

RSU 54/MSAD 54
SUPPORT SERVICES COMMITTEE
Minutes
Thursday April 1, 2021
Skowhegan Area High School
Cafeteria

Members Present: Jennifer Poirier - Chair; Jean Franklin - Vice Chair; Gary Sinclair; Harold Bigelow; Brandy Morgan; Karen Smith; Christy Johnson; Goff French; Mark Bedard
Also Present: Lynda Quinn; Mark Hatch; Jon Moody; David Leavitt

1. Permission to Accept Funds

SCTC has received the following donations for the Welding expansion:

- \$25,000 from Somerset Economic Development Corp
- \$10,000 from Whittemore & Sons
- \$5,000 from Sappi North America Inc

Recommendation: That the School Board approve the above listed donations.

2. Status Quo Budget Presentation Discussion

Mr. Moody discussed the three primary factors influencing a school budget:

1. Student count (ours is down by 118 students)
2. Town valuation (which have gone up relative to the state average, which means the state’s formula expects our towns to contribute more locally).
3. Poverty rate (the district poverty rate has declined by 10%, something staff are not seeing anecdotally but something that does also impact state aid for education).

The District will be working to actively reach out to students and their families who have left the district (homeschool/other) to inform them of safety measures and increased programming.

As of the meeting date, the District health insurance rate was set (0%) and workers comp rates have yet to be released.

Next Meeting
 May 6, 2021