

**MAINE REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #50  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 12, 2022  
MINUTES  
SOUTHERN AROOSTOOK COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
6:30 P.M.**

Board members present: Barbara Burton, Marilyn Burton, Shannon Crandall, Carman Lilley and Stephen Porter.

Laura Farnsworth, Greg Ryan and Paula Stevens were absent.

Other staff present: April Bates, Brittany Brewer, Elaine Small, Janet Vose and Natasha Winslow. Island Falls selectman, Tony Binotto was present

1. The meeting was called to Order at 6:30 p.m.; the Flag Salute followed.
2. Approval of the Minutes  
The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 12, 2022 were presented for approval.  
Moved to approve by: Marilyn Burton  
Seconded by: Barbara Burton  
Vote: Unanimous
3. Time Period to Hear from Citizens: n/a
4. Adjustment(s) to the Agenda: Siemens Presentation and withdrawal of appointment under item 6.  
Moved to approve by: Marilyn Burton  
Seconded by: Carman Lilley  
Vote: Unanimous

Presentation by Siemens on Future Capital Improvement Projects - Air Handlers

Darrell Joudrey presented the proposal designed by Siemens for RSU 50. This proposal will continue the project of installing air handlers on the roof and upgrades for the building. It will be reviewed at the Building and Grounds meeting on Jan. 3, 2023 and revisited again at the January Board meeting.

5. Reports
  - a. Board Chair: Reminded the Board of the Region 2 meeting.  
The Drummond - Woodsum handout from the Fall Conference will be discussed at the January meeting.
  - b. Board Vice-Chair: n/a
  - c. Committee Reports –
    - Building & Grounds – rescheduled for Jan. 3 at 5:30 p.m.
    - Education – scheduled for Feb. 2 at 5:30 p.m.
    - Finance – warrants were signed
    - Negotiations – no start date set
    - Policy - see items 7 & 8
    - Region II – Dec. 13 Time: 5:30 p.m.
  - d. Principals: April apprised the Board of her staff evaluations for grades K-2; 3-5 evaluations are scheduled for January. Her report includes parent conference numbers

and the many pre-Christmas activities planned for the elementary school (see attached report).

- e. Special Services Director: Janet reported on the visit to Orono for the Special Olympics Summit last week, the ongoing staff evaluation process, student programming updates, plus meetings and student numbers for November. Her report is included.
- f. Business Manager: Natasha's monthly financial statement was circulated. She also distributed the Capital Plan Detail by Class and Department. Her report included the status of the audit (which is ongoing at this time), possible grant funding availabilities, the Revolving Renovation Funding results due out in February and a recent online presentation for Maine Revenues Services.
- g. Superintendent: Jon's report is enclosed and includes student recognition, absenteeism due to student and staff illnesses and the Varsity and J. V. winter sports schedules.

6. Announcement of Appointments/Resignations/Retirements:

Alex White – Coach for J.V. Boys Basketball - withdrawn

7. First Reading/Update of Policy

ACAAA: Transgender and Gender Expansive Students  
Tabled for further study.

8. Second Readings/updated language/amendments:

GBN: Family Medical Leave  
GCFB: Recruiting and Hiring Administrative Staff  
EBCF: Automated External Defibrillators (AED's)  
EBCF-E1: AED Maintenance Checklist  
EBCF-E2: AED Event Summary  
Moved to accept: Barbara Burton  
Seconded by: Carman Lilley  
Vote: Unanimous

9. Other Business – Old/New

- a. Christmas Break to begin with half-day on Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>, dismissal at 11:15 a.m.

10. Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Region II Board Meeting	Tues. Dec. 13 at 5:30 p.m.
- Building & Grounds	Thurs. Jan. 3 @ 5:30 p.m.
- Policy Committee	Mon. Jan. 9 @ 5:45 p.m.
- Finance Committee	Mon. Jan. 9 @ 6:15 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting	Mon. Jan. 9 @ 6:30 p.m.
- Region II Board Meeting	Tues. Jan. 10 @ 5:30 p.m.

11. Executive Session(s) 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A)

Motion to move to Executive Session: Barbara Burton at 7:30 p.m.  
Seconded by: Carman Lilley  
Vote: Unanimous

- a. Executive Session under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A) to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation.

Motion to leave Executive Session: Carman Lilley at 7:45 p.m.

