

**MAINE REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #50
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 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: April Bates, Shannon Mathers, Jeni Siltz, Elaine Small, Janet Vose and Natasha Winslow.

Island Falls selectman, Tony Binotto was present

1. The meeting was called to Order at 6:40 p.m.; the Flag Salute followed.
2. Approval of the Minutes
The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 11, 2022 were presented for approval.
Moved to approve by: Greg Ryan
Seconded by: Barbara Burton
Vote: Unanimous
3. Time Period to Hear from Citizens: Tony spoke of the upcoming geological study of several Maine lakes; Pleasant Pond is included in this study. This study is a UMaine student project and will be conducted in the winter months by drilling through the ice to study the depth, cleanliness, etc. Tony will keep the Board informed of the time frame and interested students may be part of this study.
4. Adjustment(s) to the Agenda:
 - a. Shannon Mathers and Jeni Siltz presented for the After School Program at this time. The presentation included the many events taking place each week in the After School Program; the monthly calendar is enclosed along with the SACS ASP Newsletter for November.

The presentation also included an overview of the Summer School Program at SACS and the many highlights and activities, along with statistics of this very successful program.

Shannon also shared her current work on curriculum which includes: Project Based Learning, Curriculum Maps, Rubrics and Professional Development materials being used.
 - b. Presentation by Siemens on Future Capital Improvement Projects - Air Handlers was postponed until the December Board meeting.

5. Reports

- a. Board Chair: Will report out on the MSMA Fall Conference under item 9.
- b. Board Vice-Chair: Laura reminded the Board of the Region 2 meeting, preceded by dinner at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 15th.
- c. Committee Reports –
 - Building & Grounds: Dec. 1 at 5:30 p.m.
 - Education: met on Nov. 3 at 5:30 p.m.
 - Notes from this meeting are included in the Superintendent's Report.
 - Finance: Warrants were circulated and signed.
 - Negotiations: We have received notice of "intent to negotiate" by the RSU 50 Support Staff; negotiations are expected to begin in January.
 - Policy: see items 7 & 8
 - Region II: Area Principals and Guidance meeting at Region, 10 a.m. on Nov. 15th.
- d. Principals: April reported on the success of Trunk or Treat, the elementary Veterans Day event, the completion of NWEA testing and data showing testing results for each grade over the span of 4 years. Her report is included.
- e. Special Services Director: Janet shared news from her attendance at the Fall MADSEC Directors Conference in Portland. Her report is included and also updates current numbers for Special Education.
- f. Business Manager: Natasha shared her current financial report with the Board. She also reported on the disbursement of ESSER 2 and ESSER 3 funds, electric buses that were awarded in Maine, and the process and importance of annually accruing salaries.
- g. Superintendent: Jon's report included news of the work in progress for the Melmac Grant, student recognition for: United States Youth Program, All Aroostook Band and Chorus, All Aroostook Soccer, college acceptance and the SACS Heisman Scholarship Winners. His report is attached.

6. Announcement of Appointments:

Angela Hawkins for JV Girls Basketball

7. First Reading of Updated Policies –

GBN: Family Medical Leave

ACAAA: Transgender and Gender Expansive Students (tabled for further study)

GCFB: Recruiting and Hiring Administrative Staff

EBCF: Automated External Defibrillators (AED's)

EBCF-E1: AED Maintenance Checklist

EBCF-E2: AED Event Summary

Moved to approve the above for a First Reading, with the exception of ACAA (which was tabled until the December meeting).

By: Greg Ryan

Seconded by: Laura Farnsworth

Vote: Unanimous

8. Second Reading of Updated Policies

AC/Nondiscrimination, Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action

ACAA/Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students

ACAA-R/Student Discrimination/Harassment and Title IX Sexual Harassment
Complaint Procedures

ACAB/Harassment and Sexual Harassment of School Employees

ACAB-R/Employee Discrimination/Harassment and Title IX Sexual Harassment
Complaint Procedures

Moved to approve by: Greg Ryan

Seconded by: Barbara Burton

Vote: Unanimous

9. Other Business – Old/New

a. MSMA Conference Report out by those attending

Steve and Greg gave an overview of the many presentations and clinics they attended at the Fall Conference. Numerous interesting topics and a summary of the overall event were included in their comments.

