

MAINE REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #50
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2022
MINUTES
SOUTHERN AROOSTOOK COMMUNITY SCHOOL
6:30 P.M.

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

Carman Lilley and Paula Stevens were absent.

Other staff present: Elaine Small 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. Approval of the Minutes
The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 16 were considered for approval.
Moved to approve by: Greg Ryan
Seconded by: Laura Farnsworth
Vote: 5 yes, 1 abstention
3. Time Period to Hear from Citizens: n/a
4. Adjustment(s) to the Agenda:
2 items added under Item # 6

Board Chair: The Chair welcomed new Board member from Oakfield: Marilyn Burton

Board Vice-Chair: n/a

Committee Reports –

Building & Grounds – scheduled for Sept. 1 at 5:30 p.m.

Education – scheduled for Nov. 3 at 5:30 p.m.

Finance – 6:15 p.m., Aug. 8

Negotiations – N/A

Policy – N/A

Region II – August 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Principals:

April's report is included.

Special Services Director:

Janet brought the Board up to date on summer activities for Special Education. Her report is included.

Superintendent:

Jon reported on the school security updates and the assessment checklist of educational facilities vulnerability/hazards. This is part of the Emergency Management Plan and is a “work in progress” with local emergency agencies.

The video surveillance system has been updated, as well.

A survey of professional development needs is also being assessed with regard to Fire Drills, ALICE training and First Aid/CPR/AED training.

His Board report is included.

6. Announcement of Appointments, Transfers, Resignations, etc.
 - a. Corinna Pelletier will assume the 1 year position of Ed. Tech. II to replace Lacy Dickinson in the Special Ed. room.
 - b. Steve Walker will serve as Varsity Golf coach in Phil Faulkner’s absence.
 - c. Leadership Team Members for 2022-23 School Year:
Brittany Brewer, Shelby Cummings, Lana Desmond, Jessica Greene, Kaylea Harbison, Hilary Lane, Hilary Lawlor, Kim Lyons, Shannon Mathers, Jeni Siltz, Heather Swallow and Tera York.
7. First Reading of Policies: n/a
8. Second Reading/Adoption of the Policies: n/a
9. Other Business – Old/New
 - a. Approval of the SACS Employee Handbook all Employees for 2022-23 (as amended):
New language:
In arriving at trimesters grades, teachers should include as many graded assignments as are reasonable possible. For example: a grade from at least three (3) written exams, several daily quizzes, writing assignments and several homework assignments for accurate assessment of a student’s course requirements. The value of these various items will be outlined in your “Dear Parents and Student Letter”.

Moved to approve as amended by: Barbara Burton
Seconded by: Greg Ryan
Vote: Unanimous
 - b. Approval of the SACS Student Handbook for-2022-23
Moved to approve by: Greg Ryan
Seconded by: Laura Farnsworth
Vote: vote to amend was unanimous
No amendment is required – language will remain at “a 3.0 average at mid-year”

This will be voted on at the September meeting.

- c. Review and acceptance of the bids for the following
 - i. Plowing and sanding bid for the RSU for September 2022-2025.
Only one bid was received: Stiles Construction @ \$12,500 per year for the duration of the contract.
Moved to approve by: Greg Ryan
Seconded by: Barbara Burton
Vote: Unanimous
 - ii. Bread for FY23
Only one bid was received: Bimbo Bakeries
(locally – Heath Bros. of Patten)
Moved to approve by: Marilyn Burton
Seconded by: Barbara Burton
Vote: Unanimous
 - iii. Milk for FY23
Only one bid was received: Houlton Farms Dairy
Moved to approve by: Marilyn Burton
Seconded by: Barbara Burton
Vote: Unanimous
- d. Nomination and Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the RSU 50 School Board.
Nomination for Chair: Stephen Porter
Moved to approve by: Greg Ryan
Seconded by: Barbara Burton
Vote: Unanimous

