

**MAINE REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #50
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019
MINUTES
SOUTHERN AROOSTOOK SCHOOL**

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

Absent: Laura Farnsworth and Paula Stevens

Others present: April Bates, Rowena Harvey, Elaine Small, Holly Vining and Janet Vose.

1. Call the Meeting to Order and Flag Salute
The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Stephen Porter at 6:30 p.m.; the flag salute followed.
2. The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 10, 2018 were considered.
Moved to accept by: Greg Ryan
Seconded by: Robin Crandall
Vote: Unanimous
3. Time Period to Hear from Citizens: None
4. The following adjustment to the agenda was made:
 - 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 discussed the process and the current internal controls in place; there were no findings, no comments and a “clean audit” resulted.
5. Reports
 - a. Board Chair:
 - b. Board Vice-Chair:
 - c. Committee Reports –
 - Building & Grounds – scheduled for March 7
 - Education – scheduled for Feb. 7
 - Finance – Holly reported briefly on the audit, the current billing for Kids Peace, the payout to RSU 89, status of the Siemen's project and the RSU 50 bus garage.
 - Negotiations – the negotiations committee will meet soon to discuss shared services with RSU 89 for FY20.
 - Policy – no policy meeting
 - Region II – meeting, Jan. 15 @ 6 p.m.

- d. Principals: see handouts
 - In her report, April gave an overview of incident reports for elementary students in the month of December and noted the improvements being made.
 - She described the tremendous efforts by SACS staff in providing for two families at Christmas time.
 - Currently elementary students are doing the Winter NWEA testing.
- e. Special Services Director:
 - Janet reported on the recent Safety Care Training, including restraint and the upcoming planned trauma training. She answered questions proposed by several Board members and described some of the many complex issues in our school for children with special needs.
- f. Business Manager: see Finance report
- g. Superintendent: see attached handout

6. Announcement of Appointments/Resignations/Retirements:

Resignation/Retirement:

Sandra Anderson submitted her intention to retire effective Jan. 2, 2019.

Sandra has been employed by the school system for 43 years.

Co-Curricular Appointments:

J. V. Boys Basketball

Phil Faulkner

7. First Reading of policies: None

8. Second Reading/Adoption/Amendment of policies: None

9. Other Business – Old/New

a. Request for a contribution to Project Graduation for SACS, Class of 2019.

Moved to contribute \$150 to SACS Project Gradation by: Greg Ryan

Seconded by: Robin Crandall

Vote: Unanimous

b. Annual approval of the Chemical Hygiene Plan for RSU 50 (see enclosed document)

Moved to approve by: Robin Crandall

Seconded by: Barbara Burton

Vote: 4 yes, 1 no

c. Approval of the Hazardous Communication Program for RSU 50 (see enclosed document)

Moved to approve by: Greg Ryan

Seconded by: Barbara Burton

Vote: Unanimous

d. Approval of the Job Description for the Hazardous Program Coordinator for RSU 50 (enclosed).

Moved to approve (as amended under item 3, part A, section VI) by: Greg Ryan

Seconded by: Robin Crandall

Vote: Unanimous

e. Motion to consider a two-year contract for the Superintendent, benefits and compensation to be determined at a later date.

Moved to approve a two-year contract for the Superintendent by: Robin Crandall

Seconded by: Greg Ryan

Vote: Unanimous

10. Future Agenda Items:

School Calendar for 2019-2020

Siemen's presentation and tour

11. Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Region II Board Meeting

Tues. Jan. 15 6:00 p.m. Region II

- Education Committee

Thurs. Feb. 7 5:30 p.m.

- Policy Meeting

Mon. Feb. 11 5:30 p.m.

- Finance Committee

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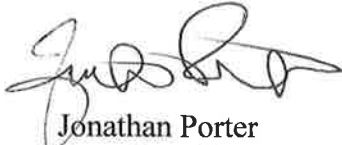
- Region II Board Meeting

no meeting in February

12. Executive Session – none

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

Respectfully Submitted:



Jonathan Porter

Superintendent, RSU #50

RSU 50 Superintendent Notes: January 2019 RSU 50 Board Meeting

Region 2 Report

I was unable to attend the last Region 2 Board Meeting.

Next Region 2 Board Meeting on Tuesday January 15th.

RSU 50 students will tour Region 2 on Friday January 18-(Grades 10 & 11) & January 28-(Grades 8 & 9)

*See attached copy of the Region 2 & RSU 50 Facility agreement

Regional Bus Garage Report:

December 2018

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
3	
4	#23 windshield wipers readjusted New headlights New switches for heater fans
5	#24 windshield wipers
6	#30 stop sign, red lights
7	#23 brought back to school
8	

WK # 2	REASON FOR GOING TO GARAGE
10	Road call to Jump start #30

11	
12	#22 check block heater
13	#30 new batteries
14	#30 rear view mirrors, battery compartment, leaking antifreeze, fix bracket on fender
15	

WK # 3	REASON FOR GOING TO GARAGE
17	
18	#22 take out, bring back #30
19	
20	
21	#22 block heater #23 heaters #30 oil pan
22	

WK #4	REASON FOR GOING TO GARAGE
24	
25	
26	
27	#2 tires Bring back #30, #22, & #23
28	
29	
31	#2 bring back to school

Shared Services Agreement-RSU 50 & 89

I reached out to RSU 89 Superintendent Dawn Pray to discuss the shared services agreement for the FY 19-20 school year. After speaking to her, we would like to set up a time for a meeting to discuss shared services for next year. 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.

