

**MAINE REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #50
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022
MINUTES
SOUTHERN AROOSTOOK SCHOOL
6:30 P.M.**

This meeting was also available via Zoom.

Board members present: Danny Barrows, Barbara Burton, Laura Farnsworth, Stephen Porter and Greg Ryan.
Board member: Larry Greenlaw attended remotely.

Kasandra Foster, Carman Lilley, and Paula Stevens were absent.

Others present: Staff – Kathy Chamberland, Elaine Small, Janet Vose and Natasha Winslow.

Anthony Binotto, selectman from Island Falls was in attendance.

Also in attendance were: Karla Bishop, Jordyn Bishop and Candace Day.

Attending remotely were: Melanie Batchelder, April Bates, Liz Clark, Jessica Greene, Kaylea Harbison, Shannon Mathers, Kim Russell, Jeni Siltz, Heather Swallow, Diane White and Sarah Williams.

1. Call the Meeting to Order and Flag Salute

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:30 p.m.; a quorum was declared and the flag salute followed.

2. Approval of the Minutes:

The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 14, 2022, were considered with an amendment: Anthony Binotto was listed as being the selectman from Crystal; Anthony is a selectman for the Town of Island Falls.

Moved to approve as amended by: Greg Ryan

Seconded by: Danny Barrows

Vote: Unanimous

3. Time Period to Hear from Citizens: n/a

4. Adjustment(s) to the Agenda:

Item #6 will have an addition.

5. Reports

- a. Board Chair: Stephen shared his recent findings that RSU 50 appears to be ahead of the move to provide better air quality in schools. Many areas are facing long delays for lack of available materials, etc.

- b. Board Vice-Chair: Laura attended the Region II tour by SACS students on March 14.
- c. Committee Reports –
 - Building & Grounds – met on Thursday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m.
 - Education – met on Thursday, March 3 at 5:30 p.m.
 - Finance – warrants were signed
 - Negotiations - Next meeting March 23rd at 5 p.m.
 - Policy - see Items 7 & 8 for updates on existing policies
 - Region II – March meeting Tuesday the 15th at 6:00 p.m.
- d. Principals: April's report included the Summer School Grant application submitted last week, plus ongoing opportunities for staff professional development and trainings. Her report is included.
- e. Special Services Director: Janet's report is included. This report focuses on Special Education numbers and workshop trainings.
- f. Business Manager: Natasha's report included balances remaining to date for all cost centers. She updated the Board on the ESSER 1 funding process which is extremely slow in coming to us. RSU 50 has received \$10,793.25 thru the Child Nutrition Supply Chain Assistance.
- g. Superintendent: Jon's report included updates from Region II, student and staff recognition as well as notes from the recent Building and Grounds Committee and Education Committee meetings. He included information on the ASPIRE Program plus numbers of students currently enrolled in online college classes.
(Full report is included)

6. Announcement of Appointments/Resignations/Retirements:
 Jessica Nye – volunteer assistant for Varsity Softball

7 First Reading of policies:

AC: Non-Discrimination/Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action

ACAB: Harassment and Sexual Harassment of School Employees

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

BHC: Board Communications with Staff

HBAC: Child Find

These policies currently exist in the RSU and are being updated

Moved to approve by: Greg Ryan

Seconded by: Barbara Burton

Vote: Unanimous

8. Second Reading of Policies:

BCB: Board Member Conflict of Interest

BCC: Nepotism

These policies currently exist in the RSU and are being updated:

Moved to approve by: Greg Ryan

Seconded by: Laura Farnsworth

Vote: Unanimous

9. Other Business – Old/New

a. Approval of School Calendar for 2022-2023

Moved to approve by: Greg Ryan

Seconded by: Barbara Burton

Vote: Unanimous

b. Consideration of the Partnership with RSU 29 Adult Education for FY23:

Moved to approve by: Greg Ryan

Seconded by: Barbara Burton

Vote: Unanimous

c. Evaluate current updates from the Department of Education on SOP.

School Nurse, Kathy Chamberland presented current and valuable information to the Board, this included current protocols that have helped us keep our students in school. A video of the Covid-19 Transition Plan, plus handouts were also available.

Questions and discussion ensued before a final evaluation by the Board was made.

The following will be in effect beginning immediately: “Optional masking will be in place with a return to required masking in the event that there is a rise or increase in local Covid-19 cases, the RSU School Nurse and Superintendent will collaborate to determine whether to reinstate universal masking until such time they determine to return to optional masking”.

