

**MAINE REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #50
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020
MINUTES
SOUTHERN AROOSTOOK SCHOOL
6:30 P.M.**

This was a live meeting and was also available via Zoom.

Board members present: Danny Barrows, Barbara Burton, Laura Farnsworth, Larry Greenlaw, Carman Lilley, Stephen Porter and Greg Ryan.

Kasandra Foster and Paula Stevens attended remotely

Others present: Staff - April Bates, Elaine Small, Janet Vose and Natasha Winslow.
Heather Swallow attended remotely.

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:30 p.m. and a quorum declared; the Flag salute followed.
2. The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 14, 2020 were approved.
Moved to approve by: Greg Ryan
Seconded by: Barbara Burton
Vote: Unanimous
3. Time Period to Hear from Citizens: None
4. Adjustment(s) to the Agenda: None
5. Reports
 - a. Board Chair
 - b. Vice Chair – reported on the recent Region 2 meeting: FASFA applications, National Coming Out Day and negotiations are ongoing.
Laura informed the Board of the plan for a 150 Year Celebration for the Town of Island Falls. A contest for a Commemorative Coin is being considered and will include SACS students – prizes will be awarded.
 - c. Committee Reports –
Building & Grounds: N/A
Education: will meet on Thurs. Nov. 5th at 5:30 p.m.
Finance: summary of year end and discussion of Federal Funding
Negotiations – N/A
Policy – Policy: JL
Region II – special meeting for negotiations on October 14th.
 - d. Principals: April presented a video created by the grade 4 students
Her report on recent and upcoming events is enclosed.
 - e. Special Services Director: Janet presented an update of special education numbers and shared her concerns for some remote learners. Her good news is that remote numbers have decreased from 25% to 18%.
 - f. Business Manager: N/A
 - g. Superintendent: Jon's report is enclosed.

Additionally, the Superintendent reported that the Department of Agriculture has extended its flexibilities to allow all children to receive free meals throughout the 2020-21 school year to ensure that they have nutritious meals during the Covid-19 pandemic.

6. Announcement of Appointments, Resignations, and Retirements: N/A
7. First Reading of Policies: N/A
8. Second Reading/Review/Adoption of policies:
Update for the Student Wellness policy: JL
This policy will be considered for possible additional changes again in November.
9. Other Business – Old/New
 - a. Nomination by the Superintendent of Linda Toothaker to teach grade 6 for FY21.
Moved to accept the nomination by: Greg Ryan
Seconded by: Barbara Burton
Vote: Unanimous
 - b. MSMA Annual Fall Conference and Delegate Assembly
To be held remotely on October 30 & 31.
 - i. Alternate Delegate for the Conference: Laura Farnsworth
 - ii. The Agenda and Resolutions were distributed
 - iii. All members were invited to attend this remote Conference.
10. Future Agenda Items
11. Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Early Release Day	October 21st
- Fall Conference	October 30 & 31 in Augusta
- Education Committee	Thurs. Nov. 5 th @ 5:30 p.m.
- Policy Committee	Mon. Nov. 9th @ 5:30 p.m.
- Finance Committee	Mon. Nov. 9th @ 6:00 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting	Mon. Nov. 9th @ 6:30 p.m.
- Region II Board	Tues. Nov. 10 th TBA

12. Adjournment:

It was moved by Laura Farnsworth, seconded by Danny Barrows and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Jonathan Porter, Superintendent
Regional School Unit #50

Elementary Report
October 13, 2020

1. Trainings and Zoom Meetings completed
 - a. Drummond and Woodsum - Title IX (Harassment, Discrimination, etc), Affirmative Action Officer, Investigator Training (4- 3hr. sessions)
 - b. CRF1 and CRF2 Funds and Application (6 total)
 - c. ESEA (Title I funds) - monthly updates and performance report
 - d. Tier III
2. NWEA testing started the week of September 28th and most are finished. We were able to test our remote students remotely and some came in during office hours.
3. The 4th grade had a successful trip to Tim and Trudy Long's to pick potatoes on September 18th.
4. Open House and Goal Setting Conferences happen virtually last Thursday and Friday K-8. We had 77% attendance K-8. The remaining will be rescheduled in the near future.
5. The K-5 Fall fundraiser started last Thursday. All orders will be taken online and shipped directly to homes.
6. School pictures are scheduled for October 19th.
7. Interventions have started now that NWEAs are complete and Data Meetings will start next week for finalize interventions. The initial outlook is that scores are lower than they were last year.
8. I am in search of a Title I Ed. Tech to replace Linda Toothaker who moved to 6th grade.
9. Subs continue to be an issue.
10. Some remote students are struggling, and we are meeting with these families to help. 4 students have come back to school from remote learning or homeschooling in the last week.

