

**MAINE REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #50
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017
MINUTES
KATAHDIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
6:30 P.M.**

Board members present: Russell Beauchemin, Barbara Burton, Robin Crandall, John Ellis, Laura Farnsworth, Kasandra Foster, Leslie Gardner, Larry Greenlaw, Desiree Harrison, Stephen Porter, John Qualey, Nate Richardson, and Paula Stevens.

Absent: Nicole Mitchell and Greg Ryan.

Others staff present: Rowena Harvey, Doris Mooney, Jon Porter, Marie Robinson, Lynn Rush, Elaine Small and Holly Vining.

Others present: Rebecca Phillips and Becky Boone.

1. Call the Meeting to Order and Flag Salute:
The meeting was called to order by co-chair, Leslie Gardner at 6:30 p.m.; the flag salute followed.
2. Approval of the Minutes:
Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 13, 2017.
Moved to accept by: Robin Crandall
Seconded by: Barbara Burton
Vote: Unanimous
3. Time Period to Hear from Citizens: None
4. Adjustment(s) to the Agenda:
Add item 9b. To authorize the Board of RSU 50 to submit a grant application for a consolidated alternative education center.
5. Reports
 - a. Board Co-Chair:
 - b. Board Co-Chair:
 - c. Committee Reports –
 - Building & Grounds: Todd reported on the Dec. 7 meeting at KES, which he described as “spirited”. There were legitimate questions and concerns raised. An update from Siemens will be scheduled in early January.
 - Education: scheduled to meet Feb. 1, 2018 at KES.
 - Finance: Finance Committee met at 5:30 and signed warrants; the audit was discussed briefly.
 - Negotiations: scheduled meeting has been postponed until January, 2018.

Policy: no Policy meeting scheduled for December.

Region II: Robin reported on the November meeting – Region II voted to join the regional school bus garage effort.

The funding for the Region is undergoing change by the State and local funding will not be part of the formula for next year.

The CMA (Certified Medical Assistant) will be an added program for the coming year.

Robin also shared that among the factors which drive the programs within the Region are the area's needs and rate of pay for the graduates.

Principals: Mrs. Robinson: reported on the successes with student led conferences last week. She commended the students, under the direction of Ms. Timberlake, on Edition 2 of *Cougar News*.

Mr. Porter: reported that 96% percent of high school parents attended the student led conferences last week. He spoke of the showcasing of student work, student photographs on display and a rolling media video.

Basketball and hockey seasons are underway for our students.

Elementary Christmas Concert scheduled for Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m.

- d. Special Services Director: Brought the Board up to date with a current student number handout which included #s of students and #s of IEPs. Lynn also explained the 504 accommodations for students.
- e. Business Manager: The audit booklet was circulated and David Alward, from Davis, Gates & Alward will be at the January 8 meeting to give an overview and answer any questions.
- f. Nutrition Program: Gayle Glidden had sought grant fund for an oven replacement at SACS and that grant as been received in the amount of \$8088.
- g. Superintendent: Todd talked about the major projects going forward which include: Mission, Vision and a Strategic Plan for the RSU vs. "flying by the seat of our pants". He suggested that the Education Committee should take on the development of these projects. He recommends that there be a Grant Committee to include: Board members, principals, parents and students. He informed the Board of the move by the State to possibly forward Child Development Services to schools; this would include 3 years old children who require services.

Todd, Laura and Steve attended the Legislative Forum held recently at Caribou High School. This proved to be an informative evening for legislators and for superintendents and board members, as well.

- h. Other: Russell Beauchemin addressed the Board briefly regarding his letter to the Bangor Daily outlining the challenges that declining student population brings to the RSU and the common goal being our students.

6. Announcement of Appointments/Resignations/Retirements:

Co-Curricular Appointments:

Seth Rousseau - Bus Driver at SACS

Tammy Jordan – Right to Read for the Katahdin Schools

Matt Burpee – Volunteer for Middle School Boys Basketball at SACS

Kevin Craig – Volunteer for Varsity Boys Basketball at SACS

Terry Duffy - Volunteer for Varsity Boys Basketball at SACS

Brett Russell - Volunteer for Varsity Baseball at SACS

7. The following policies to be considered for a First Reading/Revision: None

8. The following policies were considered for a Second Reading/Adoption/Amendment:

IHBAI: Special Education Independent Evaluation Policy

JKB: Detention of Students

Moved to accept: Robin Crandall

Seconded by: Barbara Burton

Vote: Unanimous

9. Other Business – Old/New

- a. To approve submission of Round 2 of the Consolidated 9-16 Area High School Application.

I move that the Board of RSU 50 vote to approve the submission of part 2 of the application for the Consolidated 9-16 High School on behalf of RSU 50, as it will exist on July 1, 2018 following the withdrawal of the Towns of Mt. Chase, Sherman, Patten and Stacyville and that the new RSU 89 be in no way responsible or liable for this action.

Moved by: Russell Beauchemin

Seconded by: Barbara Burton

Vote: Unanimous

- b. To authorize the Board of RSU 50 to submit a grant application for a consolidated alternative education center.

I move that the Board of RSU 50 vote to approve the submission of a grant application to the Maine Department of Education Embrace Program to form a consolidated alternative education center on behalf of RSU 50, as it will exist on

July 1, 2018 following the withdrawal of the Towns of Mt. Chase, Sherman, Patten and Stacyville and that the new RSU 89 be in no way responsible or liable for this action.

Moved by: Robin Crandall
Seconded by: Barbara Burton
Vote: Unanimous

10. Upcoming Meetings and Events

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| - Region II Board Meeting | Tues. Dec. 12 @ 6:00 p.m. Region II |
| - Policy Meeting | No Policy Meeting in December |
| - Finance Committee | Mon. Jan. 08 @ 5:30 p.m. at SACS |
| - Regular Board Meeting | Mon. Jan. 08 @ 6:30 p.m. at SACS |
| - Region II Board Meeting | Tues. Jan. 16 @ 6:00 p.m. Region II |
| - Policy Committee | Mon. Jan. 22 @ 5:30 p.m. at SACS |

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

Moved to enter Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A) by: Barbara Burton
Seconded by: Robin Crandall
Vote: Unanimous

Time in: 7:20 p.m.

Time out: 8:00 p.m.

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

No action as a result of Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A)

12. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned immediately following the Executive Session.

Respectfully Submitted:



Todd LeRoy, Superintendent RSU #50