

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**MAY 9, 2022**  
**MINUTES**  
**SOUTHERN AROOSTOOK SCHOOL**  
**6:30 P.M.**

This meeting was also available via Zoom.

Board members present: Barbara Burton, Shannon Crandall, Laura Farnsworth, Stephen Porter and Greg Ryan.

Larry Greenlaw, Carman Lilley and Paula Stevens were absent.

Others staff present: Shannon Mathers, Ryan Pelletier, Jeni Siltz, Elaine Small and Natasha Winslow.

SACS student: John Langer was in attendance, also.

Anthony Binotto, selectman from Island Falls was in attendance.

Attending remotely were: April Bates, Heather Swallow and Janet Vose

1. Call the Meeting to Order and Flag Salute  
The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:30 p.m. and a quorum declared.
2. The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 11, 2022 and the Special Board Meeting of April 28, 2022 were considered.  
Moved to accept by: Greg Ryan  
Seconded by: Barbara Burton  
Vote: Unanimous
3. Time Period to Hear from Citizens: Anthony Binotto: “Good Job”
4. Adjustment(s) to the Agenda:
  - a. Shannon Mathers presented her annual update to the Board for the After School Program. Shannon’s slide show included stats on student numbers and a look at the many activities. She included her annual reporting with goals and outcomes, a sample monthly calendar of activities for students plus many comments and photos of the “ASP kids” being involved in activities.  
  
Shannon is assisted each day by Jeni Siltz. Jeni spoke about some of the highlights of the program. Ryan Pelletier and SACS student, John Langer also added information and comments on their work with the program.
5. Reports  
Board Chair: n/a  
Board Vice Chair: n/a

Committee Reports –

Building & Grounds – June 2

Education – will be rescheduled at a later date.

Finance – warrants were circulated and signed

Negotiations – Teachers’ Contract negotiations have been completed and the contract is scheduled for ratification.

Policy – see items 7 & 8

Region II – May 10 at 6 p.m.

Principals: April presented an overview of the elementary year end activities (included).

Special Services Director: Janet’s report is included. She also informed the Board of the failure of CDS bill – having schools absorb the pre-k students for special education services – did not pass.

Business Manager: Natasha’s report included percentages of remaining balances by cost center. She informed the Board of the RFP sent out to secure a new accounting firm for the FY22 fall audit.

Superintendent: Jon’s report included an update on Region Two student numbers, enrollment figures for the RSU from April 2020 to current, updates on Covid, calendar of year end events, baseball and softball playoff schedule, student recognition and the Period 3 Performance Report from Siemens Industry (his report is included).

6. Announcement of Resignations:

Lauren Ouellette, Ed. Tech. for Special Education has resigned

Volunteer for the Middle School Baseball Team – Todd Kuindersma

Volunteer for the Middle School Softball Team – Jordan Shields

7. First Reading of Policies:

Policy DN: School Properties Disposition was briefly discussed by the committee.

8. Second Reading/Review/Adoption of Policies:

Job Description for the Affirmative Action Officer

IKF: Graduation Requirements

AC-R HBAL: Grievance Procedures for Persons with Disabilities

This policy is a replacement for HBAL.

Moved to approve by: Greg Ryan

Seconded by: Barbara Burton

Vote: Unanimous

9. Other Business – Old/New

a. Nomination of Probationary and Continuing Contracts – RSU 50 Teaching Staff:

i. Year 2 Probationary Contract

Elizabeth Carroll

Ryan Pelletier

Jill Starrett

Andrea Willard

Moved to approve by: Greg Ryan  
Seconded by: Laura Farnsworth  
Vote: Unanimous

ii. Year 3 Probationary Contract  
Bonnie Collier  
Janelle Collier

Moved to approve by: Greg Ryan  
Seconded by: Barbara Burton  
Vote: Unanimous

iii. Continuing Contract  
Taylor Bishop  
Shelby Cummings  
Krista Hardy

Moved to approve by: Greg Ryan  
Seconded by: Barbara Burton  
Vote: Unanimous

b. Motion to approve the nomination by the Superintendent for the following annual employees to be placed under contract for FY23:

