

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
August 18, 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 August 18, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area High School Cafeteria.

ATTENDANCE BOARD MEMBERS (701 present, 298 absent):

Alicia Boulette (Skow-53) PRESENT	Rebecca Anderson (Smith-27) ABSENT
Mark Bedard (Skow-53) PRESENT	Daniel Frey* (Smith-27) ABSENT
Sarah Bunker (Mercer-16) PRESENT	Bruce Hurley* (Mercer-16) ABSENT
Janet Burrill (Canaan-43) PRESENT	Morrigan McLeod* (Norr-46) ABSENT
Jeannie Conley (Skow-53) PRESENT	Brandy Morgan* (Norr-46) ABSENT
Samantha Delorie (Norr-46) PRESENT	Gary Sinclair* (Corn-30) ABSENT
Annemarie Dubois (Skow-53) PRESENT	Timothy Williams* (Skow-53) ABSENT
Jean Franklin (Canaan-43) PRESENT	Jacqueline Wolinski* (Skow-53) ABSENT
Theresa Howard (Corn-30) PRESENT	
Michael Lambke (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Desiree Libby (Norr-46) PRESENT	
Peggy Lovejoy (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Lynda Quinn (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Amy Rouse (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Sara Smith (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. Approval of the Minutes - 7/28/22

ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 7/28/22 into the record. (701 yes)

4. Communications

a. Letters

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

- Ronald Greenleaf, Custodian at SAMS
- Tanya Dixon, School Nurse
- Miranda Hebert, Special Education Teacher at SAMS
- Sofie Mattens, School Counselor at BES
- Bob Tompkins, Custodian at CES

b. School Personnel

There were no school personnel who wished to speak.

c. Visitors

There were no visitors who wished to speak.

5. Committee Reports

There were no committee meeting minutes to report on.

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 Michael Lambke, seconded by Janet Burrill,
the Board voted to approve nominations page one. (701 yes)**

b. Report on Assessments Payments to Date

The Superintendent shared that as of August 18, 2022, Canaan, Cornville, Mercer, Norridgewock and Smithfield were current on their monthly assessments with August payment due on the 20th. Skowhegan was outstanding for July and August.

c. Update on New School Construction Building Project

Superintendent Moody shared that the Building Committee is scheduled to meet on September 7th at 6pm in the Middle School Library.

d. Update on Return to School Plan and Review of Federal Funds

Superintendent Moody reviewed the updated MSAD 54 Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services for 2022-2023, and asked the Board for its approval:

ON A MOTION BY Samantha Delorie, seconded by Mark Bedard, the Board voted to approve the MSAD 54 Plan for Safe Return to In Person Instruction and Continuity of Services for 2022-2023, as presented. (701 yes)

The updated Return to School Plan will be posted on the District's website.

7. Update on Schools and the Start of the Year

Superintendent Moody reported that an all-day administrative team meeting was held this week, with a focus on the opening of schools. Retired principal Steve Swindells will be providing as needed coverage at North Elementary and Margaret Chase Smith Schools.

The Superintendent shared that many staff have been in through the summer working and are excited and optimistic about the start of school. For the first time in several years it's great to begin school with a more clear picture of what lies ahead, and with a focus on moving kids forward in their learning in a safe and supportive school environment.

The District has nine Support Services open positions. There are a few remaining teaching positions as well as 16 ed tech openings.

e. Other

Superintendent Moody indicated that a detailed enrollment report will be shared at the next meeting.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent reported on the following:

- New staff orientation is scheduled for three days next week. One of the days will focus on our vision, our values and the various mandatory trainings. Our coaches will work with teachers on the best instructional strategies, as well as with Ed Techs reviewing the various rolls of Ed Tech I, II and III's.
- Opening Workshop Day will kick off on Monday, August 28th, with all staff meeting in the high school auditorium.
- The End of Summer BBQ is scheduled for August 23rd and Board members are welcome to attend.

The Support Services Manager reported that the schools are in good shape for the 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 7:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Moody, Superintendent of Schools