

**Meeting of Board of Directors
March 10, 2022 at 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 March 10, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area High School Cafeteria.

ATTENDANCE BOARD MEMBERS (830 present, 169 absent):

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

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

a. Flag Salute followed.

Samantha Delorie (Norr-46), Timothy Williams (Skow-53) and Bruce Hurley (Mercer-16), were welcomed to the School Board.

2. Good News and Recognitions

High School Principal Bruce Mochamer introduced the Class A Girls Varsity Basketball Team State Champions. Coach Mike LeBlanc and team members were present, holding the Gold Ball proudly. Coach LeBlanc thanked the Board for its support and the Board cheered the team for their victory.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 2/17/22

ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Theresa Howard, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors’ meeting of 2/17/22 into the record. (830 yes)

4. Communications

a. Letters

Superintendent Moody acknowledged and accepted letters of intent to retire from the following:

- Doreen Kimball, Grade 2 Teacher at Mill Stream Elementary School
- Mary Swindells, Special Education Teacher at Mill Stream Elementary School
- Marjorie Batten, Occupational Therapist
- Stacey Edgar, Social Studies Teacher at Skowhegan Area Middle School
- Jane Poulin, Ed Tech at Canaan Elementary School
- Gerald Williams, Health Teacher at Skowhegan Area Middle School
- Peter Hockmeyer, Grade 6 Teacher at Skowhegan Area Middle School

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

- Lindsey White, Kindergarten Teacher at Mill Stream Elementary School
- Jordan Hale, Math Teacher at Skowhegan Area High School

b. School Personnel

There were no school personnel who wished to speak.

c. Visitors

Jean Franklin, Canaan, shared that a fundraiser for Dixie Ring, to help with medical expenses, is being held and anyone who wishes to donate can contact Jean or the Canaan Library.

5. Committee Reports

a. Personnel Committee –2/17/22

ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Sarah Bunker, voted to accept the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of 2/17/22 into the public record. (830 yes)

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

b. Building Committee – 3/2/22

ON A MOTION BY Sarah Bunker, seconded by Jennifer Poirier, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Building Committee meeting of 3/2/22 into the public record. (830 yes)

Superintendent Moody 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 page one of nominations.

ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Jennifer Poirier, the Board voted to approve nominations page one. (830 yes)

b. Report on Assessments Payments to Date

Superintendent Moody shared that as of March 10, 2022, all six towns were current on their monthly assessment payments. Assessments are due on the 20th of each month.

c. Update on New School Construction Building Project

Superintendent Moody updated the Board on the New School Construction Building Project progress, including the Concept Design phase, after multiple meeting with the state to refine plans and determine the space allocation. The district updated the Skowhegan Select Board in February and will again be

meeting with the town to review the project further. A newsletter article on the project will be posted on the project next week.

Superintendent Moody reviewed upcoming meetings and timelines, which will include various public hearings, both in person and zoom, in late April/early May, with an anticipated June 14th referendum on the Concept Design. Anyone wishing to learn more can visit the district website.

d. Update on Federal Project/Federal Funds Update

Superintendent Moody updated the Board on the Middle School Additions and Renovations. RFP bids have been extended to March 22nd and results will be shared at the next Board meeting.

Revisions continue on the ESSER I, ESSER II and ESSER III funding.

e. Update on Schools and COVID-19

Superintendent Moody updated the Board on the transition to Mask Optional and recommended the Board's approval to affirm and continue to follow the guidance of the CDC.

ON A MOTION BY Jennifer Poirier, seconded by Desiree Libby, the Board voted to affirm the recommendation to continue following Maine CDC guidance and move to "mask optional". (830 yes)

g. 2022-2023 Status Quo Budget

Superintendent Moody presented the 2022-2023 Status Quo Budget. A summary of the budget articles and revenues were reviewed. Budget review meetings with the Board's Support Services and Educational Policy/Program Committees will take place throughout the month of March. Adjustments to health insurance and workers comp rates for 2022-2023 will be made once received.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

Assistant Superintendent Hatch reported that Kindergarten and Pre-K Registration planning is underway.

Support Services Manager Leavitt reported that State Lead Testing in the school is being coordinated.

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.

11. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Moody, Superintendent of Schools