Moved to approve by: Greg Ryan

Seconded by: Danny Barrows

Vote: Unanimous

d. FY23 Budget Timeline:

Draft Budget available to the Board at the Regular meeting on April 11th.

Schedule visits with Town officials after Regular Board meeting.

Special Workshop Meeting & Budget Adoption by the Board on April 28, 2022.

District Budget Meeting May 26, 2022 @ 7 p.m.

Budget Validation Referendum June 14, 2022.

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

10. Future Agenda Items: Budget

11. Upcoming Meetings and Events

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| - Policy Committee Meeting | April 11, 2022 @ 5:45 p.m. |
| - Finance Comm. | April 11, 2022 @ 6:15 p.m. |
| - Regular Board Meeting | April 11, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. |
| - Region II Board | April 12, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. |
| - Special Workshop Meeting & Budget Adoption | April 28, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. |
| - Education Committee | May 5, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m. |

12. Adjournment: 7:50 p.m.

Moved to adjourn by: Greg Ryan

Seconded by: Laura Farnsworth

Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted:



Jonathan Porter, Superintendent
Regional School Unit #50

Elementary Report
March 14, 2022

1. Summer School Grant application was submitted last week. We asked for \$42,000. Summer School is planned to start June 20th, and will run for 4 weeks. Children's Stage Adventure will be part of the last week, and there will be an Ocean Theme this summer.
2. Last week of school has started to be planned: June 8th - K-3 goes to trampoline park and 4th grade goes to the movies. June 7th - field day. June 9th - Beach day. June 10th - Last day of school.
3. HMH - Our K-2 digital access is expiring in August. 3-4 expires 8/23. It was going to be \$6,000 to renew K-2, but after several phone calls and saying I hadn't budgeted for this, we are renewed for another year for FREE! The whole Journeys program expires in 2025, so we will need to update at that time.
4. Linda Slauenwhite is retiring in May. She works in Pre-K and is an ACAP employee.
5. SPIRE materials have arrived and been unpacked.
6. Ongoing professional development is attached, and this will be the work for this week's workshop days.

Ongoing Professional Development
K-8

Regular and Special Education

Early Release Days, Workshop Days, PLC, and After School Meetings in February and March 2022

Name	Interest/Need
Shelby Cummings Hilary Lawlor Diane White	Aligning report cards with assessments given and the standards, time to work on our writing curriculum for Kindergarten, student problem solving or help generating ideas to enhance student learning for a particular student, and time to talk to Todd about new technology... Grade level work, writing program, data charts
Crystal Taylor	Grade level standards work. Creating Journey's weekly assessment cover sheets.
Lana/Kim Hilary	Creating teaching slides for writing lessons Creating slides for learning targets
Kristen	Ways to help students with short term memory. Grade level standards aligned to report cards and pacing guide.
Janet (SPIRE & Touch math)	SPIRE practice run for virtual training, and curriculum inventory.
Tera	Updating my report card (a few changes) Learning a way to graph IXL data more efficiently
Sue/Janelle	Aligning reading assessments for record card data Creating google slides for writing Time to create challenge work in math
Liz & Jill	Meet to do Curriculum planning in Reading and Maine studies for the remainder of the school year. Report card work for Trimesters 2 & 3. Choose the next Mystery Science Unit to begin.

Special Ed Ed Techs & Teachers	SPIRE training March 17 & 18th All materials have been purchased for training and follow through for implementation.	Touch Math - Any ed techs who didn't need the SPIRE training are doing the Touch math training.
Jeni Siltz	Touch Math online training. All materials needed have been purchased. Jeni is piloting the online training.	
Heather and Tera	DOE Math Training IXL updates	
Daphne, Dawn, Kelly	Math 4 Me Cohort -DOE	
Leadership Team K-12	Data Analysis -NWEA -Attendance	
Katie & Angie	SPIRE and music room work	

School Board Notes

3/14/22

Lynn and I did an audit on the number of Triennials and Referrals up to this point in the year. We have already completed 21 triennials, which is a very large number! Thankfully years like this don't happen that often, it should only be once every 3. We currently have 10 students in the system for referrals, 6 of which have been completed and 5 ended up qualifying for services. There are still 4 pending evaluations.

We have a family returning this week from KHS. They transferred there this fall and are coming back to us starting today. This will show an increase in our numbers next month.

