

**RSU 54/MSAD 54**

**Meeting of Board of Directors  
June 3, 2021, 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 June 3, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area Middle School Gymnasium.

**ATTENDANCE BOARD MEMBERS (771 present, 228 absent):**

Mark Bedard (Skow-53) – PRESENT	Derek Ellis* (Skow-53) ABSENT
Harold Bigelow (Skow-53) PRESENT	Haley Fleming* (Norr-46) ABSENT
Sarah Bunker (Mercer-16) PRESENT	Theresa Howard* (Corn-30) ABSENT
Maryellen Charles (Mercer-16) PRESENT	Brandy Morgan* (Norr-46) ABSENT
Jeannie Conley (Skow-53) PRESENT	Jennifer Poirier* (Skow-53) ABSENT
Annemarie Dubois (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Jean Franklin (Canaan-43) PRESENT	
Goff French (Smith-27) PRESENT	
Christy Johnson (Smith-27) PRESENT	
Michael Lambke (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Desiree Libby (Norr-46) PRESENT	
Peggy Lovejoy (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Lynda Quinn (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Dixie Ring (Canaan-43) PRESENT	
Amy Rouse (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Gary Sinclair (Corn-30) PRESENT	
Karen Smith (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Kathy Wilder (Norr-46) 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

There were no scheduled presentations.

3. Approval of the Minutes

**ON A MOTION BY Dixie Ring, seconded by Amy Rouse, the Board voted to a to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meetings of**

**5/6/21, 5/12/21 and the District Budget meeting of 5/25/21 into the record. (771 yes)**

4. Communications

a. Letters

The Superintendent acknowledged and accepted the following letters of resignation, effective June 2021:

- Mona Moody
- Craig Campbell
- Daniel Moreshead
- Kathleen Houston
- Jean Dickey

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. Support Services Committee – 5/6/21

**ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Goff French, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Support Services Committee meeting of 5/6/21 into the record. (771 yes)**

Jean Franklin, Committee Chair, reviewed the minutes and asked the Board to vote on the following recommendation:

**ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Dixie Ring, the Board voted to accept the following donations: \$500 from Highland Credit Union for the Canaan Elementary Food Cupboard; matboard and shelving for the SAHS Art Dept - \$500 value; and \$3,500 grant to the R.E.A.C.H. After School Program. (771 yes)**

b. Educational Policy/Program Committee – 6/1/21

**ON A MOTION BY Sarah Bunker, seconded by Jeannie Conley, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Educational Policy/Program Committee meeting of 6/1/21 into the record. (771 yes)**

Sarah Bunker, Committee Chair, reviewed the minutes and asked the Board to vote on the following recommendation:

**ON A MOTION BY Sarah Bunker, seconded by Karen Smith, the Board voted to support the adoption of Esports Club at Skowhegan Area High School, to be funded by ESSERF Federal Funds.**

**Following questions and comments, the motion passed. (771 yes)**

6. Superintendent's Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

The Superintendent reviewed vacancies and recommended the Board's approval of pages one, two and three of nominations.

**ON A MOTION BY Sarah Bunker, seconded by Goff French, the Board voted to approve nomination pages one, two and three. (771 yes)**

b. Report on Assessments Payments to Date

The Superintendent shared that as of June 3, 2021, all six towns (Canaan, Cornville, Mercer, Norridgewock, Skowhegan and Smithfield) were current on their monthly assessments, with June assessment payments due on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

c. Update on New School Construction Building Project

The Superintendent shared the public hearing on the site selection was a success with a unanimous straw poll vote on the Margaret Chase Smith School site. The site application process was finalized and submitted to DOE. The review occurred this week and received all positive remarks.

A meeting is scheduled with the Commissioner of Education on June 15<sup>th</sup>, followed by a meeting with the Construction Committee of the Legislature and State Board. The Building Committee will be updated at their meeting scheduled for next week.

d. Update on Federal Funds

The Superintendent shared that the District is waiting for approval of federal funds (ESSER II), including major capital projects, which were submitted in April and are waiting for the State's final approval. We hope to have word on this at our meeting of June 16<sup>th</sup>.

e. Approval to Authorize Issuance of Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note

The Superintendent requested the Board's approval to authorize the issuance of a \$3,000,000 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note.

**ON A MOTION BY Desiree Libby, seconded by Jean Franklin, the Board voted to approve the Vote to Authorize Issuance of a \$3,000 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note (TRAN) in the form presented to this meeting and that the Secretary file an attested copy of said vote with the minutes of this meeting, and that the Board accept the issuance of the TRAN through Skowhegan Savings Bank at an approved interest rate of no more than 1.97%.**

**(771 yes)**

f. Update on Schools//COVID-19

The Superintendent updated the Board on COVID cases. Graduation is being held on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> and will be held outside on the football field. High School team, teachers and administrators have put a lot of time in planning the graduation events.

The Superintendent acknowledged the tragic loss of a senior student and shared the protocol followed regarding communication and the crisis team's involvement. The school worked with the family and shared a statement that staff reviewed with students. Counselors, social workers and administrators were available in the school to support students and teachers. An outside counseling agency was brought in to provide additional support throughout the week. Supports will be ongoing through the final assembly and graduation.

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager will report at the next Board meeting.

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 7:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Moody, Superintendent of Schools