

**RSU 54/MSAD 54**

**Meeting of Board of Directors  
May 30, 2024, 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 May 30, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area Middle School Cafeteria.

**ATTENDANCE BOARD MEMBERS (572 present, 374 absent, 53 vacancy):**

Mark Bedard (Skow-53) PRESENT	Jeannie Conley* (Skow-53) ABSENT
Sarah Bunker (Mercer-16) PRESENT	Karyn Curran* (Skow-53) ABSENT
Janet Burrill (Canaan-43) PRESENT	Lauren Fox* (Mercer-16) ABSENT
Valerie Coulombe (Norr-46) PRESENT	Daniel Frey* (Smith-27) ABSENT
Samantha Delorie (Norr-46) PRESENT	Michael Lambke* (Skow-53) ABSENT
Jean Franklin (Canaan-43) PRESENT	Desiree Libby* (Norr-46) ABSENT
Theresa Howard (Corn-30) PRESENT	Janice Malek* (Norr-46) ABSENT
Michelle Kelso (Skow-53) PRESENT	Michelle Taylor* (Smith-27) ABSENT
Peggy Lovejoy (Skow-53) PRESENT	Timothy Williams* (Skow-53) ABSENT
Julian Payne (Corn-30) PRESENT	
Lynda Quinn (Skow-53) PRESENT	*excused
Amy Rouse (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Sara Smith (Skow-53) PRESENT	

Carly McCabe (Student Rep) PRESENT

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

Maura Smith, Director of Drama and students presented to Board, sharing details from the New England Drama Festival.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 5/16/24

**ON A MOTION BY Mark Bedard, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors’ meeting of 5/16/24 into the public record. (572 yes)**

4. Communications

a. Letters

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

- Janet Herrick, Title One Ed Tech II at Bloomfield
- Henry Fortin, CDL Instructor at SCTC
- Hannah Dangler, School Social Worker at Bloomfield
- Caitlyn Rollins, Elementary Physical Education Teacher
- Annmarie Dubois, Skowhegan Board Member

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

a. Personnel Committee – 5/16/24

**ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Sarah Bunker, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of 5/16/24 into the public record. (572 yes)**

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

6. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

Superintendent Moody reviewed vacancies and recommended the Board's approval of nominations.

**ON A MOTION BY Samantha Delorie, seconded by Peggy Lovejoy, the Board voted to approve nomination pages one and two. (574 yes)**

b. Report on Assessments Payments to Date

Superintendent Moody shared that as of May 30, 2024, all six towns (Canaan, Cornville, Mercer and Norridgewock, Skowhegan and Smithfield) were current on their monthly assessment payments. Payments are due on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

c. Update on New School Construction Building Project

Superintendent Moody shared that biweekly construction meetings with contractors continue.

David Leavitt, Jessica Brown and Myla Kreider had a lengthy meeting on keying in the new school.

SCTC Instructor Dan Foss had scheduled tours of the new school construction site with students.

d. Review/Update of Federal Projects/Federal Funds

Superintendent Moody reported that Finance Director Melannie Keister is waiting to hear on the desk audit. She continues to work on ARP and has submitted reimbursements through January 2023.

e. FY25 Budget Vote, June 11<sup>th</sup>

Superintendent Moody reminded the Board that the FY25 District Budget Validation Referendum is June 11<sup>th</sup>.

f. Authorization to Submit Capital Application

David Leavitt shared that his office is working on a capital application for a new high school and technical center, which needs to be submitted in August. Superintendent Moody requested the Board's authorization to submit the application.

**ON A MOTION BY Samantha Delorie, seconded by Sarah Bunker, the Board voted to authorize the submission of a capital application for a new high school and technical center. (574 yes)**

g. Authorization to Apply to Maine Municipal Bond Bank

Superintendent Moody requested the Board's authorization to apply for a second round of bonding for the funding of the state's portion of the new school with Maine Municipal Bond Bank. He explained that this was previously approved by the district voters and is a result of the district splitting the project into two bonds, something that was done to minimize interest costs associated with borrowing through fundraising.

**ON A MOTION BY Julian Payne, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to approve the authorization of a bond application for the remaining state portion of the new school construction project with the Maine Municipal Bond Bank. (574 yes)**

h. Update on Graduation and End of Year Events

Superintendent Moody shared that over the past two weeks he has worked with our SAHS admin team, district Crisis Team, community members and NAMI Maine to develop practices that honor/celebrate those students who have passed away from a graduating class but also keep graduation and other events the celebrations they are intended to be.

i. Other

Superintendent Moody requested the Board's approval of the revised 2024-2025 District Calendar with an end date of June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**ON A MOTION BY Valerie Coulombe, seconded by Michelle Kelso, the Board voted to approve the revised 2024-2025 District Calendar as presented. (574 yes)**

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

Assistant Superintendent Hatch was not present.

Support Services Manager David Leavitt reported crews are getting ready for summer work.

8. Old and Unfinished Business

The next Board meeting will be on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

9. Introduction of New Business

There was no new business introduced.

10. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Moody, Superintendent of Schools