Steve shared a handout from Drummond Woodsum: Walking the Tightrope – Boards, Complaints and Employment Issues.

b. Request from food service manager, Gayle Glidden to “opt out” of the Breakfast After the Bell and the Child and Adult Care Food Programs for two years (see enclosed information from Gayle).

Moved to approve by: Greg Ryan

Seconded by: Barbara Burton

Vote: Unanimous

c. Barbara Burton was awarded a certificate of appreciation from the Board and Maine School Management for her service to the Board for the past 12 years.

10. Future Agenda Items

Board Evaluation of the Superintendent – handout is to be returned to Chair before the December meeting.

11. Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Region II Board Meeting

Tues. Nov. 15

- Thanksgiving Break

Staff & Students - Nov. 23 - 25

- Building and Grounds Comm.

Thurs. Dec. 1 @ 5:30 p.m.

- Policy Meeting

Mon. Dec. 12 @ 5:45 p.m.

- Finance Committee

Mon. Dec. 12 @ 6:15 p.m.

- Regular Board Meeting
- Region II Board Meeting

Mon. Dec. 12 @ 6:30 p.m.
Tues. Dec. 13

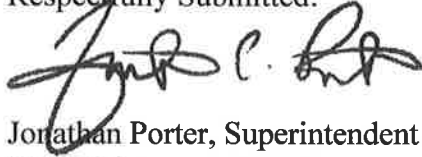
12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8 p.m. by Laura Farnsworth

Seconded by: Greg Ryan

Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Porter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jonathan Porter, Superintendent
Regional School Unit 50

Elementary Report Board Meeting

11-14-22

- Summer school and ESEA performance reports have been submitted.
- 26 veterans participated in our parade and luncheon.
- Trunk or Treat was great with 175 students attending.
- The Leadership Team is working on updating the Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA). Leadership will use this to get goals for the Tiers III application for FY23.
- Elementary PLC work continues to be in the area of Reading. The Science of Reading has been the main focus.
- The elementary school has 3 new students, 1 in Pre-K, one in K and 1 in first grade.
- NWEAs are done and I have some new data sheets to share with the Ed. Committee and Leadership. See attached.

Math Percentiles of Greater than 41% on NWEA Tests

Class Current	Fall 22	2021-2022			2020-2021			2019-2020			2018-2019		
		F	W	S	F	W	S	F	W	S	F	W	S
2035 K	89	F	W	S	F	W	S	F	W	S	F	W	S
2034 1	50	76	58	74									
2033 2	54	58	30	32	Not Tested	62	68						
2032 3	71	56	46	64	42	69	30	Not Tested	69	Not Tested			
2031 4	71	62	57	64	59	54	72	56	54	Not Tested	Not Tested	50	80
2030 5	52	67	56	54	54	59	63	72	59	Not Tested	55	54	82
2029 6	77	72	67	68	72	65	76	78	65	Not Tested	61	55	78
2028 7	67	53	53	72	33	57	56	62	57	Not Tested	23	41	50
2027 8	54	57	55	57	41	56	45	46	56	Not Tested	39	50	59
2026 9	59	76	68	63	82	64	74	68	64	Not Tested	25	29	44
2025 10	83	80	Not Tested	67	86	78	84	85	78	Not Tested			72
2024 11	83	76	Not Tested	65	84	77	81	86	77	Not Tested			70
2023 12	Not Tested	72	Not Tested	Not Tested	75	Not Tested	69	85	Not Tested	Not Tested			77
2022					80	Not Tested	71	80	Not Tested	Not Tested			83
2021					Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested	86	Not Tested	Not Tested			77
2020								Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested			80
Ave.	68%	61%	54%	62 %	64%	64%	66%	73%	64% K-8	Not Tested	41% 1-5	47% K-5	71 %

Reading Percentiles of Greater than 41% on NWEA Tests

Class Current	Fall 22	2021-2022			2020-2021			2019-2020			2018-2019		
		F	W	S	F	W	S	F	W	S	F	W	S
2035 K	79	F	W	S	F	W	S	F	W	S	F	W	S
2034 1	61	100	42	63									
2033 2	28	53	30	41	Not Tested	80	64						
2032 3	42	36	39	60	46	69	40	Not Tested	69	Not Tested			
2031 4	67	50	57	63	26	54	52	61	54	Not Tested	Not Tested	50	78
2030 5	56	71	56	66	55	55	57	73	55	Not Tested	55	54	70
2029 6	77	70	57	59	66	53	81	46	53	Not Tested	61	55	61
2028 7	57	53	53	50	39	69	38	51	69	Not Tested	23	41	50
2027 8	57	65	48	46	48	51	45	50	51	Not Tested	39	50	60
2026 9	67	62	70	59	73	72	70	70	72	Not Tested	25	29	61
2025 10	75	76	Not Tested	82	77	72	71	75	72	Not Tested			73
2024 11	83	59	Not Tested	73	95	82	86	86	82	Not Tested			75
2023 12	Not Tested	61	Not Tested	Not Tested	75	Not Tested	62	66	Not Tested	Not Tested			71
2022					72	Not Tested	61	71	Not Tested	Not Tested			75
2021					Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested	55	Not Tested	Not Tested			84
2020								Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested			60
Ave.	62%	63%	50%	60%	63%	64%	61%	64%	64%	Not Tested	41% 1-5	47% K-5	68%

School Board Notes 11/14/22

Britt and I went to the fall directors conference in Portland for two days. We took home lots of good materials and information. Some highlights include:

1. McKinney Vento, I attended this session and spoke with both Sarah Furgeson the Edu Surrogate liaison and Amelia Lyons the Homeless Edu State Coordinator.
2. Extended Eligibility to age 22. This was a hot button topic. The crowd shredded the presenter. Mainly because she kept saying that the criteria to use is if it would "benefit" a child to stay until 22 and special ed has always been driven by an evidence based NEED practice. Also they are working on a form and a criteria that is supposed to help make the determination if a student should stay.
3. I have graduation and career readiness tools included. I will also pass around the career development checklist and the employability skills checklist.
4. I also created a transition services guide that we will start using with families as well as give to staff. It has the names, contact information, type of service, and purpose of service in the guide.
5. Brittney also attended the Unified Sports and Special Olympics. She learned about all kinds of exciting things she wants to bring to SACS. There is also potential for a 6000.00 grant for supplies and the training for staff is all free. We would like to attend the Unified sports conference in Orono in December.
6. I also attended sessions on interventions, SEL learning (<https://www.maine.gov/doe/sel/sel4me>), and social maladjustment VS emotional disturbance. Unfortunately the ED VS SM session was clear as mud, so I didn't feel it was helpful.
7. Elementary staff was set up a WHOVA app, that is where they can access the Science of Reading PD that was last week.
8. We currently have 10 referrals active. I have never had so many at one time. Dr. McCormick is keeping us on the timeline, but it's a lot of new kids.
9. Nov 4th presenting my ACT plan for sped recert and admin certification.

IEP's =73

504's =10

Total =83

Total number of meetings in Oct = 13

RSU 50 Superintendent Report RSU 50 Board Meeting

November 14, 2022

1. Region Two Report

- a. Next Region Two Board meeting will be held on November 15 that 6:00pm
- b. Principals/Guidance Meeting on Tuesday November 15th, 10:00am

2. Education Committee Meeting

Time: Thursday, November 3, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.
Purpose: Regular Meeting
Attending: Stephen Porter, Laura Farnsworth, Janet Vose, & Jon Porter

AGENDA

a. Reports from RSU 50 Administration

Middle/High School Report

Overview of MELMAC Grant

The goal of the grant is to re-invigorate our former College Access Team (CAT) and create a College and Career Access Team (CCAT). We can apply for up to \$20,000 in grant funding.

