

**REGION 8 COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING  
February 16, 2022**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 8 Cooperative Board was held on February 16, 2022 via zoom.

**Those in attendance were:**

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

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

**Absent** – Alane Kennedy, Marcus Mrowka, Diego Gutierrez, Yvonne Thomas

Bob Duke, Chair, opened the regular meeting at 7:00 P.M. **Total weighted votes: 769.56**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**ADJUSTMENTS** – None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION by White, seconded by Hall, to approve the minutes of the regular January 26<sup>th</sup> board meeting

Motion approved

**Total weighted votes: 769.56**

<b>Andrews(77.82): Yes</b>	<b>Duke(69.62): Yes</b>	<b>Gutierrez(69.62): Absent</b>
<b>Hall(77.89): Yes</b>	<b>Jackson(77.89): Yes</b>	<b>Kassa(77.89): Yes</b>
<b>Kennedy(54.68): Absent</b>	<b>Manzi(69.61): Yes</b>	<b>Moore-Vissing(77.82): Yes</b>
<b>Mrowka(69.62): Absent</b>	<b>Pearce(77.82): Yes</b>	<b>Speno(77.89): Yes</b>
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**FY23 BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Sherry reviewed the budget materials with the Board. The overall budget has an increase of 2.45% and \$50,000 of undesignated fund balance is budgeted to help offset the assessment. The assessment to our sending districts is decreased by 2.38% in comparison to last year. The main reasons for our expense increases are salary, benefits and energy costs. The Adult Education budget is less than last year mainly due to a decrease in the Allied Health program (salary line). The Food Services transfer line has a small increase over last year’s budget. Health insurance costs are budgeted at a 6% increase; we will receive the new rates from MEA Benefits Trust in early April.

MOTION by White, seconded by Speno, to approve the FY23 budget as presented totaling \$5,804,045.00

Danny asked where the budget hearings will be held this year and Sherry advised she and Bobby are attending the RSU 40 board meeting and will offer to attend a Five Town CSD meeting as well. One public hearing is usually held in Rockland before the April board meeting.

Motion approved

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**RESCIND VOTE ON WEALTH MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Bob advised we are required by policy to look at more than one bank in the investment of funds therefore the vote taken last month should be rescinded by the board.

MOTION by White, seconded by Jackson, to rescind the vote for placing funds in the wealth management plan from last month

Motion approved

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE**

**Warrants and Budget**

Matt reported the committee met and reviewed the warrants for January and February and the January 31<sup>st</sup> financial report. The committee also met with the wealth management team from Bangor Savings Bank.

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

Motion approved

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**POLICY COMMITTEE**

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by White, to approve second reading of Policies AC – Non-Discrimination/Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action (Revised), ACAB – Harassment and Sexual Harassment of School Employees (Revised), ACAB-R – Employee Discrimination/Harassment and Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures (Revised), BCC – Nepotism (Revised/Replaced with New Language), BHC – Board Relationships and Communications with Staff (New), GBEBB – Staff Conduct with Students (Revised/Replaced with New Language), GCFB – Recruiting and Hiring of Administrative Staff (Revised), JIC – Student Code of Conduct (Revised), JICIA – Weapons,

Violence and School Safety (Revised), JK – Student Discipline (Revised), JKD – Suspension of Students (Revised), JLCD – Administration of Medication to Students (Revised)

Loren asked for a summary on the policy on Board Relationships and Communications with Staff. Bobby reviewed the policy’s language with the board. Bob clarified that this policy is a new one. Joe expressed concerns over the language in the policy. Seth expressed that he has had communications with staff as a member of a board committee and the process has worked well. Quixada felt her role as a board member is to serve as the checks and balances for the school’s administration. Danny asked board members to review policy BED Remote Participation in School Board Meetings. Tori felt the policy gives the board guidelines on how board members communicate with staff members but also limits board members from going out on their own and not crossing lines.

Motion approved

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<b>Steinberger(77.82): No</b>	<b>Thomas(24.58): Absent</b>	<b>White(7.49): Yes</b>

MOTION by Pearce, seconded by Jackson, to approve first reading of Policy JLCDA – Medical Marijuana in Schools (delete)

Motion approved

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**CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

Seth reported the committee met and finished the new Program Evaluation Tool. Seth discussed the new form with the board and commended Danica Wooster on creating the new form. He will send out to the board and asked that feedback come back to him for next month’s meeting. The committee will move on to outreach with our sending school boards. Seth clarified the discussion will include CTE programming and student pathways. Joe added the committee is inviting an instructor from a law enforcement program to speak to the committee.

**CHAIR UPDATE**

No report.

**DIRECTOR UPDATE**

J Bakley updated the board on the PLCSS plan (Professional Learning Communities Support System). The PLCSS committee is responsible for supporting teachers in certification, re-certification and mentoring. The 2021-22 PLCSS support procedures have changed in that each staff person has a team assigned to them. The goals for 21-22 include working in coordination with the Director on number of contact hours and review the written plan for the committee (last updated in 2014). J reviewed the number of teaching staff fully certified and those with conditional certifications. Student recruitment has begun and the new application process is in place. Scott reported 265 student applications have been submitted to date. Kristy has been organizing a number of tours. Danny asked about the cutoff date for

students choosing courses. Bobby explained the middle of May is when open spots become available to the rest of the region so a seat doesn't go unfilled. Pender Makin, Commissioner of Education, is visiting our school tomorrow to celebrate CTE Month. Kristy has been working with students and local businesses on employment opportunities. The Outdoor Leadership students were featured in the local newspaper building ice structures.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Bob declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Next Board Meeting: March 23, 2022

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Robert Deetjen, Board Secretary