

RSU 54/MSAD 54

**Meeting of Board of Directors
November 5, 2020, 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 November 5, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area Middle School Gymnasium. Jeannie Conley*, Haley Fleming*, Desiree Libby* and Kathy Wilder* were absent.

*excused

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

Somerset Career and Technical Center Director, David Dorr, introduced Jenny France, Early Childhood Instructor, as 2020 Somerset County Teacher of the Year. Mr. Dorr shared Jen's accomplishments, some of which include earning her Master's Degree in Educational Leadership; successfully completing the national assessment of professional teaching standards to be a National Board Certified Teacher; faculty member of Maine Educator Consortium; adjunct professor at KVCC; Skills USA advisor; MELMAC, PBE leadership team volunteers at the elementary schools and in the community.

Jen thanked administrators and the Board for its support. She is looking forward to the remaining time representing Somerset County and SCTC as 2020 Somerset County Teacher of the Year.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 10/22/20

ON A MOTION BY Goff French, seconded by Jeannie Conley, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 10/22/20, into the public record. (808 yes)

4. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Skowhegan School Board member, Todd Smith, who was elected to the Board of Selectmen.

b. School Personnel – No School Personnel wished to speak.

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

5. Committee Reports

a. Personnel Committee – 10/22/20

ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Karen Smith, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of 10/22/20 into the public record. (808 yes)

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

6. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to approve nomination pages 1 and 2. (792 yes, 16 abstain)

b. Report on Assessments Payments to Date

The Superintendent shared that as of November 5, 2020, the towns of Canaan, Cornville, Mercer, Norridgewock and Smithfield were current on their assessment payments, with November assessment due on the 20th. Skowhegan was outstanding for October and November.

c. Update on New School Construction Building Study

The Superintendent updated the Board on the school construction project. Superintendent Moody along with Brent Colbry, David Leavitt and Goff

French met with DOE last week to review 7-8 preliminary site ideas presented from Stephen Blatt Architects. Next week the architects and engineers will meet for a walkthrough of three potential sites. Once completed we will follow up with DOE and the Board's Building Committee will meet.

d. MSMA Virtual Fall Conference and Delegate Assembly Discussion

Info will be mailed on the Delegate Assembly Resolutions.

Sarah commented on the opening on mental health was excellent as was the closing comments. Very inspirational.

Participants can access the sessions through 11/13/2020.

e. Update on Return to School and Yellow Designation

County Yellow designation impacts clubs and activities. No definitive information on winter sports.

In-person Board meeting will continue while students are in school for in-person instruction or if the county was designated as Red.

Maine CDC has given feedback that the District's process is working. We have had well over one hundred individuals who have been quarantined and as of today, there are no cases of transmissions in schools. All cases and potential cases have come from the outside in.

The Superintendent reported on funding for COVID-19 Relief Funds. A breakdown of spending ideas and estimated costs were reviewed.

The Superintendent requested the Board's approval to forego competitive bidding of certain purchases to be funded by the CRF funds.

ON A MOTION BY Amy Rouse, seconded by Goff French, the Board voted that the Superintendent, in accordance with Policies DJ and DJ-R, be authorized to forego competitive bidding of certain purchases to be funded by federal Coronavirus Relief Fund dollars because (i) the purchases are only available from one source; or (ii) the December 30, 2020 deadline for expenditure of CRF funds does not permit the delays that a competitive bid process would cause, as documented by the Superintendent in

previous meetings and in the handout presented to this meeting, which shall be incorporated into the minutes of this meeting. (808 yes)

g. Other

i. Enrollment Report

Enrollment as of 11/5/20 was 2,246 (last report – 2,244)

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent reported on the following:

- MSES Remote Learning day of election. Positive feedback from parents and staff for a successful day of remote learning.
- Remote Learning Committee, Professional Development Committee and Grading and Reporting Committee will meet next week to look at the standards being taught at each grade level and focus on prioritizing for more consistency from year to year.
- Educational Policy/Program Committee will meet on Tuesday, November 10th and will review draft Remote Learning Plan/District Red Plan and schedule in the event we have to close a school.

The Support Services Manager shared that meal deliveries were made for Mill Stream Elementary families on election day, which was a remote learning day.

8. Old and Unfinished Business

There was no old or unfinished business discussed.

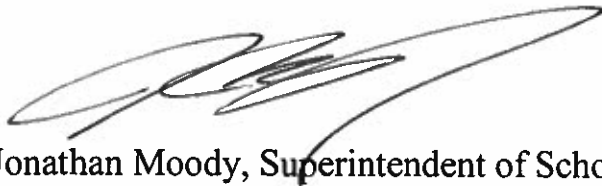
9. Introduction of New Business

There was no introduction of new business.

10. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jonathan Moody, Superintendent of Schools