

RSU 54/MSAD 54
Educational Policy/Program Committee
Minutes
October 10, 2023
6:00 PM
Skowhegan Area High School –Library

Committee Attendance: Karyn Curran – **Chair**, Jeannie Conley, Annmarie Dubois, Michael Lambke, Janice Malek, Amy Rouse, Michelle Taylor,
Also Present: Jon Moody, Mark Hatch, Jason Bellerose

1. Curriculum Update

The Assistant Superintendent shared the work being done Pre-K-12 to review and update the district’s curriculum in the areas of Mathematics, Visual & Performing Arts, Health & Physical Education and World Languages.

2. November Workshop Day Plan

The Assistant Superintendent reviewed the November workshop which will have a focus on reviewing and collecting feedback from teachers on the standards taught in Mathematics. In addition, training on suicide awareness and mandatory reporter training will occur.

3. Review Policy IJOA – Field Trips & Excursions

The committee reviewed the language changes and discussed the implementation of the policy with respect to the Aspire Riverhawks initiative and maintaining equity in the district.

RECOMMENDATION: That the board adopt revised policy IJOA as written.

4. Update of Policy JKFA – Early Graduation

Mr. Bellerose reviewed the changes made at SAHS. Graduating Juniors are being included in the Senior section of the yearbook as well as in

recognitions that do not displace/impact our current Seniors (including recognitions like Honor Chords, etc). The committee will review this policy again at a future meeting.

5. Report from Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent

Mr. Hatch shared that the high school is expanding their honors recognition to include TRI-M Music Honor Society that is much like National Honor Society but is focused on recognizing students' success in musical pursuits.

Mr. Hatch also shared that the High School has been advertising for the position of student on the school board and currently there are no interested students (Junior or Senior). The school plans to work through the year to increase understanding and interest in the hope that we will have students interested at the end of the year when they typically run for student offices.