Administration: April Bates, Elementary Principal  
Business Manager: Natasha Winslow  
Central Office: Elaine Small  
Special Education: Janet Vose  
Guidance: Jessica Greene and Sarah Williams  
Technology: Todd Kuindersma  
Food Service: Gayle Glidden  
Maintenance, Transportation & Building & Grounds:  
Robert Betschner and Gerard Guilbeault

Moved to approve by: Greg Ryan  
Seconded by: Barbara Burton  
Vote: Unanimous

c. Compliance with Federal Guidelines  
Authorize the Superintendent of Schools to apply for Federal/State Grants/Programs that may become available for the school system during June, July, and August, 2022

Moved to authorize by: Greg Ryan  
Seconded by: Barbara Burton  
Vote: Unanimous

d. Authorize the Superintendent to hire professional staff during the months of June, July, and August, 2022.

Moved to authorize by: Greg Ryan  
Seconded by: Laura Farnsworth  
Vote: Unanimous

- e. Presentation and approval of the RSU 50 Education Association Contract for 2022-2025.  
 Moved to approve by: Barbara Burton  
 Seconded by: Greg Ryan  
 Vote: Unanimous
  
- f. School Property Disposition Notification to the RSU 50 Board  
 Unusable student devices, laptops, iPads – recycled or disposed.  
 Class of 2022 Student Laptops – most likely to offer “promise of continuing education”.  
  
 Motion to approve the transfer of their school of laptops to the members of Class of 2022 by: Laura Farnsworth  
 Seconded by: Greg Ryan  
 Vote: Unanimous
  
- g. Approval of the Program of Studies booklet for SACHS, 2022-23.  
 Moved to approve by: Greg Ryan  
 Seconded by: Barbara Burton  
 Vote: Unanimous

10. Future Agenda Item(s)  
 Budget

11. Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Special Meeting to sign the Warrants on May 18, 2022 @ 4:00 p.m.
- District Budget Meeting      May 31, 2022 @ 7 p.m.
- Building and Grounds      June 2, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m.
- Policy Comm.      June 16, 2022 @ 5:45 p.m.
- Finance Comm.      June 16, 2022 @ 6:15 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting      June 16, 202 @ 6:30 p.m.
- Region 2 Meeting      June 14, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

Budget Validation Referendum June 14, 2022

Regular Board Meeting & Budget Validation would be Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> with no meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

12. Adjournment:

The decision to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. was unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,



Jonathan Porter, Superintendent  
 Regional School Unit 50

# SACS Elementary Bulletin

April 28, 2022

## Elementary End-of-Year Activities

1. **May 2nd - Career Day - Dress for your favorite career.**
2. **May 2nd - Bikes for Books starts.**
3. **May 2-6 - Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week**
4. **May 5th - Community Words of Appreciation for our Staff - Please send cards, notes or emails to staff members showing your appreciation.**
5. **Week of May 9th - MEAs/NWEAs for Grades 3-5**
6. **May 9th - 6:30 pm- RSU Board Meeting**
7. **May 9th - K-6 Fluoride Varnish**
8. **May 10th - ASP End-of-Year Field Trip to Houlton**
9. **May 11th - ER Day - Dismissal at 11:15**
10. **May 13th - Young**
11. **Week of May 16th - NWEAs for Grades K-2**
12. **May 24th - Spring Concert - PreK-2 - 6:00 pm in the MPR - Students should arrive at 5:45 pm and go to their classrooms.**
13. **May 25th - Spring Concert - 3-5 - 6:00 pm in the MPR -**
14. **Students should arrive at 5:45 pm and go to their classrooms**
15. **14. May 27th - Drawing for Bikes for Books during MM.**
16. **May 31st - District Budget Meeting - 7:00**
17. **June 1st - 5th grade trip to the Escape Rooms in Bangor**
18. **June 7th - Field Day**
19. **June 8th - K-3 to trampoline park in Orono and 4th grade to the movies in Houlton**
20. **June 9th - Beach Day or rain date for Field Day**
21. **June 13th - Last day of school for students - 11:15 dismissal**
22. **June 14th - Budget Validation Referendum**
23. **June 16th - RSU Board Meeting & Budget Validation - 6:30 pm**
24. **June 21, 2022 - Summer Academy Starts**

School Board Notes

5/9/2022

April was a fairly quiet month. We held lots of meetings but there was less professional development this month.

