

**REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING
May 26, 2021**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on May 26, 2021

Those in attendance were:

CSD	Tori Manzi, Bob Duke, Diego Guitierrez	(69.62/ea.)
Islesboro		(11.94)
RSU 13	Bill Pearce, Loren Andrews	(77.82/ea.)
SAD 40	Danny Jackson, Seth Hall, Randy Kassa, Matt Speno	(77.89/ea.)
SAD 7	Jerry White	(7.49)
SAD 8	Yvonne Thomas	(24.58)
St. George	Alane Kennedy	(54.68)

Bobby Deetjen, Director; Sherry Moody, Business Mgr.; Scott Browning, Asst Director; Kristy Hastings, Student Services Coord.; JC Bakley, Suzanne Stewart

Absent – John Gorham, Marcus Mrowka, Joseph Steinberger, Gerald Weinand

Bob Duke, Chair, opened the regular meeting at 7:00 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 762.8**

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJUSTMENTS – Remove Executive Session from the agenda

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by White, seconded by Jackson, to approve the minutes of the regular April 28th board meeting

Motion approved
Total weighted votes: 762.8

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes	Gorham(11.94): Absent
Gutierrez(69.62): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kassa(77.89): Yes	Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes
Mrowka(69.62): Absent	Pearce(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes
Steinberger(77.82): Absent	Thomas(24.58): Yes	Weinand(77.82): Absent
White(7.49): Yes		

BOARD DISCUSSION OF REVISED COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

Bill advised that Policy Committee and Administration are both recommending approval of the revised document. Tori explained the board will vote on the agreement next month. Matt asked about the cost sharing agreement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Warrants and Budget

Matt reported the committee met and reviewed the warrants for May and the April 30th financial report.

MOTION by Speno, seconded by Jackson, to accept and approve the warrants for May and budget report for April.

Danny asked about Food Services and Sherry will report to the board next month.

Motion approved

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Gutierrez(69.62): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kassa(77.89): Yes	Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes
Mrowka(69.62): Absent	Pearce(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes
Steinberger(77.82): Abs	Thomas(24.58): Yes	Weinand(77.82): Absent
White(7.49): Yes		

POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Kassa, to approve second reading of Policy BCA– Board Member Code of Ethics (revised) and BDF- Superintendent’s Advisory Committee (revised)

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 762.8

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes	Gorham(11.94): Absent
Gutierrez(69.62): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kassa(77.89): Yes	Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes
Mrowka(69.62): Absent	Pearce(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes
Steinberger(77.82): Abs	Thomas(24.58): Yes	Weinand(77.82): Absent
White(7.49): Yes		

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Hall, to approve first reading of Policy BDEA – Board Advisory Committees (Delete) and Policy CBI – Evaluation of Director (Revised)

Seth asked for amendment to Policy CBI – changing should to shall in item 4.

Motion approved

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Gutierrez(69.62): Yes	Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes
Kassa(77.89): Yes	Kennedy(54.68): Yes	Manzi(69.61): Yes
Mrowka(69.62): Absent	Pearce(77.82): Yes	Speno(77.89): Yes
Steinberger(77.82): Abs	Thomas(24.58): Yes	Weinand(77.82): Absent
White(7.49): Yes		

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Seth reported the committee met today and had a discussion with members of the teachers association. The teachers are frustrated with the program evaluation tool and will bring back some suggestions to the committee next month. Matt asked about best practices statewide regarding program evaluation criteria. Seth felt the committee can provide some new ideas about the criteria to the Board at a future meeting. Bobby explained that the current evaluation tool being used is not current and not useful to teachers when evaluating their programs with their PAC members. The goal is having a tool that teachers can use. Loren asked about our recruitment plans for next year to attract the younger students (middle school students).

MISSION/VISION AD HOC COMMITTEE

Yvonne reported the committee met and looked at existing data the school collects focusing on aspirations and outcomes. This led to a conversation about student aspirations, job sorting tools and how to connect kids to the needs of industry in the mid-coast area. They talked about idea pathways, post-secondary options and how most students intend to go on to post-secondary opportunities (including the workforce, military and college). The committee will continue to look at data and look at the mission and visions of our sending schools. Bob added that perhaps one or two teachers might want to join the committee. Bobby advised that the committee had planned to expand the committee membership to include teachers, community members and students.

ADULT ED ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Diego reported the committee met and caught up with what is happening with Adult Ed. The committee has not met in a while and discussed expansion of Adult Ed opportunities. Seth asked about re-introducing tractor trailer training at Mid-Coast. Bobby explained that a discussion for a regional program has taken place.

CHAIR UPDATE

Bob enjoyed the Mission/Vision Committee conversation and found the meeting very productive.

DIRECTOR UPDATE

Bobby reported Cindy Harris will be retiring after thirty year in education and Lindsay Farmer, School to Career Coordinator, is also resigning. Governor Mills has committed \$20 million to CTE but we probably won't see much of the money as our school is in such good shape (both facility and equipment wise). He met with David Grima from the Dept of Labor Career Center. We have been talking about having the career center offer services at Mid-Coast and they would hold office hours for both high school and adult students. We had a meeting with the State Board of Ed CTE committee and ultimately will start to look at how the ESSA3 funds will be distributed. They recommend a list of needs be created to send to the Governor's Office. Mid-Coast needs include mental health counseling services due to the emotional toll of the past year on our students. We would like to have a person on campus more than a day a week if funds were available. Kristy has been meeting with school counseling departments about student acceptance into our programs. Bobby was elected to the MACTE Executive Committee. Our Senior Recognition ceremony will be held in-house next week. This idea came from the students. We plan to return to the Owls Head Transportation Museum next year. The equipment from the RUS grant will be coming soon and going out to the islands. Bobby expressed his pride in what our staff has accomplished this school year and has allowed us to hold in person classes the entire year.

ADJOURNMENT

Bob declared the meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Next Board Meeting: June 23, 2021

Robert Deetjen, Board Secretary