I am attending a Drummond and Woodsum workshop on March 24th. It's virtual so I will be in the building. The topic is "Who's responsible for Special Education?" To summarize, the conversation is mainly around who provides services when a student is considered homeless, or a state ward, or in a special purpose private school. This will prove to be a good refresher for me, as it doesn't happen that often but it just so happens that we have a situation that's arisen recently that this will pertain to.

February Special Ed numbers

IEP's - 77

504's - 13

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

Total # of meetings in February - 7

**RSU 50 Superintendent Report RSU 50 Board Meeting
March 14, 2022**

1. Region Two Report

- a. The next Region Two Board meeting is March 15, 2022 at 6:00pm.
- b. Grades 8-11 students toured Region Two on Monday, March 14, 2022.

2. Student & Staff Recognition

2022 Class D Girls Basketball State Champions:

Brianne Daggett, Madison Russell, Callie Russell, Emmalee Landry, Lexi Rackliff, Madison Shields, Cami Shields, Olivia Engebretson, Libby Anderson, Ally Shields, Hannah McGary, Gracie Brewer-manager, Julia Murray-manager, Cliff Urquhart-head coach, & Brandon McCarthy-assistant coach

2022 Class D Boys Basketball State Champions:

Hunter Burpee, Chris Caswell, Buddy Porter, Graham Siltz, Drake Weston, AJ Lewis, AJ Chambers, Robert Robinson, Dylan Burpee, Brennan Burpee, Trafton Russell, Ethan Collier, Ryder Russell, Leanna Caswell-manager, Brooke Ivey-manager, Brett Russell-head coach, & Phil Faulkner-assistant coach

2022 All-Aroostook Basketball Team:

Class D Boys Team: Hunter Burpee, Dylan Burpee, Chris Caswell, and Buddy Porter

Class D Girls Team: Madison Russell, Cami Shields, and Madison Shields

1.000 career points in high school basketball: Hunter Burpee & Madison Russell

2022 Aroostook League Senior All-Stars: Hunter Burpee, Chris Caswell, & Brianna Daggett

2022 Class D Northern Maine Basketball All-Tournament Team

Boys: Hunter Burpee, Most Outstanding Player; Dylan Burpee; Camden "Buddy" Porter, Honorable Mention; & Graham Siltz, Honorable Mention

Girls: Madison Russell, Most Outstanding Player; Cami Shields; Madison Shields, Honorable Mention; & Emmalee Landry, Honorable Mention

2022 McDonald's Class C/D Senior All-Star: Hunter Burpee

2022 Maine Association of Basketball Coaches Northern Maine Class D Girls Coach of the Year: Cliff Urquhart

2022 Aroostook Senior Scholar/Athlete Award: Chris Caswell & Brianna Daggett

2022 Aroostook League Classical Cross-Country Skiing Championship Winner: Luke Streinz

2022 Class C Freestyle Cross Country Skiing State Champion: Luke Streinz

Aroostook Right to Read Young Authors Winners 2021-22:

Grade 4 Thatcher Lawlor - **Grade 5** Isaiah Foster **Grade 6** Jakoby Porter
Aliya Walker

Grade 7 Haylee Given **Grade 8** Serenity Campbell
Ruth Greene Ashlyn York

Aroostook Right to Read Bookmark Contest Winners 2021-22:

Grades K-2 Sara Kennedy **Grades 3-5** Emily White **Grades 6-8** Lana Booker

Honorable mention: Deborah Grant - K, Devin Bunch - grade 1, Deyna Mrozowski - grade 1, Hadley Hatch - grade 2, Noah Labonte and Hunter Anderson - grade 4, Tessa Russell - grade 5, Caraline Elhoff - grade 6 and Alexa Hersey - grade 7

Aroostook Right to Read Book Cover Contest Winners 2021-22:

Grade 6 Lyndsie Beaulieu **Grade 7** Ruth Greene **Grade 8** Kason Lawlor

3. Building & Grounds Committee Meeting Agenda & Notes

Time: Thursday March 3, 2022 - 6:30 p.m.

Purpose: Regular Meeting

Attending: Stephen Porter, Danny Barrows, Robert Betschner, Gerry Guilbeault, Jon Porter

AGENDA

1. List of Needs:

- a. Bleachers
- b. Fire Alarm System Upgrade-see quote from Siemens
- c. Paving (rotating schedule to address needs) & sealing cracks
- d. Replace Main Switch (\$33,246-quote Swallow's Electric, \$40,000-est. Lajoie's Electric)
- e. (7) Roof mounted Air Handlers-see attached quote from Siemens, four with ESSER Funds
- f. (4) Gym Units and New Ductwork Design
- g. (44) Exhaust Fan Replacements??? Check with Siemens
- h. Large Soccer field, ½ playing surface & Stump removal near small soccer field
- i. Masonry work for crumbling outside brick in areas, est \$22,500
- j. Cleaning of septic system, est. \$5500 project
- k. Grease trap in the kitchen
- l. intercom/phone system-looking into through IT department
- m. Additional mulch for playground, 4 bags-\$581.00 a bag delivered
- n. Outside electrical outlets near elementary, outlets in classrooms.