Seconded by: Barbara Burton

Vote: Unanimous

Action as a result of Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A)

Motion by Marilyn Burton: To extend the Superintendent's contract by one year and to continue with a two-year contract

Seconded by: Barbara Burton

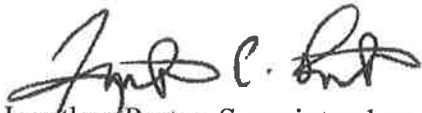
Vote: Unanimous

12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. by Carman Lilley

Seconded by: Barbara Burton

Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Porter". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Jonathan Porter, Superintendent  
Regional School Unit 50

Board Meeting  
Elementary Report  
12-12-22

1. I have completed 3 all week observations during the 90 minute reading block in Shelby, Kim and Lana's room. Evaluations are completed and added to the teachers' files. This is helping me to get a better picture of what reading looks like in the younger grades in order to become a better coach. I hope to complete the rest of the K-3 teachers after Christmas break.
2. 20 Secret Pals visited the 4th graders last Thursday.

December Elementary Events

- Thursday, December 8th - Conferences 3-7:00 pm (121/139=87%)
- Friday, December 9th - Conferences 8-11:00 am - No school for PreK-8
- Tuesday, December 13th - Story time in the Outdoor Classroom with Sarah.
- Wednesday, December 14th - Early Release Day - 11:15 am dismissal
- Tuesday, December 20th - Holiday Shopping for elementary students
  - Students will shop for their immediate family members.
  - Students bring in \$1 for each family member that they want to shop for.
  - Presents will come home all wrapped. This is sponsored by our PTO. We are looking for parent volunteers to help with wrapping on this day. Call the office if you would like to volunteer, and we will send volunteer paperwork home.
  - Wednesday, December 21st - Santa's Workshop
    - Students will do crafts on this day.
    - Students will decorate cookies.
  - Thursday, December 22nd - Party Day
    - Students may wear pajamas.
    - All School Morning Meeting
    - Cafeteria is providing fruit platters for the parties.
    - Students are dismissed at 11:15 am.

## SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT

School Board Notes 12/12/22

- Special Olympics - Brittany, Ryan and I took a group of students to the Special Olympics Summit in Orono last Wednesday. It was really great. It was totally student led and our students really enjoyed it. Pros - we got some good information on how to set up our own Unified club or varsity teams, how to get more community involvement, and it showed how much we already do here! Cons - It was more to get kids hyped for SO and Unified teams so I wish we had taken more kids. We will know more next time. I would have liked more information on certain areas of starting up a club.
- Staff Evaluations - I have begun Support staff evaluations. It's been really nice to get inside both the gen ed and special education classrooms. So far they have been really positive in both what I am seeing and the feedback I have been able to get and receive from staff. I will continue to plug away at these.
- I've had some really tough conversations with both families and staff regarding students and programming lately and I feel that they have all gone mostly well. I attribute that to several factors, prepared staff with good data collection, knowledge of their students, and willingness to collaborate with special education. I'm proud of the strides we have made here, especially in the K-5
- At the January ER day I would like to plan to have Pre-K and K teachers and the K-5 special ed staff to discuss the transition from Pre-K to K, specifically the screener we purchased, as well as any screening/assessment tools they use.
- February ER day I would like to have all Special Ed staff and go over the IEP's, the different parts and what they mean.
- November was a busy month with meetings. We had 14 in total. Currently we have 75 IEP's and 10 504's. I expect that number to change in the next month or so as we have had some students leave and some referrals get processed. But I expect that we will continue to be about the 25% mark for total students who receive services.

**RSU 50 Superintendent Report RSU 50 Board Meeting  
December 12, 2022**

**1. Region Two Report**

- a. Next Region Two Board meeting on December 13th at 6:00pm.

**2. Buildings & Grounds**

We will be rescheduling the Buildings & Grounds meeting for later this month. Here are a couple of updates on a couple of issues or concerns around the building:

- 1. A pipe was backed in the High School. It was backed up for several days, and had McPartland's and Allen's Septic Services here to remedy the issue. We were lucky it only impacted one restroom.
- 2. Also, a pipe in the high school boys restroom broke. We needed to shut the water off for a couple of hours to repair the damage. Harbison serviced this issue.

**3. Student Recognition**

**All-Academic Team, Little Ten Football Conference:** Andrew Lewis

**Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Award & Conference (HOBY):** Sarah London & Olivia Engebretson

**Maine Youth Leadership Award & Conference (MYL):** Rylee Webb & Jacob Ellingwood

**Class of 2023: College Acceptances**

Madison Russell has been accepted into St. Joseph's College. She also received a Merit Scholarship for \$24,000/year

Alyssa Crandall has been accepted into Southern Maine Community College in the Liberal Studies program with a focus in Psychology.

