

<b>RSU 54/MSAD 54</b>
<b>Educational Policy/Program Committee</b>
<b>MINUTES</b>
<b>October 8, 2024</b>
<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Skowhegan Area High School –Library</b>

**Committee Attendance:** Samantha Delorie, Sarah Bunker, Jeannie Conley, Valerie Coulombe, Michelle Kelso, Michael Lambke, Peggy Lovejoy, Janice Malek, Julian Payne

**Also Present:** Jonathan Moody, Mark Hatch

### **1. Review District Math and Literacy Data**

The Assistant Superintendent reviewed the changes to assessments at the state level over the past 6 years. This review included the fact that the state moved away from its previous assessment tool to use the NWEA as the state assessment. Due to this change the NWEA assessment had to be adjusted, which makes it difficult to make comparisons between data from our past years and the more recent data. Mr. Moody also shared that our F&P data shows a different picture than the NWEA data which supports that the changes in the assessment may have impacted the consistency.

Mr. Hatch shared that although the district's data trajectory is consistent with state and national trends, our data is not where we want it to be. This has led the district to focus on instruction and programming over the past couple of years in the areas of math and literacy.

The Committee discussed the need for consistent programming such as the Illustrative Mathematics program which is in its second year of implementation in all K-5 classrooms and the For ME Curriculum implementation in our elementary grades. Mr. Hatch shared that the district is moving toward consistency in literacy and will be there next year as the curriculum review is completed and all elementary staff will be using the same programs as the basis for their instruction.

Mr. Moody shared that the importance of looking at data over time for a grade level of students as they are the same students, and you can be focused on growth of the group versus comparing the data from a moment in time with different cohorts of students each year. This focus on growth over time is a district focus.

The Committee asked questions and Mr. Moody communicated that this will be an ongoing conversation that we will revisit with the Committee.

- 2. Review Policy DIE - Audits** – The Committee reviewed policy DIE. As this is not a required policy and is covered under school law, which makes it unnecessary, the Committee came to the consensus on a recommendation to remove the policy from our district.

**RECOMMENDATION: That the Board remove Policy DIE as written.**

Next Committee meeting is November 19, 2024.