Nomination for Vice-Chair: Laura Farnsworth
Moved to approve by: Barbara Burton
Seconded by: Greg Ryan
Vote: Unanimous
- e. Committee Meetings/Appointments
Calendar of all meetings and committee members was available for review and any additions/changes.
New Appointments:
Marilyn Burton will represent RSU 50 on the Region 2 Committee.
Shannon Crandall was added to the Building and Grounds Committee.
- f. Appointment of a Delegate for the Fall Assembly and Conference
Stephen Porter was appointed to be the Delegate for the Fall Assembly for the MSBA Virtual Conference on October 22, 2022.

g. Update of the School Calendar for 2022-2023

The last school day will June 9, 2023 (without snow or other types of cancellation days).

Moved to approve by: Greg Ryan

Seconded by: Laura Farnsworth

Vote: Unanimous

10. Future Agenda Item(s)

Emergency Management Plan for RSU 50

11. Upcoming Meetings and Events

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| - Teacher Workshop Days | August 29 & 30, 2022 |
| - First Student Day | August 31, 2022 |
| - Building & Grounds Comm. | September 1 @ 5:30 p.m. |
| - Policy Committee | September 12 @ 5:45 p.m. |
| - Finance Committee | September 12 @ 6:15 p.m. |
| - Regular Board Meeting | September 12 @ 6:30 p.m. |
| - Region II Board | September 13 @ 6:00 p.m. |
| - Delegate Assembly MSBA | Sat. October 22 @ 9:30 a.m. (virtual) |
| - Fall Conference | Oct. 27 & 28 |

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:



Jonathan Porter, Superintendent
Regional School Unit #50

Elementary Report
Board Meeting
8-8-22

1. Summer Academy ran for four weeks and had 60-70 students attending daily. Students worked on academics as well as attending several field trips. Students took several field trips: Lamoine Beach, Golden Ridge Farms, and the Splash Pad. They did many STEM activities like making birds nests, studying Newton's Law of motion, creating coral reefs and learning about the creatures in the Ocean. All of Summer Academy was funded by the Summer School Grant and the 21st Century Grant.
2. Summer Professional Development
 - a. April has been taking classes towards recertification this summer. Supervising and Evaluating Teachers was completed in July and the School Law class will end in September.
 - b. Diane White and Shelby Cummings took the Responsive Classroom Advanced Course, and Angie Hawkins and Maddie Cummings took the Responsive Classroom Course. This was funded by the Tier III.
 - c. Pre-K through grade 3 staff met with Dr. Candace Bray to plan for PD in teaching reading for the upcoming school year. Dr. Bray will start with them on the August 30th WS day and again on September 15th. The goal is to add more phonics to their daily lessons as Journeys (our current reading program) is weak in this area.
3. Janelle Collier is moving to first grade, and Lacy Boisvert will be teaching third grade this year.
4. The ESEA (Title Funds) Application for FY23 has been submitted.
5. All of the 21/22 Tier III money has been spent.

6. Here are the final NWEA data results for the 21/22 school year. This is showing a 9% drop in math and a 6% drop in Reading since the Spring of 2019 (Before Covid). We didn't test Language in 2019.

2021/22 NWEA Results
(41% and higher)

Grades 3-11

Grade	Math Spring 22	Math Winter 22	Math Fall 21	Reading Spring 22	Reading Winter 21	Reading Fall 21	Language Spring 22	Language Winter 22	Language Fall 21
K 2034	74	58	76	63	42	100			
1 2033	32	30	58	41	30	53			
2 2032	64	46	56	60	39	36			
3 2031	64	57	62	63	57	50	60		30
4 2030	54	56	67	66	56	71	66		65
5 2029	68	67	72	59	57	70	75		79
Elem Ave	59	52	65	59	47	63	67		58
6 2028	72	53	53	50	53	53	34		
7 2027	57	55	57	46	48	65	57		
8 2026	63	68	76	59	70	62	63		
9 2025	67		80	82		76	71		
10 2024	65		76	73		59	64		
11 2023	-		72	-		61			

School Board Notes 8/8/22

I've been working this summer with Dr. Bray and Mrs. Bates. Mrs. Bates spoke about this already. It's been a nice collaboration.