- Student opportunities and exposure
- Financial literacy
- Family engagement in post-secondary planning
- College and Career Culture

Overview of Curriculum work in Middle/High School

Handout of example of curriculum work being done with Shannon Mathers and curriculum work with middle/high school teachers. Shannon will also give a brief report at the November 2022 Board meeting.

Elementary School Report

Data shared from the most recent NWEA testing for Grades K-11. Subject area data shared was mathematics and literacy/reading. April Bates will also share information with the RSU 50 board at the November 2022 meeting.

Special Education Report

Janet Vose shared information gathered from the recent MADSEC Conference in Poland.

b. Opportunity for Education Questions from RSU 50 Committee Members

No further questions

c. Others

None

3. Student Recognition

United States Youth Program

Bailey Vose has been selected as one of ten finalists for the United States Senate Youth Program.

Heisman High School Scholarship School Winners

Jannah Brooks & Camden "Buddy" Porter

All-Aroostook Soccer

Girls: Madison Russell & Cami Shields

Boys: Brennan Burpee & Camden "Buddy" Porter

All-Aroostook Band & Chorus

Aolie Watt, who was accepted into the All Aroostook Middle School Chorus and we have seven students who were accepted into the All Aroostook Band. They are: Lyndsie Beaulieu, Aolie Watt and Ruthie Greene in the middle school band and Lana Booker, Callie Russell, Alyssa Crandall and Bailey Vose for the High School band.

The All Aroostook Chorus Festival will be held on Friday and Saturday, December 2 & 3 in Caribou at the Caribou United Baptist Church. The All Aroostook Band Festival will be held on Friday and Saturday January 13 & 14 in Ashland at Ashland High School.

Class of 2023: College Acceptances

Congratulations to So. Aroostook High School Senior **Alexia Maclaren** on her acceptance to the University of Maine at Presque Isle to major in English program.

Congratulations to So. Aroostook High School Senior **Jennah Brooks** on her acceptance to the University of Maine at Augusta in the Business Administration program and will receive a Dean's Academic Scholarship for up to \$12,000. Jennah has also been accepted at Southern Maine Community College in the Business Administration program. Jennah has also been accepted to Keene State College and has earned a President's Scholarship for up to \$30,000.

Southern Aroostook Middle School Game Schedule 2022

Thursday October 27 @ Hodgdon	3:30pm
Tuesday November 1 @ Houlton	3:30pm
Friday November 4 vs. Katahdin	4:45pm
Monday November 7 vs. East Grand	4:45pm
Thursday November 10 vs. Houlton	3:30pm
Saturday November 12 SA Middle School Round Robin	
Tuesday November 15 @ Katahdin	3:30pm
Thursday November 17 @ Millinocket	4:45pm
Friday November 18 vs. Presque Isle	4:45pm
Monday November 28 vs. Ashland	4:15pm
Thursday December 1 vs. Hodgdon	4:45pm
Saturday December 3 @ Presque Isle	11:30am
Wednesday December 5 @ Ashland	4:45pm
Wednesday December 7 @ East Grand	3:30pm
Monday December 12 vs. Millinocket	4:45pm

4. A few of the positive things happening:

- ASP's Trunk or Treat last Friday. Many positive comments from the community and parents.
- ASP Program going very well, shout out to the staff, and Directors Shannon Mathers and Jen Siltz
- Outdoor Classroom, great work happening there. Great work by Rob Betschner and Ralph Vetter
- Special Education Review is complete, a two year process! Great job by the Special Education Staff!!
- Great work by Natasha, submitting an application for Revolving Renovation Fund for Bleachers
- Fall Band Concert was a great success, shout out to Band Director Katherine Noyes
- So. Aroostook Middle School Basketball Round Robin, thank you Cliff Urquhart for organizing this event

Respectfully Submitted:

Jon Porter, RSU 50 Superintendent

11/14/2022