

**Meeting of Board of Directors  
March 24, 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 24, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area High School Cafeteria.

**ATTENDANCE BOARD MEMBERS (714 present, 285 absent):**

Mark Bedard (Skow-53) PRESENT	Rebecca Anderson* (Smith-27) ABSENT
Alicia Boulette (Skow-53) PRESENT	Michael Lambke* (Skow-53) ABSENT
Sarah Bunker (Mercer-16) PRESENT	Jennifer Poirier* (Skow-53) ABSENT
Janet Burrill (Canaan-43) PRESENT	Kathy Wilder* (Norr-46) ABSENT
Jeannie Conley (Skow-53) PRESENT	Timothy Williams* (Skow-53) ABSENT
Samantha Delorie (Norr-46) PRESENT	Jacqueline Wolinski* (Skow-53) ABSENT
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	
Desiree Libby (Norr-46) PRESENT	
Peggy Lovejoy (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Brandy Morgan (Norr-46) PRESENT	
Lynda Quinn (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Amy Rouse (Skow-53) PRESENT	
Gary Sinclair (Corn-30) PRESENT	

1. Call to Order

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

a. Flag Salute followed.

Janet Burrill (Canaan), newly elected, was welcomed to the School Board.

2. Good News and Recognitions

There were no scheduled presentations.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 3/10/22

**ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Jeannie Conley, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 3/10/22 into the record. (714 yes)**

4. Communications

a. Letters

Superintendent Moody acknowledged and accepted a letter of resignation from Elwin Rowe, bus driver.

Superintendent Moody received a one-year unpaid leave of absence request for the 2022-2023 school year from Stacie Jarvais, Grade 5 Teacher at Margaret Chase Smith School, and requested the Board approval.

**ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Janet Burrill, the Board voted to approve a one-year unpaid leave of absence to Stacie Jarvais for the 2022-2023 school year. (714 yes)**

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 –3/10/22

**ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Sarah Bunker, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the Support Services Committee meeting of 3/10/22 into the public record. (714 yes)**

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

**ON A MOTION BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Peggy Lovejoy, the Board voted to approve the establishment of the Marc G. Poulin Scholarship Fund. (714 yes)**

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 Samantha Delorie, seconded by Peggy Lovejoy, the Board voted to approve nominations page one. (714 yes)**

b. Report on Assessments Payments to Date

Superintendent Moody shared that as of March 24, 2022, all six towns were current on their monthly assessment payments. Assessments are due on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

b. Update on New School Construction Building Project

Superintendent Moody updated the Board on the New School Construction Building Project progress, as well as various meetings with architects and engineers, with state and town officials including traffic engineer from the DOT. The town is pulling together a DOT position dedicated to Skowhegan to assure that every DOT project is coordinated through one person. The district joined the town and DOT staff for a very productive meeting on the district's state funded building project. The district hopes to have the Concept Design plan submitted to DOE by April 15<sup>th</sup>. A meeting is scheduled with the Commissioner of Education on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Following that meeting the State Construction Committee and State Board of Education will consider the project for approval.

A public hearing and straw poll vote on the Building Project Concept Design Plans is scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup> in the High School Gymnasium at 6:00 pm.

The next Building Committee meeting is scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup>.

d. Review of Federal Project/Federal Funds Update

Superintendent Moody reported on the federally funded additions/renovations project at Skowhegan Area Middle School, and requested the Board's approval of the lowest contractor bid.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY Jean Franklin, seconded by Peggy Lovejoy, to accept the lowest bid of \$2,680,700, with a contingency of \$60,875, from Blaine Casey Building Contractor, for the federally funded Additions and Renovations Project at Skowhegan Area Middle School.**

**Following questions and answers, the motion was approved. (714 yes)**

Superintendent Moody reported that an update on federal funds has been resubmitted on the ESSER I, and are currently working on the ESSER

Performance Report for all federal funds. Superintendent Moody anticipates updating the Board further at the next meeting.

e. Update on Schools and COVID-19

Superintendent Moody reported no significant updates to report on COVID cases. There has been no reported spread in schools, although increases in regular colds and viruses have been reported.

Superintendent Moody discussed the recent visit by Judge Broderick, who met with staff in November and shared his message about the reality of mental health, and the need for mental health awareness in society. He spent the day on March 23 speaking to 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students about reducing the stigma of mental health. He also held a public talk in the auditorium that evening. A link to Judge Broderick's YouTube video is posted on the District's website.

f. FY23 Status Quo Budget

Superintendent Moody reported that there are no significant changes in the 2022-2023 Status Quo Draft Budget. Committees will be updated on the budget and adjustments will be made once changes in health insurance and workers compensation rates are received.

g. Approval of 2022-2023 District Calendar

Superintendent Moody recommended the Board's approval of the proposed 2022-2023 District Calendar, as presented:

**ON A MOTION BY Janet Burrill, seconded by Brandy Morgan, the Board voted to approve the 2022-2023 proposed District Calendar as submitted. (714 yes)**

7. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

Assistant Superintendent Hatch reported that over the last couple of weeks it has been great seeing what's been going on in the classrooms, activities and instructional experiences children are experiences are great and teachers are doing an amazing job.

Support Services Manager Leavitt recognized Gina Bailey, 1<sup>st</sup> Cook at Canaan Elementary, for winning first place in the School Nutrition Regional cook competition in Westbrook.

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 7:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Moody, Superintendent of Schools