

**Meeting of Board of Directors
October 3, 2019, 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 October 3, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Haley Fleming* and Desiree Libby* were absent.

*excused

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
Flag Salute followed.

2. Good News and Recognitions

Canaan Elementary School Principal, Steve Swindells, introduced Stephanie Voter, School Nurse, to the Board. Stephanie coordinates the Healthy Kid Pack Program, which started in 2004. The program is fully funded by the New Balance Foundation and serves close to 300 children in the weekly pack/book program.

Stephanie shared that the Canaan School Food Cupboard was a recipient of the recent United Way Food Drive.

Bloomfield Elementary students, Emma and Evelyn, distributed pictures, informational sheets and apples to the Board.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 9/19/19

ON A MOTION BY Dixie Ring, seconded by Amy Rouse, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 9/19/19, into the public record. (877 yes)

4. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Jeremiah Dodge, Special Education Teacher at Bloomfield Elementary School.

b. School Personnel – There were no school personnel who wished to speak.

c. Visitors

Several visitors addressed the Board regarding the renaming of the mascot/nickname.

5. Committee Reports

a. Personnel Committee – 9/19/19

ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board vote to accept the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of 9/19/19 into the public record. (8776 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. (877 yes)

b. Report on Assessments Payments to Date

The Superintendent shared that as of October 3, 2019, Canaan, Cornville, Mercer, Norridgewock and Smithfield were current on their assessment payments, with October due on the 20th. Skowhegan was outstanding for August, September and October. Assessments are due on the 20th of each month.

c. MSMS Fall Conference Reminder – Oct. 24-25

The Superintendent reminded the Board of the upcoming Annual MSMA Fall Conference scheduled for October 24 and 25. The Clinic Program was shared with the Board.

d. Overview of a Draft Mascot Selection Protocol (No Action is Anticipated)

The Superintendent reviewed a Draft Mascot Transition Plan Summary and following questions and comments from Board members, the consensus was to take the next two weeks to review the plan summary, sending any additional

feedback to the Superintendent and place on the agenda for the October 17th meeting to update on the draft Nickname (mascot) Selection Protocol.

e. Other

The current enrollment as of 10/3/19 is 2,354, including PreK (2,360 last report).

The Superintendent shared information on the District's current poverty rate. 1,512 students (63%) meet the Free/Reduced status.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent reported on various curriculum and professional development committee work taking place.

The Support Services Manager reported the support staff is preparing for winter.

8. Old and Unfinished Business

There was no old or unfinished business discussed.

9. Introduction of New Business

There was no new business discussed.

10. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools