

**MAINE REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #50  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020  
MINUTES  
SOUTHERN AROOSTOOK SCHOOL**

Board members present: Barbara Burton, Robin Crandall, Laura Farnsworth, Larry Greenlaw, Stephen Porter and Greg Ryan.

Absent: Kasandra Foster, Carman Lilley and Paula Stevens

Other staff present: Elaine Small, Holly Vining and Janet Vose.

David Alward from Davis, Gates & Alward was present; also Selectman, Anthony Binotto from Island Falls.

1. Call the Meeting to Order and Flag Salute:  
The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:32 p.m.
2. Approval of the Minutes:  
The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of Dec. 9, 2019, were considered for approval.  
Moved to approve by: Robin Crandall  
Seconded by: Greg Ryan  
Vote: Unanimous
3. Time period to hear from citizens: Anthony Binotto addressed the Board with concerns from the Island Falls Select Board regarding the proposed Integrated Consolidated 9-16 Educational Facility Project. This list will be addressed at the February Board meeting.
4. Adjustment to the agenda to hear the auditor's report:  
Moved to approve by the adjustment: Greg Ryan  
Seconded by: Robin Crandall  
Vote: Unanimous
  - a. Auditor's Report – David Alward from Davis, Gates & Alward was present to discuss the recent RSU #50 annual audit and answer questions. Mr. Alward described the auditing process used for the 2018-2019 audit and declared what he considers to be a "clean audit". The Board made several comments but had no questions for Mr. Alward.
5. Reports
  - a. Board Chair: no report
  - b. Board Vice-Chair: Laura shared her thoughts from a recent volunteer presentation she attended at the October Fall Conference. Laura expressed her interest in seeing this program presented for students to promote the possibility of a Student Volunteer Program in this area.

c. Committee Reports

Building & Grounds – scheduled for March 5

Education – scheduled for Feb. 6

Finance – warrants were signed and Holly presented year end budget vs. actual projection information to the Finance Committee.

Negotiations – n/a

Policy – will be discussed under items 7 & 8.

Region II – next meeting, Jan. 14 @ 6 p.m.

Larry talked briefly about the processor recently purchased for the Region II Forestry Program.

d. Principals: see report/handout from Mrs. Bates

e. Special Services Director: Janet brought the Board up to date on student numbers and added other Special Education news. Several staff will attend a Trauma Training workshop in Bangor on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Also coming up soon, the RSU 50 Special Education program will host a site visit for staff from the Lincoln schools.

f. Business Manager: n/a

g. Superintendent: see enclosed report from the Superintendent.

6. Announcement of Appointments/Resignations/Retirements:

Resignation/Retirement:

The request for a leave of absence for David Fox expired on December 31, 2019.

Co-Curricular Appointments:

Paul Sherman for Varsity Softball

Todd Collier for Varsity Baseball

Olivia Shields for Middle School Softball

Chris Lawlor for Middle School Baseball

7. The following policies were considered for a First Reading:

JLFA: Child Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response

JLF-R: Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect-Administrative Procedure

Moved to approve by: Robin Crandall

Seconded by: Greg Ryan

Vote: Unanimous

8. The following policies were considered for review/amendments:

JLF: Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect

JLF-E: Suspected Child Abuse/Neglect Report Form

Moved to approve by: Barbara Burton

Seconded by: Robin Crandall

Vote: Unanimous

9. Other Business – Old/New

- a. Public Forum on new law regarding providing nutritious snacks to at risk students.  
Walter Beesley, School Finance and Operations at the DOE, Child Nutrition Program provided the RSU 50 with the following information.  
Since the RSU is already offering nutritious snacks to at risk students this new law would only duplicate what is being done.  
Moved to remain with the current program by: Greg Ryan  
Seconded by: Robin Crandall  
Vote: Unanimous
- b. Request for a contribution to Project Graduation for SACS, Class of 2020 was approved in the amount of \$150.00  
Moved to approve by: Greg Ryan  
Seconded by: Laura Farnsworth  
Vote: Unanimous

10. Future Agenda Items

The proposed Integrated Consolidated 9-16 Educational Facility Project.