The CDS bill, where schools were going to have to absorb the Pre-K students for special ed services did NOT pass. I am shocked, but the word is that it is being re-written and will go back up for legislature next year. In my opinion I would like to have more control over the students that get services in that age bracket. Mainly because it would make a smooth transition to K and with our service providers. Right now it's a very clunky process.

Dr. Candice Bray is doing a Dyslexia workshop virtually for all of our Elementary staff on the next early release day. Dr. Bray currently consults with our elementary special education teachers on our dyslexic students. She does wonderful work and we have seen great results with her consultation. I am really looking forward to her presentation.

NWEA High Growth Special Ed

Math 29%

Reading 40%

I am attending a SLD (Specific Learning Disorder) form virtually from the DOE on May 13th.

April Special Ed numbers

IEP's - 77

504's - 13

Total # of Students who receive services - 90 (26%)

Total # of meetings in April - 15

**RSU 50 Superintendent Report RSU 50 Board Meeting  
May 9, 2022**

**1. Region Two Report**

- a. The next Region Two Board meeting is May 10, 2022 at 6:00pm.
- b. See Region Two attendance numbers for RSU 50

	# attending at least 1 year of Region Two	# of students	%
Class of 2022	14	28	50%
Class of 2023	20	26	77%
Class of 2024	12	25	48%
Class of 2025	12	32	38%
<b>Totals for current HS</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>52%</b>
Projected for Class of 2026	10	26	38%

**2. RSU 50 Enrollment Numbers(PK-12):**

April 2022    **351 students**  
 Oct. 2021    339 students  
 April 2021    337 students  
 Oct. 2020    339 students  
 April 2020    346 students

Students Transferred **Out** to other Units(Superintendent's Agreements)  
 17 students attend RSU 29  
 3 students attend RSU 89  
 Total Number of Superintendent's Agreements going out=**20 students**

Students Transferred **In** from other Units (Superintendent's Agreements)  
 1 from RSU 70  
 Total Number of Superintendent's Agreements going out=**1 student**

**3. Covid-19 Update**

**Pooled Testing:**

Pooled testing is suspended at the end of the week, May 9-13, 2022. Our numbers continue to stay low. The students and staff are doing a great job helping to keep our students and staff safe.

### Maine DHHS allotment of at-home Covid-19 tests

Maine DHHS, with the support of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, will provide schools with a one-time allotment of at-home COVID-19 rapid antigen test kits to distribute to students and staff. These tests include the Siemens [CLINITEST Rapid COVID-19 Antigen Self-Test](#), [Abbott BinaxNOW Self-tests](#), or [OraSure InteliSwab rapid tests](#). While school administrative units (SAUs) and schools will not have a choice in the brand of test they will receive, enough will be distributed to supply each individual student and staff person with 5 or 6 individually wrapped at-home rapid antigen tests. The purpose of this new testing option is to provide staff and families with at-home COVID-19 tests for individuals who are close contacts, or have symptoms, to prevent those individuals from unknowingly spreading this highly contagious disease while at school. These tests may be distributed by schools this spring, summer, or fall.