Staff doing PD from DOE Aug 16th or 17th. They can choose what day to do the virtual Sp. Ed training. They also get to pick their topics. They can choose behavior, or data collection, etc. There are a variety of sessions.

- Kelly Sonderman
- Andrea Willard
- Hilary Lawlor
- Daphne Nason
- Angie Hawkins
- Eliza Anderson

I also ordered a screener that we can use for sped and gen ed for students entering K and even up to 1st grade. It's the Brigance Screener. It is new to me, and I am looking forward to learning how to use it.

Dr. McCormick has been continuing to come over the summer to keep evaluations on track.

New Hires

- Corinna Pelletier Ed Tech 2, 1 year position, (Hilary's room)

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1. Region Two Report

- a. Region Two is offering an OSHA 30 course the week of August 22-26. This is an opportunity for our high school students to earn three college credits. This information was emailed to our high school students and also posted on the RSU 50 and the Region Two website.
- b. Next Region Two Board meeting will be held on August 16th at 6:00pm

2. Update on Regional Service Center(RSC) and Services

Substitute training services, regional bus garage, and the Summit Academy-alternative education are the three services we are sharing costs with the RSC. We also receive additional funds from the State to participate in the Regional Service Center. I have enclosed a fact sheet about RSC's in my report.

We received the following additional amount on our ED279's:

FY19-20 \$21,190.35	FY20-21 \$21,034.82
FY21-22 \$19,636.75	FY22-23 \$20,922.40

Steve Fitzpatrick is the current Executive Director of the RSC. Board members are Rick Lyons, Tyler Putnam, Margaret White, & Jon Porter. Region Two is an Associate Member of the RSC and Ammie London is invited to meetings, but has no voting power. We currently have **five** student spots allotted for the Summit Academy. All of our spots are currently full and we currently have three students on the waiting list to attend.

3. Carleton Project

Currently **five** high school students are attending the Carleton project for the 2022-23 school year. Carleton has raised their tuition costs to \$12,000 a year. This year we will be receiving bi-weekly attendance reports and also progress reports and reports cards on a quarterly basis. There is an interview process before a student can attend the Carleton project. Enrollment is also based on a recommendation from the school. This option for students is a "last resort"..

4. Fall Athletics Update

First practices for High School Soccer will be August 15th, Ryan Pelleiter and Jessica Nye will be the high school coaches. First practices for Middle School Soccer will be August 22nd, Paul Sherman and Elizabeth Carroll will be middle school coaches. First Practice for High School Golf will be August 15th. Cliff Urquhart will coach cross-country as a club sport again this Fall and will start when school begins at the end of August. Game schedules are enclosed.

5. Student & Staff Recognition

Robert Betschner has been named "Custodian of the Year" by the Maine Educational Plant Maintenance Association and will be the recipient of the A. Burleigh Oxtton Award of Excellence.

Carleen Sanders, 50 years of service to So. Aroostook Community School. Carleen will be honored this month at the Maine School Nutrition Association Annual Conference for her years of service.

All-Aroostook Baseball and Softball Teams

Softball: Madison Russell & Jennah Brooks

Baseball: AJ Lewis, Chris Caswell, & Camden "Buddy" Porter

6. Summer Buildings & Grounds Update (updated on 8/8/22)

Floors and Waxing	Completed	Targeted Week for Completion & Lead
Elementary Office	Done	
MS/HS Office	Done	
Superintendent's Office	Done	
Band Room	Done	
Cafeteria/MPR And cafeteria hallway	Done	
Gym Offices and Locker Rooms	Done	
Elementary Office Hallway/Guidance Office/Behavior Rooms	Done	
Library/Hallways by MPR and Library	Done	
HS Wing	Done-Rooms 313, 312, 304, 305	
Middle School Wing	Done-Rooms 207, 206	
3-5 Wing		
PK-2 Wing	Done-Rooms 107, 106, 105, 102, 108, 109	