Special Education Numbers for Oct board meeting

Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Month	# of Students with 504s	# of 504 Meetings	# of Team Meetings	# of 504 Referral Meetings	Transfer In/Out	Transfer to IEP	Remote Learners	Home Schooled	
August	12	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	
September	10	4	2	0	0	1	1	1	
October									
November									
December									
January									
February									
March									
April									
May									
June									

Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Month	# of Students with IEPs	# of IEP Meetings	# of Referral Meetings	# of Team Meetings	Transfer IEP Meetings	Transfer Out	Remote Learners	Home School	
August	79	1	0	3	4	0	18	0	
September	73	4	1	4	3	3	14	6	
October									
November									
December									
January									
February									
March									
April									
May									
June									

Totals

IEP = 73

504 = 10

All together = 83

Home schooled = 6

Home schooled = 1

All together = 7

Total Potential = 90

Remote Students = 15 total.

6-12 = 8 remote

K-5 = 7 remote

18% of the total special education population is remote. Decrease from 23%.

RSU 50 Superintendent Report

October 13, 2020 RSU 50 Board Meeting

1. Region Two Report

- a. Region Two Superintendent's Advisory Meeting, Friday October 16, 2020
- b. No Region Two meeting in October, next meeting is Tuesday November 10, 2020

2. Free Meals for Kids for Entire School Year

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is extending flexibilities to allow free meals to continue to be available to all children throughout the entire 2020-2021 school year.

3. Coronavirus Relief Funds Overview

There are strict guidelines for how this money needs to be spent. Cannot not be used for previously budgeted items, needs to be used for Covid-19 related reasons, and the school must agree to the Maine State guidelines for mask wearing, social distancing, etc in order to receive the money.

CRF 1 Application \$312, 238.78 Must be spent by 12/30/2020

- Hands free fountains, sinks, toilets
- School Bus (originally budgeted \$30,000 match for potential VW grant in FY 21, but decided not to apply and use the match to help fund an additional special education teacher in the budget)
- Minivan to assist with transportation needs and also for food delivery for remote learners
- Digital road sign to assist with communication plan
- Plexiglass, tables, sprayers, etc.
- Technology - Chromebooks, Meeting Owl, Seesaw, Google Classroom, cameras, extensions cords, smart boards

Added Positions: Monitor for classes taught by remote teachers(2), ½ day custodial position, & 1 day custodial position

CRF 2 Application \$328,327.17 Must be spent by 12/30/2020

- Minibus \$60,000
- Windows **\$30,000(question of this can be covered or completed by the 12/30/2020 deadline)**
- Technology \$134,500 - primarily middle/high school and staff laptops
- O2 Prime \$91,312

Added Positions: 6th Grade teacher

ESSER Funds(CARES) \$140,928.69 Have another year to spend this money

Added Positions: Monitor for classes taught by remote teachers(2), ½ day custodial position, & 1 day custodial position, 6th Grade teacher (salaries from 12/30/2020-June 30, 2020)

4. Recent Trainings

Title IX/Affirmative Action Officer Training

McKinney-Vento Liaison Training

Maine School Business Officials 7th Annual Law Seminar, Friday October 9, 2020

5. Upcoming Events:

10/14 PSAT Testing for Grades 9-11 students

So. Aroostook After School Program Advisory Meeting, 3:00pm

10/15 So. Aroostook Food Pantry, 5:00pm-6:00pm

10/16 PK-12 Flu Clinic at So. Aroostook

10/19 School Picture Day at So. Aroostook

Respectfully Submitted:

Jon Porter, RSU 50 Superintendent

10/13/2020