All Maine PreK to 12 students and staff are eligible to receive at-home rapid antigen test kits through their schools. SAUs and private schools may order up to one kit for each student and staff member. Each kit consists of either one box of five tests or three boxes of two individually wrapped tests. This program is voluntary and SAUs and private schools may wish to assess interest in participation prior to ordering. Any tests not distributed upon receipt should be stored in a secure location and kept at room temperature (40 to 80 degrees Fahrenheit). Tests will have a shelf life of 8 to 12 months. Tests may be distributed to students and staff at the school's or SAU's discretion. **RSU 50 has ordered tests for all students and staff, 450 kits. They should be delivered to our school by June 2022.**

## 4. End of Year Calendar

May 9-11	Senior Capstone Presentations
May 9	RSU 50 Board meeting, 6:30pm
May 10	Cole Transportation Museum Field Trip, Grade 6
May 11	Early Release Day
May 12	SACS Leadership Team Meeting, 2:30pm
May 14	SACS Junior Prom
May 17	SACS Band Concert, 6:00pm
May 24	LabVenture Field Trip to Portland for Grade 6 & 7 <i>PK-2 Elementary Spring Concert, 6:00pm</i>
May 25	<i>3-5 Elementary Spring Concert, 6:00pm</i>
May 26	Virtual MLTI Conference, Grades 7 & 8
May 31	District Budget Meeting, 7:00pm
June 1	5th Grade Trip to Bangor
June 3	8th Grade Trip
June 4	Senior Class Trip
June 7	<i>Elementary Field Day</i>
June 8	<i>Elementary Field Trips- Trampoline Park K-3, Grade 4 to movies</i>
June 9	<i>Elementary Beach Day</i> Class of 2022 Baccalaureate, 5:30pm Class of 2022 Class Night, 6:15pm
June 10	8th Grade Completion and Middle School Awards, 9:00am Class of 2022 Graduation, 6:00pm
June 13	Last day for students, student dismissal at 11:15am
June 14	Budget Validation Referendum
June 16	RSU 50 Board Meeting & Budget Validation, 6:30pm

### High School Baseball & Softball Playoff Schedule:

June 4	Regional Play-in
June 7	Prelim Round



June 9	Quarterfinals
June 11	Semifinals
June 14	Regional Finals
June 18	State Finals

## 5. Student Recognition

### Class of 2022 Graduating with Honors

#### Summa Cum Laude 3.75-4.00

Esther Greene & Maggie Harthorne

#### Magna Cum Laude 3.4-3.75

Hunter Burpee

#### Cum Laude 3.0-3.4

Ennara Billotti, Gracie Brewer, Willow Brooks, Adain Bubar, Christopher Caswell, Brianna Daggett, Lindsay Derosier, Samantha Desrosier, Aedan Gadsby, Cheyenne Lane, Laura Lyons, Jordyn Legassey, Gunner Siltz, Emily Skinner, Emily Stewart, & Ethan Webb

#### 2021-22 So. Aroostook Chapter of the National Honor Society Members:

Jordyn Legassey	Hunter Burpee	Brianna Daggett
Lindsay Derosier	Esther Greene	Alyssa Crandall
Maggie Harthorne	Madison Russell	Jannah Brooks
Shayna McManus	Callie Russell	Alexia Maclaren
Camden Porter	Willow Brooks	Laura Lyons

#### New National Honor Society Members Inducted on May 5, 2022:

Gracie Brewer	Amaya Boutilier	Dylan Burpee
Tristen Hardy	Emmalee Landry	Bridger Noyes
Cami Shields	Madison Shields	Bailey Vose

#### Students to be honored-Annual Houlton Rotary Luncheon for Outstanding Academic Achievement & Leadership

Jordyn Legassey	Hunter Burpee	Brianna Daggett
Lindsay Derosier	Esther Greene	Alyssa Crandall
Maggie Harthorne	Madison Russell	Jannah Brooks
Shayna McMannus	Callie Russell	Alexia Maclaren
Camden Porter	Willow Brooks	Laura Lyons
Gracie Brewer	Amaya Boutilier	Dylan Burpee
Tristen Hardy	Emmalee Landry	Bridger Noyes
Cami Shields	Madison Shields	Bailey Vose
Aedan Gadsby	Emily Skinner	Chris Caswell
Sarah London	Rylee Webb	Libby Anderson
Ethan Collier	Olivia Engebretson	Rylee Kuliga
Addyson Schmidt	Bethany Schmidt	Brooke Ivey