Callie Russell has been accepted to St. Joseph's College. She has also been awarded the Presidential Scholarship in the amount of \$100,000 over 4 years. Callie Russell has also been accepted to the University of Maine in the College of Natural Sciences, Forestry and Agriculture with a major in Biology. She received a merit scholarship for \$4,000 annually.

John Langer has been accepted to the University of Maine in the College of Sciences, Forestry and Agriculture with a major in Forestry. He will also receive a merit scholarship of \$2,000 annually.

**4. 15% Absentee Rate report to MDOE on 12/12/22**

Due to a high rate of illness with students and staff on 12/12/22, we filed a report to the Maine DOE. Our school absentee percentage was 15.6%. 3% for teachers & 18% for students in Grades PK-12. No other action is required.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jon Porter, RSU 50 Superintendent  
12/12/2022

**SOUTHERN AROOSTOOK COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
 VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL  
 2022-2023**

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	DISMISSAL
Fri. Nov. 25	@ Presque Isle (Tournament)	12:00/3:00	10:00am
Sat. Nov. 26	Ellsworth	12:30	
Sat. Nov. 26	Brewer	3:30	
Wed. Nov. 30	@ Central HS	5:00	2:15
Sat. Dec. 3	@ Hampden (Tournament)	10:00/3:00	7:30am
Tues. Dec. 6	Houlton	6:30	
Fri. Dec. 9	Central Aroostook	7:00	
Thurs. Dec. 15	@ East Grand	4:30	2:45
Sat. Dec. 17	Fort Kent	11:30/2:30	
Tues. Dec. 20	Katahdin	4:30/6:00	
Thurs. Dec. 22	@ Calais	4:30/6:00	1:15
Tues. Dec. 27	@ Ashland	12:00	10:15am
Thurs. Dec. 29	@ Fort Fairfield	5:30/7:00	3:45
Wed. Jan. 4	@ PVHS	5:00/6:30	3:30
Fri. Jan. 6	Hodgdon	5:30/7:00	
Wed. Jan. 11	Ashland	6:30	
Fri. Jan. 13	Fort Fairfield	4:00/5:30	
Mon. Jan. 16	Calais	11:30/1:00	
Sat. Jan. 21	@ Fort Kent	10:00/1:00	TBA
Mon. Jan. 23	@ Central Aroostook	7:00	2:30
Thurs. Jan. 26	@ Hodgdon	5:30/7:00	4:30
Wed. Feb. 1	PVHS	5:00/6:30	
Fri. Feb. 3	East Grand (Senior Night)	6:30	
Wed. Feb. 8	@ Katahdin	4:30/6:00	3:30

**SOUTHERN AROOSTOOK COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
 VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL  
 2022-2023**

Date	Opponent	Time	Departure
Fri. Nov. 25	@ Presque Isle (Tournament)	1:30/4:30	10:00
Sat. Nov. 26	Ellsworth	2:00	
Sat. Nov. 26	Brewer	5:00	
Wed. Nov. 30	@ Central HS	6:30	2:15
Tues. Dec. 6	Houlton	5:00	
Fri. Dec. 9	Central Aroostook	4:00/5:30	
Thurs. Dec. 15	@ East Grand	6:00	2:45
Sat. Dec. 17	Fort Kent	10:00/1:00	
Mon. Dec. 19	Hodgdon	5:00/6:30	
Wed. Dec. 21	@ Van Buren	6:00	3:15
Tues. Dec. 27	@ Ashland	1:30	10:15
Fri. Dec. 30	@ Washburn	1:00/2:30	10:45
Thurs. Jan. 5	@ Katahdin	4:30/6:00	3:30
Tues. Jan. 10	Washburn	5:00/6:30	
Wed. Jan. 11	Ashland	5:00	
Fri. Jan. 13	Van Buren	7:00	
Thurs. Jan. 19	@ Fort Fairfield	5:30/7:00	3:45
Sat. Jan. 21	@ Fort Kent	11:30/2:30	TBA
Mon. Jan. 23	@ Central Aroostook	4:00/5:30	2:30
Fri. Jan. 27	Fort Fairfield	4:30/6:00	
Mon. Jan. 30	@ Hodgdon	5:30/7:00	4:30
Fri. Feb. 3	East Grand	5:00	
Tues. Feb. 7	Katahdin (Sr Night+Pink Night)	4:30/6:00	