RSU 50 College Course Numbers

Spring 2019 - 17 students taking 38 college classes

SACS Cheerleaders Spirit Award

The SACS Cheerleaders competed in the Aroostook County Cheering Competition in Caribou last Friday. They won the "Spirit Award" which is given to the team that displays the best sportsmanship at the competition.

All-Aroostook Band Festival

Eight Members of the Southern Aroostook Band will be participating in the All-Aroostook Festival this weekend.

Winter Convocation in Portland

The Winter Convocation for Superintendent's will be on Thursday & Friday this week. The new Commissioner of Education is scheduled to speak.

Update on the Flu

There has been 10-12 confirmed cases on Influenza A here at school. Custodians have been doing some extra cleaning of surfaces to help. We have also sent a message home to parents.

Update on the Building

Building Project is nearly complete:

- 6-7 thermostats are left to be programmed
- Heater in the High School entryway need to be installed
- Finishing up the areas addressed in the Fire Marshall Report
- Air Handlers are now working
- Holes in the ceiling will be covered
- Training for the Heating system controls and computer will be on January 23rd.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jon Porter, RSU 50 Superintendent

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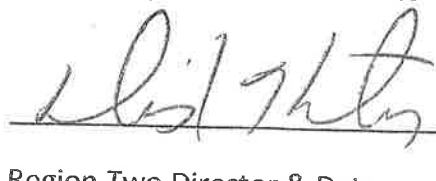
Region Two School of Applied Technology & RSU 50 Shared Space Agreement

Whereas Region Two School of Applied Technology and Regional School Unit 50 share the Southern Aroostook Community School Maintenance Area, for the Region Two Forestry Program and for District maintenance equipment and repair, we agree to the following:

1. No rent shall be charged Region Two for use of classroom space
2. Equally divide monthly electrical expenses
3. Equally divide waste water disposal expenses
4. RSU 50 will allow Internet access for the Forestry Program within local network
5. RSU 50 will service restrooms cleaning
6. Region Two Forestry Instructor will maintain classroom and shared shop area cleanliness
7. Region Two Forestry Instructor will maintain security of shared space at all times
8. Region Two will incur all Forestry Program classroom/shop materials needed by instructor and students for Forestry Program instruction.
9. Any items not listed above shall be reviewed and negotiated by the RSU 50 Superintendent and Region Two Director on a case by case basis.

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RSU 50 Superintendent & Date

 11/14/16

Region Two Director & Date

Elementary Principal's Report

January 14, 2019

Bookmark Contest

Winners of the Right to Read bookmark contest:

K-2 – Thatcher Lawlor
3-5 – Evelyn Carr
6-8 – Libby Anderson

Generosity!



SACS staff adopted two families for Christmas. This is a picture of the the van loaded with presents and ready for delivery.

Elementary Incident Report September-December 2018

Behavior	64
Behavior that resulted in a suspension	15
Bus	24
Bus that resulted in a suspension	8
Attendance	10
Well Child Checks	4
DHHS Reports	4
Bullying Report	1
Enrollment Issue	1

****These are only the issues that required contacting parents.**

Christmas Fun



Upcoming Events

January 14th - Winter
NEWA Testing Starts

RSU 50 SPECIAL EDUCATION

ISSUE NO. 1

1/8/19

What's Happening?

by: Janet Vose

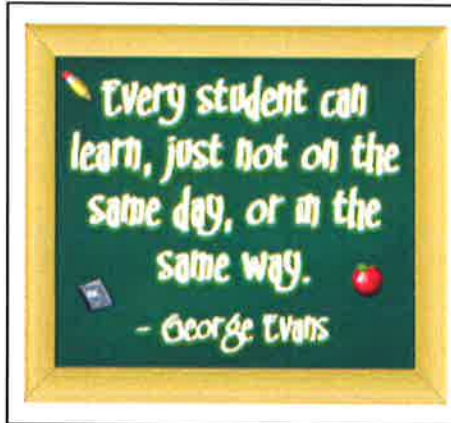
The holidays are particularly hard for students in Special Ed and the staff worked extremely hard to meet the needs of our students to make it successful for each of them. I'd like to share a comment from a parent whose child has particular difficulty around Christmas. "My son was finally able to enjoy Christmas day and it was wonderful for all of us this year. We really got to be a family. Thank you for all your hard work." This is a tribute to the entire staff who has worked so hard to help this child cope with the holiday anxiety he experiences. I'm also happy to report that Special Ed is off and running after Christmas break! We have had 9 IEP meetings in the 9 days returning from Christmas break.

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 Kwarr



Staff Education

by: Janet Vose

Brittany Brewer, Meagan Brooks and Janet Vose all attended the QBS Safety Care Trainers workshop in December and were recertified again for another year. All three can train staff in techniques used to reduce student stress and the escalation of behaviors. In addition they are training in safety restraints for students who need them.

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



What's Next?

by: Janet Vose

During the next two early release days staff who need to be recertified or initially certified in Safety Care will work with Brittany, Janet and Meagan to obtain their certification. Many staff, not just in special education, have asked to be part of the training as we have seen such an increase in anxiety and mental health behaviors in our school. This is encouraging as staff truly want to learn how to help the whole child. In addition I will be attending a workshop in January with Mrs. Bates about childhood trauma. We have seen an increase in trauma based disabilities and behaviors. We need to be ready for what is next. The training is free and is by a highly recommended trauma expert. It is in Brewer. More information can be provided upon request.