## 6. Annual Period 3 Performance Assurance Report

Siemens Industry Inc. (Siemens) provided Regional School Unit 50 (RSU 50) with this Annual Period 3 Performance Assurance Report. This report details the energy performance of the project implemented by comparing Accumulated Realized Savings to the Accumulated Guaranteed Savings for all Annual Periods to date. The Performance Contracting Agreement (Contract) guaranteed \$85,199 in Savings for Annual Period 3. Realized Annual Savings for Annual Period 3 amounted to \$101,035. The total Realized Annual Savings for Annual Period 3 exceeded the Guaranteed Annual Savings by 19%, or **\$15,836**. Accumulated Realized Savings to date are the metric on which guarantee reconciliation relies, and total \$315,023 which exceeds the Accumulated Guaranteed Savings to date of \$248,224 by \$66,800, or 27% (Table 1 in the attached report).

A list of the Facility Improvement Measures (FIMs) implemented as part of this project is presented below:

- FIM-1 Lighting Retrofit
- FIM-2 Building Envelope Improvements
- FIM-3 Building Automation: Demand Control Ventilation
- FIM-3 Building Automation: Hot Water Reset
- FIM-3 Building Automation: Night Setback
- FIM-3 Building Automation: Pump Elimination
- FIM-3 Building Automation: Pumps Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs)
- FIM-4 Heating Systems Upgrade: High Efficiency Propane

RSU 50's reduction of energy consumption also benefited the environment by decreasing the amount of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and greenhouse gas emissions released into the atmosphere. RSU 50 reduced its annual emissions by 443 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e during the current Annual Period. This calculation estimates the project's carbon footprint reduction based on realized electric energy and fuel oil savings and fuel oil #2 consumption. As shown on page 7, Siemens has converted the savings information into relevant comparisons, including the number of barrels of oil consumed per year (1,029), the number of cars taken off the road each year (96), the number of tree seedlings grown for 10 years (7,376), or the number of average American homes' annual energy usage (51). These results can be used to communicate the reduction accomplishments, develop a greenhouse gas reduction strategy, or support a range of initiatives to reduce the overall environmental impact.

Respectfully submitted on 5/9/2022  
Jon Porter, RSU 50 Superintendent

**MAINE REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #50  
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022  
SOUTHERN AROOSTOOK COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
MINUTES**

**4:00 P.M.**

Board members present: Barbara Burton, Shannon Crandall, Laura Farnsworth, Stephen Porter, Greg Ryan and Paula Stevens.

Carman Lilley was absent.

Others present: Staff – Elaine Small

1. Call the meeting to order and declare a quorum.  
The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:00 p.m.; a quorum was declared
2. Vote to call, approve and sign the Warrants for the May 31, 2022 District Budget Meeting, the June 14, 2022 Budget Validation Referendum, and Notice of Amounts Adopted.

**Motion:** I move that the Vote entitled, “Vote to Call and Approve the Warrants for the Budget Meeting and the Budget 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.

**VOTE TO CALL AND APPROVE THE WARRANTS FOR THE BUDGET MEETING  
AND THE BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM  
AND TO AUTHORIZE THE NOTICE OF AMOUNTS ADOPTED**

**VOTED:** That the warrant for the Regional School Unit No. 50 (the “Regional School Unit”) Budget Meeting presented to the meeting be approved and that a Regional School Unit budget meeting be called for May 31, 2022 for the purpose of voting on the annual budget for the Regional School Unit for the 2022-2023 fiscal year;

That the Warrant and Notice of Election for the Regional School Unit Budget Validation Referendum presented to the meeting be approved, and that a Regional School Unit budget validation referendum be called for June 14, 2022 for the purpose of approving the budget adopted at the Regional School Unit budget meeting for the 2022-2023 fiscal year; and considering whether to continue the budget validation referendum process; 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 Regional School Unit be authorized and directed to complete said Notice in accordance with the Regional School Unit budget meeting on May 31, 2022, and to cause copies of said Notice, as completed, to be delivered to the municipal clerks of each municipality of the Regional School Unit for posting at the polling places for the June 14, 2022 Regional School Unit budget validation referendum.