11. Upcoming Meetings and Events

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| - Region II Board Meeting | Tues. Jan. 14 6:00 p.m. Region II |
| - Education Committee     | Thurs. Feb. 6 5:30 p.m.           |
| - Policy Meeting          | Mon. Feb. 10 5:30 p.m.            |
| - Finance Committee       | Mon. Feb. 10 6:00 p.m.            |
| - Policy Meeting          | Mon. Feb. 10 6:30 p.m.            |
| - Regular Board Meeting   | Mon. Feb. 10 6:30 p.m.            |
| - Region II Board Meeting | no meeting in February            |

12. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Jonathan Porter  
Superintendent RSU 50

## Elementary Report for January 2020

1. The elementary adopted 3 families for Christmas. One of the families was the family that lost their home to fire in December.
2. The elementary is currently take the Winter NWEA tests. Grades 4&5 took them last week, and grades K-3 is taking them this week.
3. Jon and I are meeting with a state representative on January 16th to discuss Tier III status and steps moving forward.
4. Aroostook Right to Read Bookmark Winners for 19/20:  
K-2 Thatcher Lawlor  
3-5 Lyndsie Beaulier  
6-8 Tristen Hardy

### Elementary Discipline Report 2019/2020

Discipline	September to December	December to March	March to June
Behavior	39		
Behavior that resulted in suspension	4-out 2-in		
Bus	18		
Bus that resulted in suspension	6		
Attendance	2		
Well Child Checks	1		
DHHS Reports	3		
Bullying Reports	2		

Young Authors for 19/20

	Student Name	Submission Title	School	Grade	Cat
1	Caraline Elhoff	The Bracelet	Southern Aroostook	4	1
2	Jakoby Porter	My Old Pal, Bern Man	Southern Aroostook	4	2
3	Emma Cooper	The One I Love	Southern Aroostook	5	2
4	Ruth Greene	I can Secretly Fly	Southern Aroostook	5	
5	Ashlyn York	Escaping Havoc	Southern Aroostook	6	2
6	Kason Lawlor	My Best Friend	Southern Aroostook	6	1
7	Rylee Webb	Eventually	Southern Aroostook	7	5
8	Josiphine Tarr	False Alarm	Southern Aroostook	7	4
9	Tristen Hardy	She Promised	Southern Aroostook	8	1
10	Rowan Billotti	Perspectives	Southern Aroostook	8	5

Fun Day in Arendelle







## Achievement Goals

Accelerating goals are only computed for the following student populations: *Economically Disadvantaged, Students with Disabilities, and English Learners.*

### English Language Arts

	Base Year	Base %	2017 Goal	2017 Accelerating	2018 Goal	2018 Accelerating	2019 Goal	2019 Accelerating
All Students	2016	55.84%	56.33%		56.82%		57.31%	
Economically Disadvantaged	2016	54.00%	54.51%	55.03%	55.03%	55.54%	55.54%	56.06%
Students with Disabilities	2016	21.88%	22.85%	23.82%	23.82%	24.80%	24.80%	25.77%
White	2016	58.50%	58.95%		59.40%		59.85%	

### Mathematics

	Base Year	Base %	2017 Goal	2017 Accelerating	2018 Goal	2018 Accelerating	2019 Goal	2019 Accelerating
All Students	2016	47.40%	48.01%		48.62%		49.23%	
Economically Disadvantaged	2016	50.00%	50.57%	51.14%	51.14%	51.72%	51.72%	52.29%
Students with Disabilities	2016	9.38%	10.53%	11.68%	11.68%	12.83%	12.83%	13.99%
White	2016	49.66%	50.24%		50.81%		51.39%	

#### Tier Parameter

- ☒ Tier III (CSI)
- ☐ Tier I (ATSI)
- ☐ No Support

#### District Name

RSU 50

#### School Name

So Aroostook School

#### School Level

Elementary (K-8)

Not Available

N-size must be at least 10 to create goals in a given year



Title I: Yes

Tier

District  
RSU 50School  
So Aroostook School

**School Level**  
 **Elementary (K-8)**

Met ✓

Not Met

Indicator	Academic Progress in English Language Arts	Academic Achievement English Language Arts	Academic Progress in Mathematics	Academic Achievement in Mathematics
Chronic Absenteeism	 Emerging			
	 Developing			
		 Emerging		
			 Emerging	
				 Emerging

All  
Student Population (multi-select)