2. ESSER II & III -working document of ESSER Funds

Use of ESSER Two Funds for Facilities, very specific guidelines to use funds

ESSER II Funds **Must obligate by 9/2023**

ESSER II Funds appropriated to RSU 50

\$582,720.58

ESSER II Funds Funds Potential Projects Air quality and student learning loss	Cost
1. Air handlers-rooftop (Original units) \$295,000 each, Siemens	\$295,000 X 1 = \$295,000
2. Remaining windows (7) (\$10,000 X 7 = \$70,000), Building Etc. (1 window remaining)	-\$70,000
3. Unit Vents (7) (Original units) Siemens	-\$56,753.43
4. Library Windows and Siding (Original Windows) Building Etc.	-\$90,000
	Total thus far: \$511,753.43 Remaining funds: \$70,967.15

ESSER III Funds **Must obligate by 9/2024**

ESSER III Funds appropriated to RSU 50

\$1,308,707.65

ESSER III Funds Funds Potential Projects Air quality and student learning loss 20% research based ed. Support for students	Cost
1. Positions for social distance and learning loss: a. Elementary teacher \$55,000 x 2 years b. Elementary teacher \$55,000 X 2 years c. Ed tech monitor/interventionist-HS \$40,000 X 2 years d. MS/HS Curriculum /RTI coordinator \$20,000X 2 years *2021-22 school year and 2022-23 school year 20% of allocation must go to research based ed. support for students-learning loss	\$340,000.00 \$261,741.53
2. Air handlers-rooftop (Original units) \$295,000 each, Siemens	\$295,000 X 3 = \$885,000

3. Bionex and Pooled Testing Coordinator (School Nurse)	\$10,000
	Total thus far: \$1,225.000
	Remaining funds: \$73,707.65

4. Region Two/Garage area

Region Two is exploring adding a program for the 2022-23 school year, Outdoor Leadership Program. They may need to recapture some of the shared space we have in the garage and custodial break room here at SACS to house the Outdoor Leadership Program. We will be working with Region Two to discuss options to help facilitate this.

5. Recommendations from Buildings & Grounds Committee FY 22-23 Budget

Committee recommends the following:

1. Budget \$80,000 in the 22-23 Budget for Capital Improvement Needs
2. Priority List of work to be completed
 - a. Paving & sealing cracks in pavement \$25,000
 - b. Septic Tank Clean-up, \$5,500
 - c. Grease Trap in the Kitchen, \$2,500
 - d. Mulch for Playground-\$2,500
 - e. Masonry work on exterior of the building-\$23,000
 - f. Electrical Outlets, \$3,000
 - g. Budgeted costs for increase in materials, etc-\$19,000

6. Others

None

4. Education Committee Meeting, Agenda & Notes

Time: Thursday, March 3, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.

Purpose: Regular Meeting

Attending: Stephen Porter, Laura Farnsworth, Janet Vose, April Bates, & Jon Porter

1. Reports from RSU 50 Administration

A report from RSU 50 admin about the ongoing Professional Development FY21-22
Shared information about Tier III work with So. Aroostook Leadership Team

2. Others

None

5. SACS High School Students Enrolled in College Courses

The Aspirations Program, in coordination with the Maine Department of Education, seeks to provide greater access to early college opportunities for qualified high school students. SACS students are able to access college courses in high school at a reduced cost. The cost is often the cost for books and/or fees, Students must:

Be a full-time high school student

Have recommendation from the high school guidance counselor

Have the consent of their parent or guardian

Have a B or better academic average or permission from the high school guidance counselor

Be a resident of the state of Maine

Meet academic course prerequisites, if any

Be attending a state-eligible secondary school or state-approved homeschool

So. Aroostook High School had 18 students enrolled in 23 on-line college courses in the Fall of 2021.

So. Aroostook High School has 16 students enrolled in 23 on-line college courses in the Spring of 2021.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jon Porter, RSU 50 Superintendent

3/14/2022