Maintenance Projects	Completed	Targeted Week for Completion & Lead
Camera/Network & Cabling <i>(Increased Security Measures)</i>		
Assemble New Goal Posts on Big Soccer Field	One goal post assembled	New soccer posts
Replace the weight room floor, already being stored in weight room	Done	
Fix the Ice machine in the gymnasium		McPartland's will look at this
Paving Project	Done	Keyes Paving
Clean septic tank		Allen's
Masonry work on outside of the building		Carmichael's

Lights in crows nest replaced or fixed		Swallow's Electric
Electrical work in new breakroom		Swallow's Electric
Replacing Skylight Library Windows		Building Etc., timeline? ESSER Funding
Lining of Soccer fields for the Fall Sports season	One field complete	
Wooden Frames for Graduation pictures near the MPR		
Replacement of four air handler units, ductwork, etc,		Siemens, McPartlands, Ross Sheet Metal, Lajoie
Install TV mount Health Office (Sarah 50" tv) Hillary Lawlor (70" tv) Will likely need a sheet of sanded plywood		
Moved Custodian/Bus-Driver-Break room & Forest management Classroom	Done	
Painted new forest management classroom & floors are done	Done	
Playground Building		
Take rack, refrigerator, and cleaning supplies out of referees room near gym		

Gymnasium Work	Completed	Targeted Week for Completion & Lead
Gym Floor refurbished		August 15th Lake Region Hardwood
Replace End Line Wall Pads		Sept. 15 delivery
Dispose of 4 portable hoops in the bleachers-(OSHA)		
Move Soccer Banners to far wall by Boys locker room	Done	
Slide the basketball banners towards the 1,000 point banners, hang new basketball banners	Done	
Build & hang the wooden card picture frame for team pictures		
Need to pull 4 network cables to AD		

Office (Vape/Wifi)		

Painting	Completed	Targeted Week for Completion & Lead
Area by the Trophy Cases		
Area by High School office	Done	
Cafeteria Hallway	Done	
Superintendent's entrance ceiling	Done	
Kitchen Area	Completed	Targeted Week for Completion & Lead
Floors (Kitchen & Store Room)	Done	
Pressure Wash mats and carts	Done	
Interior of Hood Vent	Done	
Storage under front counter	Done	
Ladder for storeroom	Done	
Reach in Freezer clean compressor compartment	Done	
Floor around washer and dryer	Done	

7. Upcoming Events:

Region Two Superintendents Advisory Meeting, August 12 8:30am
 Vacation time, I will be taking two days of vacation on August 18-19th.
 Drummond & Woodsum Legislative Update, August 26 9:00am-12:00pm
 RSU 50 Opening Workshop, August 29-30 7:30am-2:30pm
 Region Two Superintendents Advisory Meeting, Sept. 2 8:30am

8. Maine State Assessment Calendar (information from the Maine Dept. of Education)

The Maine Department of Education (DOE) remains committed to our mission of promoting learning opportunities of the highest quality for all Maine students by providing information, guidance, and support to our schools, educators, and school administrative unit (SAU) leadership, and we're excited to share some updates to the Maine assessment program. This includes ensuring that Maine's assessment system provides educators and SAU leadership with the timely data they need, while limiting the amount of instructional time impacted by necessary assessment administration.

During the height of the COVID-19 global pandemic, the Maine DOE heard from and responded to the needs expressed by SAUs and schools to focus more on supporting students. The Maine DOE formed a partnership with

NWEA to expand MAP Growth to all schools and SAUs for grades 3-8 and high school as an emergency effort to provide educators, school communities, and the state with real-time information about student achievement.