		ELA						Math					
Chronic Absenteeism		Academic Progress			Academic Achievement			Academic Progress			Academic Achievement		
%	Level	Score	Level	Participation Rate	2019 Goal	2019 %	Level	Score	Level	Participation Rate	2019 Goal	2019 %	Level
All Students	17.49%	130.43	✓	100.00%	57.31%	54.61%	●	83.48	●	100.00%	49.23%	28.37%	●
Economically Disadvantaged	23.11%	124.32	✓	100.00%	55.54%	45.26%	●	80.41	●	100.00%	51.72%	28.42%	●
Students with Disabilities	17.57%	70.83	●	100.00%	24.80%	16.13%	●	56.25	●	100.00%	12.83%	9.68%	●
White	15.26%	131.70	✓	100.00%	59.85%	55.47%	●	83.93	●	100.00%	51.39%	29.20%	●
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**Tier III (CSI):** Title I schools where all student populations are experiencing challenges across all indicators

Chronic Absenteeism	Academic Progress in English Language Arts	Academic Achievement in English Language Arts	Academic Achievement in Mathematics
At least one student group population has a chronic absenteeism rate of 10% or higher	AND	A score of less than 100 for all eligible student groups	AND
		No eligible student group made their annual target	No eligible student group made their annual target

# RSU 50 SPECIAL EDUCATION

ISSUE NO. 1

1/13/20

## What's Happening?

by: Janet Vose

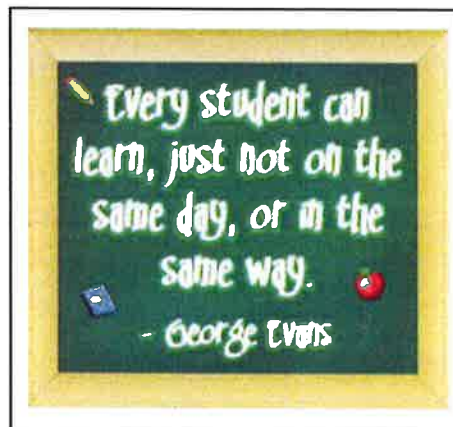
With the holidays safely behind us staff now get to focus on the longest part of the school year! Overall our holiday season was successful for the large portion for our students. That was mostly thanks to our amazing staff. This includes both teaching and support staff. I would like to take a minute and recognize without names, some staff that have gone above and beyond. We have several underprivileged and troubled students. Staff made it a point to give extra for students to get gifts and even went as far as visiting a student who needed to enter a crisis unit over the break. I'm constantly impressed with our staff on so many levels!

### PARAPROFESSIONAL:

The heartfelt hero. Using their talents to help students discover their own. Dedicating their time and energy each day to the students in their care, and doing it all while meeting the individual needs of many.



#schoolheroes  
teresa.kimani



## Staff Education

by: Janet Vose

Brittany Brewer and Meagan Brooks will attend the QBS Safety Care Trainers workshop in January and will be recertified again for another year. Janet Vose, Sarah Williams and Jessica Greene are all attending a Trauma workshop in Bangor on January 24th. Trauma is a big topic and we see it everyday in our student body.

Thank you to the board for a lovely Dunkin Donuts card! It's much appreciated.



## What's Next?

by: Janet Vose

During the next early release Jon Porter and Janet Vose will be giving a staff informational presentation about special education topics such as implementing and following IEP's and IEP accommodations. As well as special education protocols around IEP meetings and ed tech responsibilities and supervision.

### Special Ed Stats as of 1/13/20

# of IEP Meetings = 49

# of 504 meetings = 9

Total = 58

The remainder of meetings in January is 10, for a total of 68 meetings by 1/31/20. This would make for an average of 11.3 meetings a month.

# of IEP's 72, this is an increase of 8 for the year. # of 504's 11, this is a decrease of 5 for the year.



## **RSU 50 Superintendent Notes**

### **January 2020 RSU 50 Board Meeting**

#### **1. Region Two Report**

- a. **Next Region Two Meeting** on Tuesday January 14, 2020, 6:00pm
- b. **Purchased Used Processor** for the Forest Management Program at December meeting.
- c. **Region Two Tours**  
All students in grades 8-11 will have the opportunity to tour all Region Two Programs offered in Houlton. Programs include the following; Health Science, EMT, Early Childhood Education, Culinary Arts, Law Enforcement, Plumbing & Heating, Forestry, Electrical, Intro to Medical Professions, Automotive Technology, Automotive Collision (Body), & Welding.  
**January 17th, 2020** - Grades 8 & 9 will be touring Region Two (35 students) Depart at 8:00AM from SACS HS Entrance and return back to SACS at 11:00AM. Also, Grade 8 - 11:30-12:00 - Forestry Tour (Outside) Grade 9 - 12:15-12:45 - Forestry Tour (Outside), Grade 10 - 1:00-1:30 - Forestry Tour (Outside), Grade 11 - 1:45-2:15 - Forestry Tour (Outside)  
**January 21st, 2020** - Grades 10 & 11 will be touring Region Two (37 students) Depart at 8:00AM from SACS HS Entrance and return back to SACS at 11:00AM. Current Region Two students will ride the Region Two bus as normal.
- d. **Regional FY 20-21 Calendar**, on Tuesday, January 7th, Region Two Superintendents met to discuss school calendar FY 20-21. Region Two schools must have common school calendars in order to reach State approval.

