeting on the elevator project is scheduled for next week. The Middle School Project is going well.

9. Old and Unfinished Business

There was no old and unfinished business

10. Introduction of New Business

There was no introduction of new business

11. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Moody, Superintendent of Schools