

**REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING
October 27, 2021**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on October 27, 2021

Those in attendance were:

CSD	Tori Manzi*, Bob Duke, Marcus Mrowka, Diego Gutierrez*	(69.62/ea.)
Islesboro		(11.94)
RSU 13	Loren Andrews, Quixada Moore-Vissing, Bill Pearce, Joe Steinberger	(77.82/ea.)
SAD 40	Danny Jackson, Seth Hall, Randy Kassa, Matthew Speno	(77.89/ea.)
SAD 7	Jerry White*	(7.49)
SAD 8	Yvonne Thomas*	(24.58)
St. George		(54.68)

Bobby Deetjen, Director; Sherry Moody, Business Mgr.; Scott Browning, Asst Director; Kristy Hastings, Student Services Coord.; J Bakley, Instructor

*Attended via Zoom

Absent – Nakomis Nelson, Alane Kennedy

Bob Duke, Chair, opened the regular meeting at 7:02 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 933.38**

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJUSTMENTS – None

EMERGENCY APPROVAL OF POLICY BED

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Jackson, to approve first and second reading of Policy BED

Joe expressed concern over board members having to give an excuse to not be physically present at the meeting. Matt advised that this policy mimics the new law’s language.

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 855.56

Andrews(77.82): Yes	Duke(69.62): Yes	Gutierrez(69.62): Yes
Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes	Kassa(77.89): Yes
Kennedy(54.68): Absent	Manzi(69.61): Yes	Moore-Vissing(77.82): Yes
Mrowka(69.62): Yes	Nelson(11.94): Absent	Pearce(77.82): Yes
Speno(77.89): Yes	Steinberger(77.82): No	Thomas(24.58): Yes
White(7.49): Yes		

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Jackson, seconded by White, to approve the minutes of the regular September 22nd board meeting

Motion approved

Total weighted votes: 855.56

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Hall(77.89): Yes	Jackson(77.89): Yes	Kassa(77.89): Yes
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Speno(77.89): Yes	Steinberger(77.82): Abst	Thomas(24.58): Yes
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BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Bob advised the board members of their committee assignments.

OCTOBER STUDENT ENROLLMENTS

Scott and Kristy both reviewed with the board the October 1st student enrollment report. Scott analyzed the breakdown of enrollment by our larger sending high schools plus “other” that includes island students, private schools and post grads. The enrollment trends has been going up over the last several years. The current enrollment of 533 students is the largest number ever enrolled at Mid-Coast. This big increase is partially due to enrollments in the Cooperative Education program. In-house enrollments have also increased over last year to 312 students. We have three off campus Exploratory programs at Camden Hills, Oceanside and Medomak Valley. The programs with the biggest increases over last year are Carpentry, Marine/Composites and Small Engines. Machine Tool had a decrease in numbers over last year. Bobby advised one of our biggest challenges right now is our inability to bring students on our campus to look at programs in person. The CTE Exploratory program has had a significant increase in students served since 2018. 133 students, or 40% of students, are also taking an academic class. Randy asked if we have home school students participating at Mid-Coast. Scott advised we do have a number of home school students attending. Seth expressed concern over the number of EMT students we are able to serve. The EMT program is capped at 12 students. Bobby explained KVCC offers an EMT course in our building, as well. The exploratory program participation has also increased which steers students into on campus programs at Mid-Coast. Kristy reviewed information about special populations (students with IEP’s and 504’s). The total combined percentages of special population students at Mid-Coast is higher than the state average. Quixada asked about training for staff on providing services to students with IEP’s and 504’s. Bobby explained training is provided for teachers but a special education teacher is needed on our staff to assist teachers. He is advocating with the DOE to have a special ed teacher added into our CTE funding model. Quixada supports advocating for a special ed teacher. Kristy reviewed concurrent enrollments and articulation agreements with our community colleges. Scott finished the presentation by showing the board our new website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Warrants and Budget

Matt reported the committee met and reviewed the warrants for September and October and the September 31st financial report.

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

Motion approved

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White(7.49): Yes		

Matt discussed some wealth management information given to the committee. Sherry advised the committee would like the wealth management team of the First National Bank to attend a future board meeting.

POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Jackson, to approve second reading of Policy GBN – Family and Medical Leave (Revised), Policy GBO – Family Sick Leave (Revised), Policy GCSA – Employee Digital Device and Internet Use (Revised), Policy GCSA-R – Employee Digital Device and Internet Use Rules (Revised), Policy IJNDB – Student Digital Device and Internet Use and Safety (Revised), and Policy IJNDB-R – Student Digital Device and Internet Use and Safety Rules (Revised)

Joe asked about where the new language came from for the policy changes.

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White(7.49): Yes		

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Jackson, to approve first reading of Policy BCB – Board Member Conflict of Interest (Revised), Policy BCC – Nepotism (Revised), Policy GBGB – Personal Materials Used in the Classroom (Delete), Policy GBGB – Workplace Bullying (New), Policy GBN-R1 – Family and Medical Leave Admin Procedure (Delete), Policy GBN-R2 – Maine Family Medical Leave Admin Procedure (Delete), Policy JKAA – Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion (Revised), and JKAA-R – Procedures on Physical Restraint and Seclusion (Revised)

Quixada asked about making a change on Policy JKAA, 4-A. She asked if the word “overview” could be changed to “training.” Bobby advised he has a good discussion with staff each year. Scott attended a full two day training to fully certified in restraint and seclusion. Bobby will work on the current language with the Policy Committee.

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CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Seth reported the committee met with members of the teachers association and received a draft from the Association of new language on the evaluation rubrics. The committee will continue fine tuning the language and hopes to have it before the board by December. He encouraged board members to attend the committee meetings.

CHAIR UPDATE

He attended a Board Chairman training today with several other board members. Bob felt our board has good leadership and is in a good position compared to other boards and learned some good strategies at the meeting.

DIRECTOR UPDATE

Bobby reported students are finishing up safety units in their programs and starting on classroom and shop curriculum. This month Bobby was invited to serve on a panel for the Workforce Pathways Conference. He attended the ACTE Best Practices conference last month where he met with about 300 other CTE educators. Bobby has been giving the Camden Rotary small group tours. They are interested in providing scholarships for both graduates and Adult Ed students. Danica Wooster will join us next month to give a presentation on the Auto Collision program. The Maine DOE gave us full approval for the Baking and Pastry Program to start for school year 2022-23. Going forward we will have separate Baking and Culinary Arts programs. Seth asked if we should be revisiting the CDL program due to the trucker shortage. Bobby explained there has been a conversation about finding a teacher, a site and a truck for a local program at the Adult Ed level.

ADJOURNMENT

Bob declared the meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Next Board Meeting: November 17, 2021

Robert Deetjen, Board Secretary