#### **2. Regional Service Center Update:**

- a. **The Regional Bus Garage** mechanic was injured in a snowmobile accident and is currently out of work recuperating. The Regional Bus Garage does not have a substitute mechanic. We will be taking our buses to Acott's in Houlton in the event of any major issues and until the Regional Bus Garage is back up and running. So far, they have been very accommodating and easy to work with. The turnaround for buses has been 1-2 days.
- b. **The Summit Academy** in Houlton caught on fire last Thursday. Luckily, all of our students and staff got out of the building safely and there were no injuries. Most of the RSU 50 students had already left for the day when the fire alarm and sprinkler system went off. Our immediate plan for the Summit students is to receive their programming at the Houlton High Education Center in Houlton. I will share more details about future plans for the program as they become available.

#### **3. Maine Department of Education-TIER III Support**

Attached you'll find the Accountability Profile(s) for the Tier III eligible school(s) from your district using 2018-2019 MEA data.

Tier III supports are designated specifically for schools receiving Title I funding and experiencing the most significant challenges across all eligible individual student groups and Title I or Non-Title I secondary schools with a graduation rate of 67% or less.

Current Tier III eligible elementary and middle schools are Maine public school receiving Title I funding where all eligible individual student groups have not met state expectations in all indicators; these include Chronic Absenteeism (emerging or developing) and English Language Proficiency (when applicable) and in one or more content areas for both Academic Progress and Academic Achievement. Schools are identified for a period of three

years. Tier III supports are determined based on the performance of *all* eligible individual student groups, while Tiers I and II supports are determined based on one or more but not all individual student groups. Student groups with fewer than ten students are included in the All student group.

A formal public announcement of Tier III and Tier I eligible schools will not occur. Rather, the information will be made available to the public in late January with the SY 2018-2019 update of the ESEA Dashboard. All schools receiving Tier III support will have a box on the front page of their report card indicating that the school is receiving additional support.

So. Aroostook has been identified in the K-8 grade span for chronic absenteeism, and low performance on the state MEA tests in Math for Grades 3-8. April Bates and I will be meeting with a representative from the Maine Dept. of Education on Thursday January 16th to discuss our next steps and what types of support we will be receiving.

#### 4. Future Professionals of Aroostook

The Southern Aroostook Development Corporation(SADC), in partnership with Houlton, Hodgdon and So. Aroostook Community School, are starting a program with students from each school to connect and develop mentor programs with business leaders from the Southern Aroostook Area. The goals of the program is to expose students to the advantages of living and working in the Southern Aroostook Area, to develop a mentor program with students and business leaders, and to educate students on employability skills. The kick-off meeting will be held January 23rd at the Houlton High Education Center in Houlton. We have four 8th Grade students from So. Aroostook that will be participating in the program.

#### 5. Regional Consolidated 9-16 High School/CTE Update

Houlton/RSU 29 & Hodgdon/MSAD 70 school boards have approved funds to hire a consultant to begin the work for a Consolidated 9-16 high school project. Region Two board will be voting tomorrow night at their board meeting to approve funds for the project. Here are the projected amounts needed as a start up for the project.

District/Region yearly amount for budgeting purposes Regional High /CTE

District/Region	RSU 29	RSU 50	RSU 70	Region 2
19/20	55,000.00	<b>15,100.25</b>	20,429.75	6,175.00
20/21	160,000.00	45,000.00	55,000.00	17,000.00
21/22	160,000.00	45,000.00	55,000.00	17,000.00
22/23	45,750.00	14,112.25	30,857.75	8,575.00
Total	420,750.00	119,212.50	161,287.50	48,750.00
				\$750,000

We will need to make a decision at the February if we are willing to allocate \$15,100.25 towards hiring a consultant and to begin to formulate committees to start the work that will help answer some of our questions. Committee work will include site selection and concept approval.

