

**MAINE REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #50**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 11, 2019**  
**MINUTES**  
**SOUTHERN AROOSTOOK COMMUNITY SCHOOL**  
**6:30 P.M.**

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

Staff present: April Bates, Robert Betschner, Gerry Guilbeault, Elaine Small, Holly Vining and Janet Vose.

Others present: Tony Bowers, Glen McNally and Frank Porter.

1. Call the Meeting to Order and Flag Salute

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

The Chair expressed condolences on behalf of the Board to Paula Stevens who recently lost her mother.

2. The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 14, 2019 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: Project completion presentation by Siemen's Corp.

This presentation began after the Reports listed below were given; it was an extensive look at the Siemen's energy savings project for the RSU and the work that has been completed in the past several months. Tom Seekins, manager/energy and environment services, gave an extensive overview of the performance based project. This included the projected cost savings estimated at \$75,000 per year, which will be used to offset any extra cost to taxpayers.

The presentation was followed by a tour of the building which included the new propane heating system that replaced the antiquated oil burning system. In addition the roof was replaced, most outside doors were replaced, lighting fixtures were updated and many electrical problems were addressed.

## 5. Reports

Board Chair:

Board Vice-Chair:

Committee Reports –

Building & Grounds – scheduled to meet at 5:30 p.m. on Wed. Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>.

Education – scheduled for February 13 at 5:30 p.m.

Finance – warrants were signed and preliminary budget talks followed.

Negotiations – meeting for Shared Services for FY20 is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>.

Policy – see notes under item 7.

Region II – next meeting: March 12<sup>th</sup>, (see attached) notes from the Superintendent. See attached.

Principals: April presented winter benchmark numbers from recent assessments for Grades K-5 (see attached). She shared steps and strategies used to assist students to improve.

Special Services Director: Janet presented current data for Special Services and shared several of her written protocols (per a previous request from the Board). Additionally, she shared examples of a “self-regulating” program for a student with special needs.

Superintendent: Jon’s notes are included.

## 6. Announcement of Appointments:

Kim Russell for Middle School Softball

Chris Lawlor for Middle School Baseball

Mackenzie York for Varsity Softball

Hilary Lane for Co-Director/Co-Tech Director for 3 One Act Plays

Terri Slauenwhite for Co-Director/Co-Tech Director for 3 One Act Plays

## 7. First Reading of Policies:

JLCD: Administration of Medication to Students (updated)

JLCD-E1: Parent/Medical Provider Request to  
Administer Medical Marijuana at School (new)

These policies were reviewed by the Policy Committee and will be brought back to the Board with recommended changes before adoption.

## 8. Second Reading/Adoption of Policies: None

## 9. Other Business – Old/New

a. To appoint a Board member to the Policy Committee.

The Board appointed Robin Crandall to serve on the Policy Committee. This vacancy was due to the resignation of Board member, Russell Beauchemin.

b School Calendar for 2019-2020.

The proposed School Calendar for 2019-2020 was presented for approval.

Moved to accept by: Greg Ryan

Seconded by: Barbara Burton

Vote: Unanimous

10. Future Agenda Item(s)

Guidance Counselor, Jessica Greene will present a view of advanced placement and dual enrollment offerings and successes.

The Board has requested a review of info on hiring practices for teaching staff.

11. Upcoming Meetings and Events

- No Region 2 meeting in February -

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| - Education Committee      | February 13, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m. |
| - Building Grounds Comm.   | March 7, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.     |
| - Policy Committee Meeting | March 11, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.    |
| - Finance Comm.            | March 11, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.    |
| - Regular Board Meeting    | March 11, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.    |
| - Region II Board          | March 12, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.    |

12. Executive Session

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

Time In: 8:25 p.m.

Time Out: 8:50 p.m.

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

It was moved by Greg Ryan to accept the proposed Agreement as Amended in the Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(B).