Motion by: Stephen Porter  
Seconded by: Greg Ryan  
Vote: Unanimous

Warrants for the May 31, 2022 District Budget Meeting, the June 14, 2022 Budget Validation Referendum, and Notice of Amounts Adopted were circulated and signed.

3. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 4:25 p.m. by: Greg Ryan  
Seconded by: Barbara Burton  
Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted:



Jonathan Porter, Superintendent  
Regional School Unit 50

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 50  
BUDGET MEETING  
MAY 31, 2022  
SOUTHERN AROOSTOOK COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
7:00 P.M.**

**RSU 50 Board Members Present:** Shannon Crandall, Laura Farnsworth, Stephen Porter and Greg Ryan.

**RSU 50 Board Members Absent:** Barbara Burton, Carman Lilley and Paula Stevens.

Town officials representing the towns of the district were sworn in by Ms. Dixon, as follows: Crystal – Kelly Ripley, Dyer Brook – Florence Hardy, Hersey – Billie Doody, Island Falls – Melissa Walker, Oakfield – Janice Cottle and Smyrna & Merrill – Candy Nevers.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:00 p.m. and the flag salute followed.

The Superintendent greeted those in attendance and proceeded to Article 1A.

**ARTICLE 1A:** To elect a moderator to preside at the meeting.

It was moved by Greg Ryan and seconded by Stephen Porter to elect Agnieszka A. Dixon to moderate the meeting; the vote carried and Ms. Dixon was sworn in by Superintendent, Jonathan Porter.

The format and rules of the meeting were addressed by the moderator.

**ARTICLES 1 THROUGH 11**  
**AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN COST CENTER CATEGORIES**

**ARTICLE 1:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.  
**School Board Recommends \$1,981,944**

It was moved and seconded to accept Article 1 as written; the motion carried.

**ARTICLE 2:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education.  
**School Board Recommends \$1,234,480**

It was moved and seconded to accept Article 2 as written; the motion carried.

**ARTICLE 3:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.  
**School Board Recommends \$3,227**

It was moved and seconded to accept Article 3 as written; the motion carried.

**ARTICLE 4:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.

**School Board Recommends \$182,918**

It was moved and seconded to accept Article 4 as written; the motion carried.

It was further moved and voted unanimously to dispense with the reading of the articles.

**ARTICLE 5:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

**School Board Recommends \$510,596**

It was moved and seconded to accept Article 5 as written; the motion carried.

**ARTICLE 6:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

**School Board Recommends \$284,846**

It was moved and seconded to accept Article 6 as written; the motion carried.

**ARTICLE 7:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

**School Board Recommends \$416,805**

It was moved and seconded to accept Article 7 as written; the motion carried.

**ARTICLE 8:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

**School Board Recommends \$369,884**

It was moved and seconded to accept Article 8 as written; the motion carried.

**ARTICLE 9:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

**School Board Recommends \$943,025**

It was moved and seconded to accept Article 9 as written; the motion carried.

**ARTICLE 10:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

**School Board Recommends \$ 0**

It was moved and seconded to accept Article 10 as written; the motion carried.

**ARTICLE 11:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.

**School Board Recommends \$ 0**

It was moved and seconded to accept Article 11 as written; the motion carried.

**ARTICLES 12 AND 13**  
**RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

**ARTICLE 12:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and assess as each municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

**Recommended amounts set forth below:**

<b>Total Appropriated (by municipality):</b>			<b>Total Raised (and Regional School Unit assessments by municipality):</b>		
Town of Crystal	\$	331,723.88	Town of Crystal	\$	120,463.34
Town of Dyer Brook	\$	423,777.26	Town of Dyer Brook	\$	127,681.66
Town of Hersey	\$	49,343.93	Town of Hersey	\$	49,343.93
Town of Island Falls	\$	1,437,608.37	Town of Island Falls	\$	524,216.66
Town of Merrill	\$	510,025.47	Town of Merrill	\$	105,435.00
Town of Oakfield	\$	1,062,760.39	Town of Oakfield	\$	332,516.66
Town of Smyrna	\$	331,309.22	Town of Smyrna	\$	156,318.34
<b>Total Appropriated (sum of above)</b>	\$	<b>4,146,548.52</b>	<b>Total Raised (sum of above)</b>	\$	<b>1,415,975.59</b>

*Explanation: The Regional School Unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that the Regional School Unit must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.*

It was moved and seconded to accept Article 12 as written; the motion carried.

