

**MAINE REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #50  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 11, 2019  
(this meeting was rescheduled due to inclement weather)  
MINUTES  
SOUTHERN AROOSTOOK COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

**6:30 P.M.**

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

Absent: Kasandra Foster and Paula Stevens

Before the meeting was called to order the Board members went to the garage to see the pumps being considered for disposal.

1. Call the Meeting to Order and Flag Salute

The Chair announced the appointment of Kasandra Foster as the Board representative from the Town of Hersey.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Stephen Porter at 6:35 p.m.; the flag salute followed.

2. The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Special Meeting of March 5 and the Regular Board Meeting of March 11, were considered.

Moved to accept by: Greg Ryan

Seconded by: Robin Crandall

Vote: Unanimous

3. Time Period to Hear from Citizens: None

4. Adjustment(s) to the Agenda:

To consider disposal of 6 pumps no longer in use by RSU#50 due to the conversion to a propane gas heating system under Item 9 e.

Request for a leave of absence for next school year, from an elementary teacher will be considered under Item 9 d.

To consider removal of the Food Service Manager from the agreement reached with RSU 89 at the March 19, 2019 meeting.

5. Reports

Board Chair:

Board Vice Chair:

-Laura reported on the MELMAC Education conference she recently attended and she donated the book: *Multiple Pathways to the Student Brain* written by Janet Nay Zadina, the keynote speaker for that conference.

-Laura also suggested the possibility of grant funding from the Alford Foundation.

Committee Reports –

Building & Grounds Committee met on March 28, 2019. Notes from that meeting are enclosed.

Education Committee met on met on March 28, 2019. Notes from that meeting are enclosed.

Finance: Warrants were signed

-Negotiations Committee for Shared Services met with RSU 89 on March 19, 2019 Recommendations for changes are listed in item # 9 a.

-Negotiations with the Teachers' Assoc. will be held on April 29, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Policy: see items 7 & 8.

Region II: see enclosed report

Principals: see handout (included)

Special Services Director: no report

Business Manager: no report

Superintendent: see hanout (included)

6. Announcement of Appointments, Resignations and Retirements:

Co-Curricular Appointments:

Kaitlyn Sommers – Volunteer for Varsity Softball

7. First Reading of Policies:

EHB: Records Management

Moved to approve by: Greg Ryan

Seconded by: Robin Crandall

Vote: Unanimous

8. Second Reading/Adoption of Policies:

JLCD: Administration of Medication to Students

Moved to approve by: Robin Crandall

Seconded by: Greg Ryan

Vote: Unanimous

9. Other Business – Old/New
- a. As a result of the joint meeting for Shared Services held on March 19, 2019, the following amendment was considered -  
Amendment to RSU 50 and RSU 89 Inter-local Agreement for Shared Services to remove the following Shared Services for FY20:  
Special Education Director  
Food Service Director  
Librarian  
Library Tech  
Moved to approve the amendment and to accept said amendment, pending the approval of the Inter-local Agreement by RSU #89 and the Commissioner of Education by: Larry Greenlaw  
Seconded by: Greg Ryan  
Vote: Unanimous
  - b. Approval of the SACS Program of Studies Booklet for 2019-20.  
Mr. Porter announced several additions that will be made.  
Moved to approve by: Robin Crandall  
Seconded by: Barbara Burton  
Vote: Unanimous
  - c. Presentation to the Board of the Proposed RSU #50 Budget for FY20.  
The Superintendent circulated the proposed budget documents and highlighted several areas. Questions were addressed and a date was set for the presentation to the public and a vote by the Board. The Special Workshop Meeting and Budget Adoption will be held at Southern Aroostook Community School on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.
  - d. Motion to approve a one year leave for absence for elementary teacher, Kristen Hunter, without pay and/or benefits. Kristen expects to return in the Fall of 2020.  
Moved to approve by: Greg Ryan  
Seconded by: Barbara Burton  
Vote: Unanimous
  - e. Motion by Larry Greenlaw to offer the six (6) pumps (viewed by the Board and mentioned in Item 4 above) no longer in use by RSU#50 to the municipalities per RSU 50 Policy DN: School Properties Disposition. Following that action, if no bids are forthcoming, the property may be offered for sale to the public by bid.  
Seconded by: Greg Ryan  
Vote: Unanimous
10. Future Agenda Item(s)

11. Upcoming Meetings and Events
- |  |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Special Workshop Meeting                     | April 25, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.  |
| Budget Adoption by the Board                 |                             |
| Negotiations with the RSU 50 Teachers Assoc. |                             |
|  | April 29, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. |
| Policy Committee                             | May 13, 2019 @ 5:00 p.m.    |
| Finance Comm.                                | May 13, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.    |
| Regular Board Meeting                        | May 13, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.    |
| Region 2 Meeting                             | May 14, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.    |
| District Budget Meeting                      | May 30, 2019 @ 7 p.m.       |
| Budget Validation Referendum                 | June 11, 2019 Local Polls   |

12. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Jonathan Porter, Superintendent  
RSU #50

**RSU 50 Superintendent Notes: April 2019 RSU 50 Board Meeting**

**Region Two Report**

1. New Program at Region 2

**MECHANICAL SERVICES TECHNICIAN** (Houlton-All day every other day)

The objective of the Mechanical Services Technician Pilot program is to introduce students to the duties and responsibilities of a Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning Technician. They will be learning the basics of each trade in the pilot timeframe of this first year. Students will learn how to work with the tools of the trade, gain knowledge of fittings and supplies used in each component, hands on lab work with various types of equipment, classroom instruction time devoted to technical aspects of each trade. Additionally, possible live work opportunities in to the field in regard to different types of installations and exposure to the types of environments students could expect to be working in as they learn and become involved in this occupation. The program will focus on using a nationally recognized curriculum provided by Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC of Maine).

**Regional Bus Garage Report:**

**March 2019**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

WK # 1	REASON FOR GOING TO GARAGE
1	#56 Inspection
2	
4	
5	#24 left hand light
6	
7	#22 electrical problem with wiring harness #24 shifting inhibitor

WK # 2	REASON FOR GOING TO GARAGE

8	
9	
10	
11	
12	#24 install shifting inhibitor
13	
14	

WK # 3	REASON FOR GOING TO GARAGE
15	
16	
17	
18	
19	#23 Jump start, power steering pump and turbo
20	
21	#25 water in fuel filter, order windows #2 coolant reservoir leaking

WK #4	REASON FOR GOING TO GARAGE
22	
23	
24	
25	
26	#23 out to install power steering pump, turbo, door actuator, exhaust manifold gaskets and starter
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28	

### **Bus Cameras-Free Trial**

Cressey is going to install a Video Surveillance System in one of our buses over April vacation and let us try it out for 90 days free of charge.

### **Aquaponics-Perloff Grant**

Kristen Fitzherbert is applying for a Perloff Family Foundation Grant for an Aquaponics Project. Aquaponics combines aquaculture and hydroponics. It is a circulating system in which plants purify water for fish while fish waste serves as a fertilizer for the plants. An aquaponics education program offers students a unique learning experience that moves away from the conventional classroom setting. Students will be encouraged to think about food sustainability and how it directly impacts the future.

### **TRIO**

TRIO(ETS) is a federally funded program that helps young people in Grades 6-12 achieve their college dreams. TRIO is funded by the United States Department of Education and is sponsored by the University of Maine at Presque Isle. The mission of TRIO is to help many eligible youth in successfully completing their middle and high school education and preparing to enter into a college degree. Five hundred Aroostook County youth in grade six through twelve participate in early intervention through the TRIO program.

Southern Aroostook Community School has 71 students in junior high and high school enrolled and participating in the TRIO program. The advisor meets with every student, usually in a group setting, every three weeks to participate in activities designed to assist them in achieving their goals.

### **Building & Grounds Committee Meeting-Agenda & Minutes**

Time: Thursday, March 28, 2019 - 5:30 p.m.

Purpose: Regular Meeting

Attending: Jon Porter, Rob Betschner, Holly Vining, Gerry Guilbeault, Greg Ryan, Robin Crandall, Stephen Porter

#### 1. Review the Building Projects list

***Recommendation by the committee to budget for 4 projects:***

***1. Water Softener***

***2. Divider wall in the Multipurpose Room***

***3. Cement Walls by Main Entrances***

***4. Relocate compressor from kitchen storage area***

#### 2. Mackenzie Grant Application-applied for two projects

***1. Elementary lift-\$30,000***

***2. Remaining windows & doors-\$40,000***

#### 3. Update from Building Project

Boilers

Roof

Lighting

Doors & Windows

Fire Alarm System

#### 4. Others

***Discussed purchasing an additional tractor for the purpose of snow removal.***

***Discussed the old tractor-potentially selling, would need board approval***

## **Education Committee Meeting-Agenda & Notes**

Time: Thursday, March 28, 2019 - 6:30 p.m.