Seconded by: Robin Crandall

Vote: Unanimous

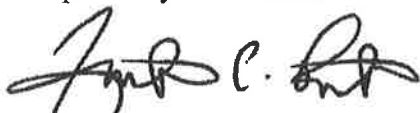
13. Adjournment:

Moved to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. by: Greg Ryan

Seconded by: Robin Crandall

Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted:



Jonathan Porter, Superintendent  
Regional School Unit 50

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

**Region Two Report**

- Next Region Two Board Meeting on Tuesday March 12th.
- RSU 50 students toured Region Two on Friday January 18-(Grades 10 & 11) & January 28-(Grades 8 & 9)
- Region Two received another State Board Perkins CTE Grant in the amount of \$9,000. The money needs to be spent before June 30, 2019.
- Region Two students will be competing in the Skills USA competition on March 7 & 8, 2019
- Potential for a new program at Region 2. An interest survey has been sent to Grade 8-10 students about the possibility of Region Two having a Plumbing and Heating Program FY20. The logistics are still being worked out, but the program could be potentially housed at Harbison Plumbing & Heating in Houlton.

**Regional Bus Garage Report:**

**January 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	29	30	31		

WK # 1	REASON FOR GOING TO GARAGE
1	
2	
4	
5	
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WK # 2	REASON FOR GOING TO GARAGE
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9	

10	#30 Rear View Mirror Back-up alarm -antenna
11	#21 out for inspection
12	
13	
14	

<b>WK # 3</b>	<b>REASON FOR GOING TO GARAGE</b>
15	#23 Lights #21 Back from Inspection #2 Out for inspection
16	#2 Back from inspection #25 out for inspection
17	#30 Windshield
18	
19	#25 Back from Inspection
20	
21	

<b>WK #4</b>	<b>REASON FOR GOING TO GARAGE</b>
22	#24 Out for inspection
23	#23 Heater switches & relays
24	#24 Back from inspection Swap front tires
25	
26	
27	
28	#21 windshield wipers not working

29	
30	
31	#21 Back from the garage

**Shared Services Agreement Meeting-RSU 50 & 89**

Representatives from both RSU 50 & RSU 89 will be part of the discussion and the decision making in regards to shared services. Currently there are eight positions which are shared.

**RSU 50**

Technology Coordinator  
 Asst. Technology Coordinator  
 Library Tech  
 World Language Teacher

**RSU 89**

Food Services Coordinator  
 Elem. Physical Education Teacher  
 Librarian  
 High School Science Teacher

\*Special Services Coordinator was originally a shared service but due to a resignation at the beginning of the FY18-19 school year this service is no longer shared. Both RSU 89 and RSU 50 have their own Special Services Coordinator. **Meeting will be held Feb. 26th at 6:00pm at the RSU 50 Superintendent's office.**

**Pink Out Game on Thursday February 7th.**

Last Thursday, So. Aroostook High School hosted our annual "Pink Out" game to help raise money and awareness for Cancer Research. This year we raised \$1000 with proceeds coming from the admission to the game, concessions, the 50/50 drawing, and donations. We will be sending a \$500 check to Northern Maine Basketball Official David DeMerchant who has been recently diagnosed with Stage IV Kidney Cancer to help with expenses for travel while he receives treatment. We are also sending a \$500 check to Robert Davis, Athletic Director at Shead High School and longtime Basketball Official, who has been recently diagnosed with Leukemia and is receiving treatment at Eastern Maine Medical Center. Thank you to everyone who participated in this great event!

**Question about Space Heaters**

There has been some questions or concerns about space heaters in the building. I took a walk around the building to determine how many classrooms have space heaters in their room.

3 out of 17 classroom spaces in the Elementary School currently have a space heater. All three rooms are resource rooms.

2 out 8 classroom spaces in the Middle School currently have a space heater, one of those classrooms had one but the teacher feels the problem has been solved.

4 out of 13 classroom spaces in the High School currently have a space heater.

9 out of 38 classrooms in the building currently has a space heater, 24% of the classrooms. Room temperatures are set to 68 to 70 degrees. Most of the teachers I talked to who have a space heater in their room reported the room temperature is fine in their room, but they report they prefer it warmer then 70 degrees for their own comfort. I am meeting with Fire inspector next week to get clarification on space heaters in the building.