**ARTICLE 13: (Written ballot required.)** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (**Recommend \$1,219,762**), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (**Recommend \$1,219,762**) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

The School Board Recommends \$1,219,762, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$1,219,762. The School Board gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model: These additional local funds are needed to fund programs that are not fully supported by the Essential Programs and Services funding model including athletics, extra-curricular activities, and unanticipated events, and also including positions that are also not fully supported by the Essential Programs and Services funding model such as administration, the school nurse, the librarian, and substitutes.

*Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Regional School Unit's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Regional School Unit budget for educational programs.*

It was moved and seconded to accept Article 13 as written; Article 13 passed by written ballot: 18 yes, 0 no.

**ARTICLE 14 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

**ARTICLE 14:** To see what sum the Regional School Unit will authorize the School Board to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 from the Regional School Unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.  
**School Board Recommends \$5,927,725**

It was moved and seconded to accept Article 14 as written; the motion carried.

**ARTICLE 15 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM  
AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE**

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Regional School Unit will appropriate **\$305,820** for adult education and raise **\$11,291** as the local share, with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program.

It was moved and seconded to authorize and accept Article 15 as written; the motion carried.

**ARTICLE 16 AUTHORIZES AUTHORIZES THE  
CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION BUDGET**

**ARTICLE 16:** Shall the Region Two Career and Technical Education operating budget as approved by the Cooperative Board for the year beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 be approved in the amount of **\$2,035,241.44**?

**ARTICLE 17 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET FOR THE  
CAREER AND TECHNICAL REGION AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE**

**ARTICLE 17:** Shall the Region Two Career and Technical Education Adult Education budget for the year beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 be approved in the amount of **\$59,611** with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and well-being of its adult education program, and shall Regional School Unit No. 50 raise **\$3,491** as its share of the adult education budget for Region Two School of Applied Technology?

It was moved and seconded to authorize and accept Article 17 as written; the motion carried.

**ARTICLE 18 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURES OF  
GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS**

**ARTICLE 18:** In addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the School Board be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school and other program purposes,



provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

It was moved and seconded to authorize Article 18 as written; the motion carried.

**ARTICLE 19 AUTHORIZES TRANSFERS AMONG COST CENTERS**

**ARTICLE 19:** Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer amounts exceeding 5% of the total appropriation for any cost center to another cost center or among other cost centers for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, provided that transfers shall not be permitted to increase the authorized total school budget?

It was moved and seconded to authorize Article 19 as written; the motion carried.

**ARTICLE 20 AUTHORIZES CONTINGENCY FUND  
TRANSFERS AND EXPENDITURES**

**ARTICLE 20:** Shall the Regional School Unit authorize the School Board to transfer the Regional School Unit's unallocated balances in excess of 9% of the prior fiscal year's budget, as determined by audit, to the Regional School Unit's non-lapsing contingency fund for periods of financial emergency pursuant to section 1482-B(3) of Title 20-A; and shall the Regional School Unit delegate authority to the School Board to expend sums in the contingency fund when the School Board determines by public vote that an emergency need exists, and to transfer sums in the contingency fund to the Regional School Unit's general fund for use in school operating budgets approved by Regional School Unit voters?

It was moved and seconded to authorize Article 20 as written; the motion carried.

The moderator reminded the public in attendance of the Budget Validation Referendum Vote scheduled at the local polls on June 14, 2022.

Candy Nevers addressed those present and offered accolades to Superintendent Porter for his commitment, his job performance and dedication to RSU 50 and Southern Aroostook Community School.

The meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Jonathan Porter  
Superintendent  
Regional School Unit #50