

**RSU 54/MSAD 54**

**Meeting of Board of Directors  
May 2, 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 May 2, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at Skowhegan Area Middle School. Mark Bedard\*, Harold Bigelow, Haley Fleming\*, Jean Franklin\*, Jennifer Poirier\*, Karen Smith\*, Todd Smith\* and Kathy Wilder\* 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

There were no scheduled presentations.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 4/25/19

**ON A MOTION BY Richard Irwin, seconded by Amy Rouse, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 4/25/19, into the public record. (652 yes)**

4. Communications

a. Letters

There were no letters shared.

b. School Personnel

There were no school personnel who wished to speak.

c. Visitors

Two visitors commented on recent Board actions regarding the non-binding referendum request.

5. Committee Reports

There were no committee meeting minutes to report on.

6. Approval and Signing of Warrants for District Budget Meeting, Validation Referendum and to Authorize the Notice of Amounts Adopted

**ON A MOTION BY Maryellen Charles, seconded by Lynda Quinn, the Board voted to Call and Approve the Warrants for the Budget Meeting and the Validation Referendum and to Authorize the Notice of Amounts Adopted,” be approved in form presented to this meeting and that a copy of said Vote be included with the minutes of this meeting.**

**That the warrant for the Maine School Administrative District No. 54 (the “District”) Budget Meeting presented to the meeting be approved and that a District budget meeting be called for May 21, 2018 for the purpose of voting on the annual budget for the District for the 2018-2019 fiscal year;**

**That the Warrant and Notice of Election for the District Budget Validation Referendum presented to the meeting be approved, and that a District budget validation referendum be called for June 12, 2018 for the purpose of approving the budget adopted at the District budget meeting for the 2018-2019 fiscal year; and**

**That the form of Notice of Amounts Adopted at Budget Meeting presented to this meeting be approved, and that the Superintendent of Schools of the District be authorized and directed to complete said Notice in accordance with the District budget meeting on May 21, 2018, and to cause copies of said Notice, as completed, to be delivered to the municipal clerks of each municipality of the District for posting at the polling places for the June 12, 2018 District budget validation referendum.**

**(652 yes)**

7. Superintendent’s Report

a. Vacancies, nominations, recommendations

**ON A MOTION BY Theresa Howard, seconded by Peggy Lovejoy, the Board voted to approve nominations page 1. (652 yes)**

b. Report on Assessments Payments to Date

The Superintendent shared that as of May 2, 2019, the towns of Canaan, Norridgewock, Skowhegan and Smithfield paid April assessments. Mercer paid a portion of April assessment and Cornville owed for April. May assessments are due on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

c. Approval of the Interlocal Agreement for the Kennebec Alliance

The Superintendent share information on an opportunity to partner with RSU 18 to form a regional service center agreement that takes advantage of utilizing our existing Kennebec Alliance group. The Superintendent requested the Board's approval to move forward with the Interlocal Agreement and authorize submission to the Department of Education.

**ON A MOTION BY Lynda Quinn, seconded by Desiree Libby, the Board voted to approve the Interlocal Agreement for the Kennebec Alliance in the form presented to this meeting, to authorize the Chair to sign the Interlocal Agreement on behalf of the School Board, and to authorize submission of the Interlocal Agreement to the Commissioner of the Department of Education for approval. (652 yes)**

The Interlocal Agreement requires an Article Vote at the District Budget Meeting. As a result of this partnership, the District will gain in excess of \$100,000 of additional subsidy in 2020-2021.

d. Enrollment

Enrollment report was shared. Current enrollment as of 5/2/19 was 2,444 (2,436 last report).

8. Assistant Superintendent and Support Services Manager

The Assistant Superintendent announced that the Department of Education has approved the District's 21<sup>st</sup> Century grant application. The grant process was a team approach with KVCAP and Somerset Public Health staff working together with district staff to write a quality proposal. The grant will provide over 1.3million in funding over to the school district over the next five years, \$295,000 annually to fund after school and summer programming for students over the next five years.

The Support Services Manager shared that the final phase of the flooring project at the high school will resume on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Options for funding of the track restoration project continue.

9. Old and Unfinished Business

There was no discussion.

10. Introduction of New Business

There was no discussion.

11. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent H. Colbry, Superintendent of Schools