**Fire Alarm Inspection**

Ken Plourde from Siemens and Peter LaJoie will be here for the inspection at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 20th. I plan on working on this day and will keep you informed.

### **Leaks from the roof?**

I have also heard there is some concern from leaks from the roof. There has not been a leak from the new roof. We have identified a leak that has come from a window near the library. We have done some temporary work around the window, but it will need some work when the weather warms up. There are also a couple of vents that caused a leak earlier this winter. We will be addressing the vents as well. I can show a vent during the tour.

### **Student Honors & Awards**

#### **Congratulations to the following students for their recent awards and recognition for the outstanding leadership, scholarship, and character:**

- So. Aroostook High School recipient of the MPA Principal's Award is Cassidy Mathers.
- So. Aroostook representatives-Dirigo Girls State: Emily Canavan, Makaelyn Porter, and alternate Abigail Stevens
- So. Aroostook representatives-Dirigo Boys State: Levi Brown, Gavin Vining, and alternate Wyatt Nadeau
- So. Aroostook recipients of the Aroostook League Scholar/Athlete Award are Kylie Vining & Johnathan Hardy

### **Collaboration with area High Schools**

The Region Two Superintendents and Principals have been working together to try and share student opportunities, professional development, and other areas around educational needs. Here are a couple of opportunities happening in the near future.

#### **Professional Development for Teachers:**

March 14, 2019 teachers from RSU 50 will travel to Houlton High School for workshop with Joe Sanfelippo. Mr. Sanfelippo is a national education speaker and will be discussing his latest book, "Hacking Leadership, 10 Ways Great Leaders Inspire Learning Teachers, Students, and Parents Love". This was paid through a grant.

October 4, 2019 teachers from RSU 50 will travel to Houlton for a workshop with Weston Kieschnick who's latest book is "Bold School". This is also paid through a grant.

#### **Opportunity for Students:**

Grade 9-12 students from Southern Aroostook High School, Hodgdon High School, and Houlton High School will be participating in "Court for a Day" Program on October 10, 2019 from 9:30-11:30am at Houlton High School. This program brings the courtroom to the school. Students will be able to observe real court cases. This experience is to help students see what court proceedings look like and what is involved in a case. There will also be some pre-lessons taught prior the students attending. This event is coordinated by the Maine Attorney General's office.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jon Porter, RSU 50 Superintendent

2/11/19

2019 Winter Benchmark Results  
Grades K-5

Grade	Fall Reading	Winter Reading	Percent that met Growth	Fall Math	Winter Math	Percent that met Growth
K	X	23%	X	X	50%	X
1	55%	36%	45%	55%	54%	57%
2	48%	55%	48%	61%	55%	64%
3	45%	45%	50%	23%	41%	55%
4	26%	35%	61%	39%	50%	67%
5	33%	50%	74%	25%	29%	78%