The Maine Department of Education has continued to hear from educators and administrators across the State that timely and useful data to inform instruction remain vitally important. We have also heard that growth measures comparing the performance of different cohorts each spring have been unhelpful. Therefore, in the spring of 2023, the Maine DOE will begin implementing a flexible, innovative assessment that is similar to the MAP Growth assessment model for math and reading in grades 3-8 and the second year of high school. This assessment will also serve as our federally required, statewide assessment. The assessments will be adaptive each year for grades 3-8, and fixed form (not adaptive) in the second year of high school. The first administration will occur during the spring 2023 assessment administration window, with a full transition to a through-year (a required fall assessment and optional winter implementation) model in the 2023-24 school year. Growth will then be measured based on fall to spring performance within the same cohort of students. Assessment items will include well-vetted, adaptive MAP Growth items along with specific grade-level items, producing a valid RIT score that is nationally comparable and will provide a measure of consistency over time in addition to Maine-specific grade level performance levels.

This transition will allow us to maintain existing interim assessments and the required summative assessment in fewer assessment administrations in a manner that will provide a system of equitable, student-centered, and personalized measures to provide evidence, data, and instructionally relevant information and tools.

What is a flexible, through-year assessment program?

The assessments are intended to provide information for educators throughout the year. This means assessments can be administered 2-3 times a year: fall, winter (optional), and spring. Although many of the elements below are a familiar part of the current program, items highlighted** reflect new features/functionality now available.

- The assessments are computer adaptive, providing a personalized experience for each student.
- The assessments provide educators information about student performance relative to end of year achievement level expectations. **
- The assessments are efficient, leveraging information about how students performed in previous administrations to personalize later assessment experiences. **
- The spring assessment generates a summative score that meets federal requirements. **
- The assessments support within year growth and national comparisons via a norm-referenced score (i.e., RIT scores) provided after each administration.

Key benefits of this flexible, through-year state assessment model for educators and students in Maine include:

- A two- to three-times-per-year assessment program that allows for performance monitoring while eliminating the need for a standalone and disconnected state summative assessment each spring, supporting the continuity of the overall assessment experience. **
- In addition to a state scale score, the assessment will provide RIT scores that yield national normative information.
- A reduction of overall assessment administrations compared to prior assessment administration cycles. There will only be two required administrations of math and reading each year. There will no longer be a separate language usage assessment.
- A reduction in lost instructional time (each assessment is estimated to take less than 1 hour).
- New, interactive reports and tools designed to provide timely and actionable information to support our Maine educators and students.

- Continued cost saving for district leaders as this program will provide districts and schools with information previously provided by interim assessments, reducing the need for districts to purchase an interim assessment.

Next steps:

- To support a smooth transition, the Maine DOE will continue to provide MAP Growth administrations for Math and Reading in the fall (required) and winter (optional) of the 2022/2023 school as we prepare for the spring 2023 administration. Maine DOE will be sponsoring professional learning opportunities designed to support educators in the administration of the assessment and their use of through-year data for instructional purposes. Further information regarding professional learning will be forthcoming.
- It should be noted, there are no changes to the alternate assessment provided to students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. The Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA) will continue to be utilized in mathematics, ELA, and science.

Assessment Calendar Now Available

The assessment calendar for the 2022-2023 school year is now available. The schedule is located below and available on the [assessment calendar webpage](#).

Assessment	Content Area	Grades	Assessment Window Dates
NWEA (fall-required)	Math & Reading	3 -8, 2nd year of HS	October 3 – 28, 2022
ACCESS for ELLs Alt. ACCESS for ELLs	English Language Proficiency	K-12	January 9, 2023 – March 3, 2023
NWEA (Winter -optional)	Math & Reading	3 -8, 2nd year of HS	January 9, 2023 – February 3, 2023
MSAA (Alternative Assessment)	Math, ELA, Science	Grades 3 – 8, 3rd year of HS Grades 5, 8 and 3rd year of HS	March 13, 2023- April 28, 2023
NWEA (spring-required)	Math & Reading	3 – 8, 2nd year of HS	May 1 -26, 2023
Maine Science	Science	Grades 5, 8 and 3rd year of HS	May 15 – 26, 2023