I recommend at our February 2020 RSU 50 Board Meeting we vote whether or not to spend \$15,100.25 to help us get some answers to our questions about the Regional High School concept. We do not have the answers we need to make an informed decision about the Regional High School Project until some of this work is done first.

## 6. Change to School Website/Marketing

In late January, the RSU 50 website will have a different format. The format will be more interactive and dynamic. Our current website serves as a bulletin board only. Our new website will allow to post live events and share our success stories with the public. The new format also allows for more participation from staff to share information. Information posted on the website will be tied to our Facebook page, our Twitter account, and also will be available on a mobile app for both Android and iPhones.

## 7. Student Recognition

Congratulations to the following students on their recent accomplishments:

### Southern Aroostook Varsity Cheerleaders-"Spirit Award"

The SACS Varsity Cheerleaders placed 4th in the Aroostook County Cheering Competition and earned the "Spirit Award" for the second consecutive year. The Spirit award is given to the team that demonstrates outstanding sportsmanship during the competition. SACS Cheerleaders are Rose Arnts, Delaney Greenlaw, Emily Slaton, Jayniece Wenzloff, Chance Barrows, Jeremy Barrows, Harleigh Riedel, Candace Day, and Lindsay Derosier. The team is coached by Lisa Casey.

### Aroostook Right to Read Young Authors Winners 2019-20:

**Grade 4** Jakoby Porter  
Caraline Elhoff

**Grade 5** Emma Cooper  
Ruth Greene

**Grade 6** Kason Lawlor  
Ashlyn York

**Grade 7** Josiphine Tarr  
Rylee Webb

**Grade 8** Rowan Billotti  
Tristen Hardy

### Aroostook Right to Read Bookmark Contest Winners 2019-20:

**Grades K-2** Thatcher Lawlor

**Grades 3-5** Lyndsie Beaulieu

**Grades 6-8** Tristen Hardy

### SACS Middle/High School Honor Roll 2019-20, 1st Trimester

#### Grade 6

##### Highest Honors:

##### High Honors:

**Honors:** Dillan Bishop, Richard Chambers, Lincoln Hardy, Daniel Kuindersma, Connor Lane, Kason Lawlor, Barrett Mathers, Hannah McGary, Mason Schools, Ally Shields, Kyliena Wenzloff, Ashlyn York

#### Grade 7

##### Highest Honors:

**High Honors:** Olivia Engebretson, Sarah London, Rylee Webb

**Honors:** Libby Anderson, Ethan Collier, Jacob Ellingwood, Rylee Kuliga, Addyson Schmidt, Annabelle Small, Aliana Stevens, Josiphine Tarr

#### Grade 8

##### Highest Honors:

**High Honors:** Tristen Hardy, Roza Parker, Bailey Vose



**Honors:** Rowan Billotti, Jordyn Bishop, Amaya Boutilier, Dylan Burpee, Emmalee Landry, Kobe Macarthur, Bridger Noyes, Lexi-Lynn Rackliff, Cami Shields, Madison Shields, Ivy Watson

**Grade 9**

**Highest Honors:** Maggie Harthorne

**High Honors:** Jennah Brooks, Alyssa Crandall, Callie Russell, Madison Russell

**Honors:** Chance Barrows, Marisa Doughty, Leigha Hartin, John Langer, Peyton Lawlor, Andrew Lewis, Alexia Maclaren, Suzannah Mathers, Shayna McMannus, Camden Porter, Jayniece Wenzloff

**Grade 10**

**Highest Honors:** Esther Greene

**High Honors:** Aedan Gadsby, Emily Skinner

**Honors:** Willow Brooks, Hunter Burpee, Brianna Daggett, Lindsay Derosier, Samantha Derosier, Cheyenne Lane, Jordyn Legassey, Nathan Mahan

**Grade 11**

**Highest Honors:** Delaney Greenlaw

**High Honors:**

**Honors:** Rose Arnts, Selena Botting, Hannah Brown, Glenn Cameron, Lucas Duff, Colin Grant, Wyatt Harthorne, Emma Nadeau, Emily Slaton, Paige Vose

**Grade 12**

**Highest Honors:** Makaelyn Porter, Abigail Stevens

**High Honors:** Emily Canavan, Hannah Landry

**Honors:** Sydney Brewer, Levi Brown, Jaelyn Francis, Kayla Gadsby, Alexis Hartin, Alexa Merry, Shelby Violette

**Respectfully Submitted:**

**Jon Porter, RSU 50 Superintendent**

**1/13/20**