NWEA READING Class of 2016

	5th Grade			4th Grade			3rd Grade			2nd Grade			1st Grade		
	SP19 211.8	W19 209.8	FA18 205.7	SP18 205.9	W18 203.6	FA17 198.2	SP17 198.6	W17 195.6	FA16 188.3	SP16 188.7	W16 184.2	FA15 174.7	SP15 176.9	W15 170.7	
**met growth															
		234	226	229	229	228	217**	204	203		211**	188	198	204	179
		229	218	224**	221	204	208**	203	192		198**	186	183	182	176
		225	222	218**	214	211	210**	204	184		198**	192	184	185	173
		222	216	212	214	210	214	199	214		203**	200	180	186	179
		221	206	205**	201	185	195**	186	164		182	148	147	180	171
		218	220	212**	212	188	198	202	196		197**	186	170	182	170
		218	216	216**	218	209	202	165	154		200**	184	176	174	165
		218	202	205**	204	192	176**	188	165		196	150	144	176	145
		213	211	212**	201	179	195**	197	181		180**	178	152	171	154
		213													
		213	188												
		211	202	208**	204	196	201**	206	174		188**	178	162	178	164
		208	201	204**	186	174	195	189	188		176**	174	160	185	165
		208	194	200**	198	185	181**	183	161		175**	154	157	176	171
		207	201	209**	205	190	205**	199	183		194**	178	176	171	167
		207	200	207**	200	203									
		206	199	208**	195	188	187	187	182		166	167	150	186	179
		204	203	204	210	201	181	197	181		186**	167	156	164	174
		203	212	216	220	211	205**	195	192		195	195	188	181	174
		202	194												
		200	195	197**	198	182	180**	192	160		182**	168	147	166	158
		198	182	182**	171	165	183	179	164		163	162	152	151	161
		191	176	188	179	190	182**	207	166		180**	165	147	179	161
		185	179	174	177	163	186**	193	168		184**	165	161	167	164
		X	187	187	172	183	172	178	162		146	152	157	164	157
		X	X	204											
		X	X	196**	182	178								173	168
Benchmark		50%	33%	55%	48%	43%	40%	45%	38%		40%	30%	25%	50%	50%
Strategic		33%	48%	28%	28%	17%	25%	30%	25%		25%	20%	16%	35%	45%
Intensive		17%	17%	17%	28%	39%	35%	25%	45%		35%	50%	55%	8%	8%
		71% met growth			85% met growth			65% met growth			70% met growth				

**SACS 4th Grade RTI Plan 2018-19**

**Grade: 4**      **Teacher: Liz Clark**

**Student:**

Assessments	Benchmark	Student	Benchmark	Student	Benchmark	Student
<b>ORF WCPM</b>	90+	54	103+		115+	
<b>ORF Accuracy</b>	96%	93	97%		98%	
<b>DAZE</b>	15	10	17		24	
<b>Text Level</b>	40		44		48	
<b>DSA Stage</b>		H				
<b>Reading RIT</b>	198.3	185	203.6		205.9	
<b>Math RIT</b>	201.9	187	208.7		213.5	
<b>Reading</b>						
<b>Math</b>						

Date	S.M.A.R.T. Goal	Steps & Strategies	Staff Responsible	Outcomes/ Progress Monitoring Data
9/21/18		DSA spelling list Small guided reading group at her lexile  Words Ladders Rasinski fluency	Liz	
1/24/18		<b>DSA, Retell, Accuracy, Fluency</b>	Liz	<b>DIBELS: 90 Accuracy: 98%</b>
4/11		<b>Grade 4 Rasinski Fluency DSA: Level G</b>		

Month	# of Students with IEPs	# of IEP Meetings	# of Referrals	Transfer In/Out
August	70	2	0	2/3
September	68	8	0	
October	66	15	1	
November	67	11	1	0/0
December	67	9	1	0/1
January	69	14	2	

Month	#of Students with 504s	# of 504 Meetings	# of 504 Referrals	Transfer In/Out
September	21	2	0	
October	21	6	4	0/0
November	23	5	0	0/0
December	20	0	0	0/3
January	20	0	0	

Behavioral data collection

Date	Block 1/6	Block 2/7	Intervention	Block 3/8	Block 4/9	Block 5/10
11/6	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
11/7	4 - note	4, 6 -note	4	6-note	4, 6	4, 6-note
11/8	4-5 note	4. 6. And a little bit of 5	4	5	0	0
11/9	4-5	5	0	6-note	1,5 (sub)	4

Please use the numbers below to fill in the chart above. For example, if the student exhibits 1 during the first two block, but 1, 2 & 3 during the next block, the chart would like like this:

1	1	1-2-3		
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0 - Nothing notable

1 - Staring blankly (shut down, non responsive)

2 - Suicidal comments/ideations

3 - Threatening behavior (giving you a dirty look, glaring, making "you better not" statements, fists clenched, aggressive body language)

4 - Giddy (happy and excited acting)

5 - Completed/produced work

6 - Not completed work or tasks asked of him

**Notes:**