

**RSU 54/MSAD 54**

**Meeting of Board of Directors  
November 3, 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 November 3, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area High School Cafeteria.

**ATTENDANCE BOARD MEMBERS (731 present, 268 absent):**

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

Jasmine Doyen, Aspire Career Coordinator in MSAD 54, presented to the Board. Jasmine's role is a new position supported by JMG, MELMAC and MSAD 54, as part of a five-year, roughly 1 million dollar grant, the district was awarded to raise the career and academic aspirations of students PreK through 12. Jasmine talked about her work to expose students to all of the careers available from education to trades, and learning both the goals students have for themselves, and those the school staff have for their students.. In her first two weeks on the job Jasmine coordinated a field trip of 96 students to attend the UMO college fair, as well as a visit to the

AVEDA institute for interested students. Although this year is considered a planning year, Jasmine is looking forward to engaging students and staff at the middle and elementary levels as well. In addition to Jasmine's role, Valerie McNamara was recently hired on as district Communications Coordinator.

3. Approval of the Minutes - 10/20/22

**ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Peggy Lovejoy, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 10/20/22 into the record. (731 yes)**

4. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent shared a letter from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEAS&C) acknowledging that Skowhegan Area High School is scheduled for a Decennial Accreditation Visit on March 23, 2025 through March 26, 2025. There will be a two-day Collaborative Conference Visit on April 26-27, 2023, where they will gather information about the school and collaboratively review and refine the schools Self-Reflection findings and identify Priority Areas for Growth and improvement.

b. School Personnel

High School Principal, Bruce Mochamer, shared that Day of Welcome is taking place tomorrow; semi-final home football game tomorrow night against Lawrence; Field Hockey State Championship game will take place Saturday; and the high school play *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown* is scheduled for November 17, 18 and 19.

c. Visitors

There were no visitors present who wished to speak.

5. Committee Reports

a. Personnel Committee – 10/20/22

**ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Jacqueline Wolinski, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Personnel Services Committee meeting of 10/20/22 into the public record. (731 yes)**

Theresa Howard, Committee Chair, reviewed the minutes. There were no recommendations.

b. Building Committee – 10/26/22

**ON A MOTION BY Samantha Delorie, seconded by Timothy Williams, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Building Committee meeting of 10/26/22 into the public record. (731 yes)**

Superintendent Moody reviewed the minutes. There were no recommendations.

6. Superintendent’s Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

The Superintendent reviewed vacancies and recommended the Board’s approval of nominations.

**ON A MOTION BY Desiree Libby, seconded by Jeannie Conley, the Board voted to approve nominations page one. (731 yes)**

b. Report on Assessments Payments to Date

The Superintendent shared that as of November 3, 2022, Canaan, Cornville, Mercer, Norridgewock and Smithfield were current on their monthly assessments with November assessment due on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Skowhegan was outstanding for October and November.

c. Update on New School Construction Building Project

Superintendent Moody reported that front entrance adjustments on the new school have been updated. The project remains on its timeline provided to the board in June 2022, and the project budget is currently on track according to the project cost estimator. Playground work is ongoing and the goal is to include community and staff to be a part of that process.

Erin Merrill, Campaign Director, presented to the Building Committee at its October meeting, on the fundraising campaign for the early childhood center. Donor naming was discussed. Sam Hight, Chair of the fundraising campaign, has set a goal of raising the full four million plus of local taxpayers' cost. Stephen Blatt Architects is willing to match staff donations.

Superintendent Moody reviewed an updated list of the school naming survey. Another survey will go out to the community to select their top choice from a specific list, prior to the Board making the final decision.

d. Review/Update of Federal Projects/Federal Funds Update

Superintendent Moody updated the Board on feedback from staff on federal funds, which included: materials to support student learning; request for additional vans; flex seating for students; bikes and activities for movement; teacher planning time; specific intervention kits; additional staff for tutoring and ed techs; fieldtrips; tech support and training. Remaining funding will be reviewed over the next month followed by a review/edit of the district federal funds applications to reflect several of these additional priorities.

e. Update on Schools and the Start of the Year

Superintendent Moody commented on the stickers shared with the Board, which were created by our REACH Program and invited Board members to visit schools on Friday as district civil rights teams coordinated Day of Welcome activities in most schools.

f. Discussion of School Board Fall Conference and Delegate Assembly

Board members shared feedback on the MSMA Fall Conference held last week.

g. Other

On November 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 there is a public meeting on the DEP Permit Process at Margaret Chase Smith School.

The enrollment report was shared with the Board. Enrollment as of 11/3/22 was 2,240 (2,238 last report).

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

Assistant Superintendent Hatch shared that data on our state assessment has been released, and shows an increase in the percentage of student scores at the elementary level, and growth over the past two years in our grade level scores in math. In some areas, the percentage of students meeting their growth goals have decreased over the past two years.

Assistant Superintendent Hatch shared that our enrollment numbers are down for homeschool students.

Support Services Manager, David Leavitt, reported that the two bids received on the elevator project have been rejected and are now value engineering with the low bidder. A follow up meeting is scheduled for November 15.

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 7:53 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Moody, Superintendent of Schools