Purpose: Regular Meeting

Attending: Jon Porter, April Bates, Janet Vose, Stephen Porter, Robin Crandall, Laura Farnsworth, Barbara Burton

1. Student Gallop Poll Overview & Results
2. Program of Studies 2019-20
3. PSAT Data-Fall 2018
4. Example of Grade Level Data
5. MECAS Testing

***Grades 3-8 currently testing, Reading, Math, Language, and Essay***

***Grade 5, 8, & 11 Science Testing in April***

***Grade 11-SAT in Critical Reading & Math, Tuesday April 9, 2019***

6. Region 2 Applications

***Currently 33 student have applied for Region 2 next year***

***8-Freshman***

***9-sophomores***

***7 juniors***

***8 seniors***

7. Questions for Elem. Principal

8. Questions for Special Ed. Director

***Presentation from Janet Vose about a reading program for Special Education Students***

9. Others:

**Regional Service Center Update**

**Alternative Education Center opens in the Fall of 2019**

**Substitute Training in May 2019 for Substitutes**

Respectfully Submitted:

Jon Porter, RSU 50 Superintendent

4/8/19



**MAINE REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #50  
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019  
SOUTHERN AROOSTOOK COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
MINUTES**

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

Staff present: April Bates, Hilary Lane, Elaine Small and Holly Vining.

Others present: Glen McNally

The public was invited to attend this Special Board Meeting regarding the Board adoption FY20 Budget for Regional School Unit #50.

Public comment time was scheduled from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Holly Vining presented the major talking points for the proposed budget. This presentation was followed by a brief question and answer period.

1. Call the Meeting to Order and Flag Salute

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Stephen Porter at 7:00 p.m.; the flag salute followed.

The Chair announced the following additions to the Agenda after Item 2:

a. to employ the Food Service Manager through December 31, 2019 – salary and benefits to be determined.

b. add an Executive Session under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(B) to discuss a student issue.

2. Finalize and Adopt FY20 Budget for RSU #50.

Moved to adopt the budget as presented by Larry Greenlaw

Seconded by: Robin Crandall

Vote: Unanimous

- 2 b. To employ the Food Service Manager through December 31, 2019 – salary and benefits to be determined.

Moved to approved: Greg Ryan

Seconded by: Robin Crandall

After some discussion, it was moved to amend the time for employment through January 17, 2010 by: Laura Farnsworth

Seconded by: Greg Ryan

Vote: Unanimous

- 2 c. Executive Session under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(B) to discuss a student issue.

Moved to enter Executive Session under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(B)

by: Barbara Burton

Seconded by: Greg Ryan

Vote: Unanimous

Time in: 7:07 p.m.

Time out: 7:36 p.m.

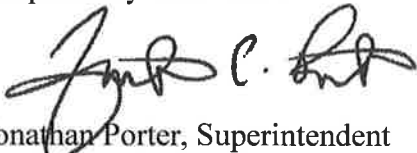
Moved to leave the Executive Session by: Greg Ryan

Seconded by: Kasandra Foster

Vote: Unanimous

3. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Jonathan Porter, Superintendent  
Regional School Unit #50

**REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #50  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2019  
MINUTES**

**5:00 P.M.**

Board members present: Barbara Burton, Robin Crandall, Laura Farnsworth, Kasandra Foster, Larry Greenlaw, Carman Lilley, Stephen Porter, Greg Ryan and Paula Stevens.

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 5:02 p.m.

2. STUDENT HEARING:

Executive Session under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(B) to discuss a student issue.

It was moved by: Greg Ryan

Seconded by: Robin Crandall to enter Executive Session under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(B) at 5:03 p.m.

Vote: Unanimous

This meeting was held in the Office of the Superintendent at Southern Aroostook Community School.

After entering the Executive Session the Chair asked everyone to introduce themselves. For the record, the following were present: Supt. Jon Porter, Victoria Belyea, Jennifer Carter, Pam Carter, Stacey Richards, Lucas Duff, Priscilla Green, Rachel and Samantha Desrosier, Diana Goodall, Paige Carter, Cheyenne Lane and Joshua Boisvert.

The Chair addressed the rules that apply to this hearing. Witnesses were sworn in.

The Superintendent gave an overview of the incident leading to this hearing. The student is charged with violating Board policy: JICK and has been brought before the Board for possible additional disciplinary action pursuant to Maine Statute Title 20-A Section 1001, subsection 9.

The Chair directed questions to the student and parent. Testimony was taken from members of the audience.

3. SCHOOL BOARD DELIBERATIONS

Following evidence and testimony, a motion to leave the Executive Session was made by: Greg Ryan  
Seconded by: Larry Greenlaw  
Vote: Unanimous

4. FINAL VOTE

Motion that the student be expelled for an indefinite time by: Greg Ryan  
Seconded by: Robin Crandall  
Vote: 6 yes, 2 no, 1 abstention

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The second hearing scheduled for 6:30 p.m. has been postponed.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.  
Motion by: Greg Ryan  
Seconded by: Robin Crandall  
Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted:



Jonathan Porter, Superintendent  
Regional School Unit #50